



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Loren Swenson

Missions Moment Nancy Wentz

PASSING THE PEACE

OPENING HYMN Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee UMH#89

CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Children of God, when we face strife, upset, and harm in our midst, we so often turn to God and ask:

PEOPLE: How many times should I forgive?

LEADER: Let God turn the question around: "How many times have I forgiven you?"

PEOPLE: Seventy times seven.

LEADER: "How many times have I loved you?"

PEOPLE: Seventy times seven.

LEADER: Let us learn, then, how to forgive not out of our own power, but out of God's, who forgives us that we might be free to learn to live with one another well.

SONG OF PRAISE Freely, Freely UMH#389

OPENING PRAYER

Most Holy Friend, overwhelm us today with your beauty and leave our hearts and souls filled with wonder. We need to experience more awe, and maybe shiver a little, finding ourselves confronted by your mystery. May your glory help us discover how you smile at us with a love which is brighter than all the suns in the universe, and deeper than the immensities of outer space. Bathe us in reverential love so our souls tremble as we worship you. Through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER

PRAYER SONG Help Us Accept Each Other #560



Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"As I live, says the Lord, every knee will bow to me, and every tongue will give praise to God." ~ **Romans 14:11**

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

DOXOLOGY #94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Generous God, you have given so much to us in love and joy – every good thing in our life reflects your caring. Even in the giving of our offerings, we have tried to give our best but know we could do more. In a world where forgiveness has become a rare commodity, it is often an asset we hold back to maintain power over one another. Help us hear what Jesus says about the generosity of forgiveness. May we learn to give that to others with wild extravagance! We pray in Christ's name, who gave all. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Romans 14:1-12
HYMN Seek Ye First #405
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Angie Gabel-McConkey
GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 18:21-35

AFFIRMATION

The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAY

Going into the World to Serve

ENDING SONG Oh How I Love Jesus #170

BENEDICTION

BENEDICTION RESPONSE The Lord Bless and Keep You #2280

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

Events this Week:
Sunday, September 17, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 5:30pm Yoga in the Choir Room
 6:30pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

Monday, September 18, 2023
 5:30pm Mission & Ministry
 5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

Tuesday, September 19, 2023
 Trinity UMC
 2:00pm
 Emotionally Healthy Spirituality

Wednesday, September 20, 2023
 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
 5:30pm Choir Practice
 6:00pm Table Talk Meal
 6:30pm Classes begin

Thursday, September 21, 2023
 10:00am Coffee Office
 at Jitters with Pastor Mark


Saturday, September 23, 2023
 Fall Fest

Sunday, September 24, 2023
 9:30am Crusaders
 9:30am Searchers
 10:30am Worship
 5:30pm Yoga in Choir Room
 6:30pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

Upcoming Events
Monday, September 25
 5:30pm Blessing of the Animals


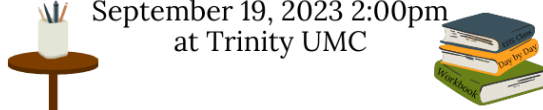


Prayer Requests
 AMANDA WATERMAN
 LAURA CHRISTENSEN
 TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
 GWYDOTTA UKENS
 HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
 SHEILA FLESHER



HAPPY Birthday
 17~Kody Halfhide
 17~Brett Erkenbrack
 18~David Edwards
 18~Jan Novlan
 20~Jeremy Coons



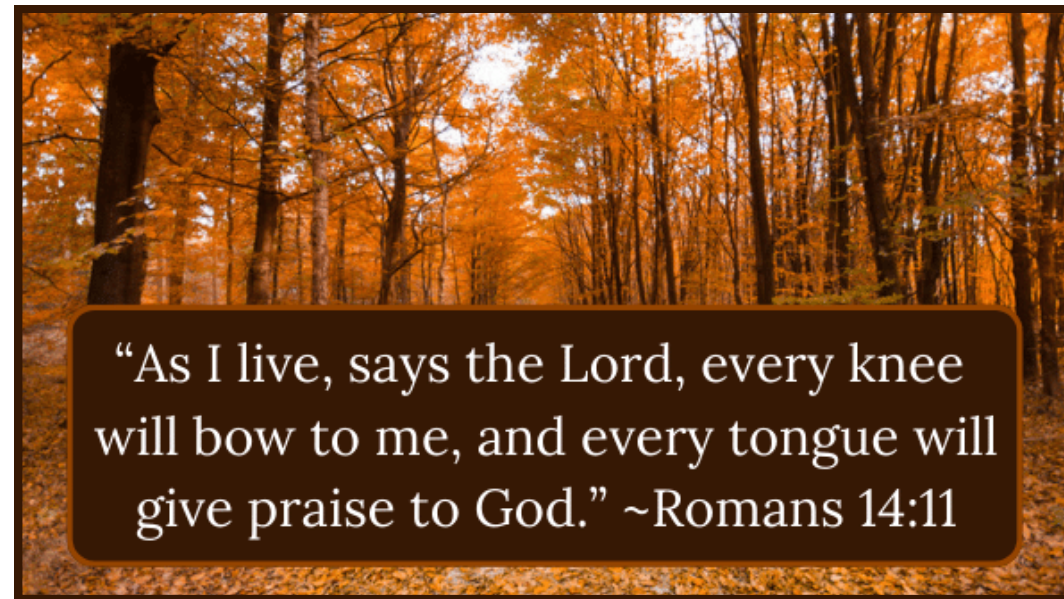
Emotionally Healthy Spirituality
 September 17, 2023
 6:30pm
 at Concordia First UMC
 or
 September 19, 2023 2:00pm
 at Trinity UMC

FALL FEST
 SEPTEMBER 23, 2023
 FUMC FOOD BOOTH
 ALL HELP IS WELCOME!
 SIGN UP SHEET IS ON THE BULLETIN BOARD FOR HELP,
 BROWNIES AND RICE CRISPIES TREATS!
 MONETARY DONATIONS WELCOME.



The Altar flowers are given in memory of Clarissa Sweet by the Kansas Methodist Foundation. Clarissa was a former member of the Concordia

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September 17, 2023
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 Friday
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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.
John Wesley