



## The Community Gathers

PRELUDE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Kocher

(\*Please stand as you are able)

\*PASSING THE PEACE

\*OPENING HYMN This is a Day of New Beginnings #383 Vs. 1-4

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Welcome today to a celebration of God's love!

**PEOPLE: We are grateful for this welcome.**

LEADER: Feel the loving power of God flow into your lives.

**PEOPLE: We open our hearts and lives to receive God's blessings.**

LEADER: Come, let us worship God who is always with us.

**PEOPLE: Lord, be with us today as we listen for your words of hope.**

SONG OF PRAISE Kyrie #2275

OPENING PRAYER

**God of grace, we open our hearts, minds, and souls to worship you. Thank you that today we dwell in your holy realm and live daily in your presence. Thank you that as we gather together, we join Christians across the world to glorify your holy name. Come be with us, inspire, and lead us. We ask all of this in the beautiful name of your son, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

JOYS, CONCERNS & God Sightings

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

PRAYER SONG Wounded World that Cries for Healing #2177

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!" ~ **Psalm 133:1**

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

\*DOXOLOGY Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow #94



PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Creator and architect of the universe, we want to believe that your love for us means you will go before us on life's path and clear the way, making it easy to travel, but our experience doesn't always bear that out. We know you see a bigger picture than we do. As we bring you our offerings this day, we affirm your presence with us in the pits of despair as well as in the palaces of plenty. We give with gratitude, in Christ's holy name. Amen.

## Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32

HYMN Tell Me the Stories of Jesus #277 Vs. 1-2

CHILDRENS MESSAGE Angie Gabel-McConkey

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 15:10-28

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON "What Crumb" Pastor Mark Crist

## 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 Victory in Jesus #370

\*BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE God Be with You #672  
Taking the Light of Christ into the World

\*POSTLUDE

**Events this Week:**  
**Sunday, August 20, 2023**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship Services

**Monday, August 21, 2023**  
 5:30pm FUMC Council

**Wednesday, August 23, 2023**  
 5-7pm Cruise-In Ice Cream Social

**Thursday, August 24, 2023**  
 10:00am Coffee Office  
 at Jitters with Pastor Mark

**Sunday, August 27, 2023**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship Services  
 11:30am Church on the Plaza  
 Meeting

**Upcoming Events**  
 September 4, 2023  
 Labor Day Office Closed

**Sunday, September 10, 2023**  
 Church on the Plaza

**Wednesday, September 13, 2023**  
 Table Talk Begins

**Saturday, September 23, 2023**  
 Fall Fest

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

21~Willie Lawrence  
 22~Phil Gililand  
 22~Jordan Terrill  
 22~Ethan Fields  
 25~ Marcia Pounds

*Prayer Requests*

AMANDA WATERMAN  
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN  
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN  
 GWYDOTTA UKENS  
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS

**Cruise-In Ice Cream Social**

**We need your help! Sign up to bring Ice Cream, Desserts, or to Volunteer on the main Bulletin Board today!**

**Cruise-In Ice Cream Social**

**Wednesday, August 23rd, 5-7 pm**

Drive your classic car, golf cart, bike, scooter, or other unique ride and join us for some refreshing sweet treats!

Parking in the lower lot at 740 W 11th St

**Concordia First United Methodist Church**

*“Look at how good and pleasing it is when families live together as one!”*

**~ Psalm 133:1**

**August 20, 2023**

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Office Hours:  
 Monday —Thursday  
 9:00-4:00pm  
 Friday  
 Closed

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