PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN And Can It Be that I Should Gain #363 Vs. 1,4,5

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: We come to worship the Triune God who creates, redeems, and sustains us all. **PEOPLE: We come to worship God who never leaves us and yet whose purposes often seem hidden.**

LEADER: As silence gives way to song, as night gives way to dawn, as the past flows through the present into the future, so too does God tirelessly persist in bringing about the abundant life of the kingdom of heaven.

PEOPLE : We gather today to learn how to join in God's dance as partners who prepare for the season when God's unrevealed work comes into the open.

ALL: Let's gather today to learn how to love as God loves, so we may be part of bringing God's unrevealed work into the open.

SONG OF PRAISE	Cry of my Heart	#2165
	I Love to Tell the Story	#696

OPENING PRAYER

O God, teach us not to despise small things. Remind us that the kingdom of heaven is like a tiny mustard seed. Turn our attention to the small things that bless others. You have planted seeds of great potential in our souls. Help us develop our potential so that you and others can depend on it. You have entrusted us with gifts and graces, O God, that can bless many people. Help us, so we do not to overlook the smallest ability. Turn our attention to the small things that this congregation can do to make a tremendous difference in the lives of others in our community and in our world. Amen.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG

How Great Thou Art

#77

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE "Give thanks to the Lord; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people! Sing to God; sing praises to the Lord; dwell on all his wondrous works!" ~ Psalm 105:1-2

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of all blessings, Jesus inspired us through his teaching to see your kingdom as a place where small things can have a mighty impact: a tiny mustard seed planted, or a bit of yeast mixed into the flour. We ask you to bless the gifts we offer today, so that they may have a powerful impact when used according to your purposes. Bless us that we might see glimpses of your kingdom through our giving and grow in generosity in the process. In name of Jesus, our Savior and Redeemer, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON			Romans 8:1-11	
HYMN CHILDRENS MESSAG	Jesus Loves Me GE	#191	(First Stanza)	
GOSPEL LESSON The Word of God for t Thanks be to God.	he people of God.		Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23	
SERMON	6699	Pastor Mark Cri	st	
Thanksgiving				
PRAYER Apostle's Creed				
Going into the World to Serve OUR PURPOSE What is our Purpose? To Provide a place for all to BELONG to our community, BELIEVE in and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and BECOME his disciples. BELONG! BELIEVE! BECOME!				
*SENDING SONG	To God be the Glor	у	#98	
*BENEDICTION				
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	Let There Be Pea	ace on Earth	#431	
Taking the Light of Ch	rist into the World			
*POSTLUDE				

Events this Week: Sunday, July 30, 2023 7:00am Impact Leaves for Mission Trip 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship Services

Wednesday, August 2, 2023 5:00pm Sitting With Jesus

Sunday, August 6, 2023 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship Services

Upcoming Events August 23, 2023 5pm-7pm Cruise-In Ice Cream Social

> Welcome to our guests! We are glad you are here. We hope you were blessed by your experience at First United Methodist Church this morning and will tell a friend.



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> Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God. John Wesley