The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS Cindy Kocher

(*Please stand as you are able)

*PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN

"Be Thou My Vision"

#451

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Followers of Christ, God calls us just as we are to live as truth-tellers and gospel-bringers in the world.

PEOPLE: God, we know you call us, and still, we ask, "Who am I that you would call me?"

LEADER: Like Peter who thought he got it right only to realize that who Jesus is doesn't meet his expectations of who a Savior should be, we ask,

PEOPLE: "Who am I that you would call me?"

LEADER: As we raise this question to God today, we open our hearts to receive God's answer:

PEOPLE: You are my beloved children. You are my disciples. You are my people called to share the love of God for the transformation of the world. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

"Where He Leads Me"

#338 Vs. 1, 4

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

LABOR DAY RECOGNITION

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

"Deep in the Shadows of the Past"

#2246

HOLY COMMUNION

#12

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

"Give thanks to the LORD; call upon his name; make his deeds known to all people!"

~Psalm105:1

PRAYER SONG

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY #94

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

God of power and might: We, like Peter, struggle with the image of a savior sent to suffer and die. We may seem to be doing great in following Christ, but we too stumble at this point. Perhaps we stumble because we know that what follows is Christ's call to us to deny ourselves and pick up a cross of our own in order to follow. As we bring gifts for the work of building your kingdom, help us to learn to deny, carry, and follow. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON Exodus 3:1-15

HYMN "Seek Ye First" #405

CHILDRENS MESSAGE

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28

AFFIRMATION

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON "Reorienting from Disorientation" 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 Here I Am, Lord #593
Taking the Light of Christ into the World

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "The Lord Bless and Keep You" #2280

*POSTLUDE

Events this Week: Sunday, September 3, 2023 9:30am Crusaders 9:30am Searchers 10:30am Worship Services

Monday, September 3, 2023 Office Close

Labor Day 5:00pm Girl Scouts Meeting

Wednesday, September 6, 2023 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus 5:30pm Choir Practice

Thursday, September 7, 2023 10:00am Coffee Office at Jitters with Pastor Mark

Saturday, September 9, 2023 Girl Scouts Garage Sale

Sunday, September 10, 2023

Church on the Plaza 9:30am Brunch 10:00am Worship Activities for all after Worship

5:30pm Yoga in Choir Room

6:30pm Emotionally Healthy Spirituality Class

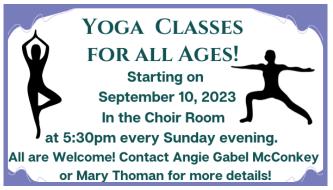
Upcoming Events Wednesday, September 13, 2023 Table Talk Begins

Saturday, September 23, 2023 Fall Fest



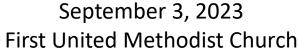






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Office Hours: Monday —Thursday 9:00-4:00pm Friday Closed

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Do No Harm ~ Do Good ~ Stay in Love With God.

John Wesley