



The Community Gathers

PRELUDE, CHIMES AND BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST Pam Campbell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Loren Swenson

PASSING THE PEACE

*OPENING HYMN "O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing" UMH#57
(Stanzas 1-5, 7)

*CALL TO WORSHIP
LEADER: How shall we live when we have more than enough?
PEOPLE: We have no greater praise to offer than caring for your creatures and Creation.
LEADER: The earth is our teacher – nurturing and tender.
PEOPLE: In this hour, O God, nourish us in the soil of your love.
LEADER: Let us worship God, the Ground of all Being.

SONG OF PRAISE "People Need the Lord" TFWS#2244

OPENING PRAYER
Living Word, whose love abides in us, You call us to love in truth and action. Give courage to our hearts so we may love your beloveds. Open our ears to the wisdom of those you send, who might otherwise be dismissed. Transform our charity into justice over all the earth. Amen.

JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS

PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY

PRAYER SONG "The Gift of Love" UMH#408
Thanksgiving

SCRIPTURE SENTENCE
"How does God's love abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in need and yet refuses to help?" ~ 1 John 3:17

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" #94



*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Gracious Provider, we gather with hearts filled with gratitude for the love and light you've shown us. Your Word reminds us that true love is seen in the self-sacrifice of Christ. As we offer our tithes and offerings, we are reminded of the importance of generosity and stewardship in every aspect of our lives. May these gifts be a reflection of the love we have experienced in Christ and our commitment to steward them faithfully for the work of your kingdom. Use these offerings to bring justice, mercy, and hope to a world in need. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

Hearing and Responding to the Word

SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 John 3:16-24

HYMN "Tell Me the Stories of Jesus" UMH#277
(First stanzas only)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Nevaeh Valcoure

*GOSPEL LESSON John 10:11-18

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

MESSAGE "The Give and Take Catch" Pastor Mark Crist

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Going into the World to Serve

*SENDING SONG "Abide With Me" UMH#700

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE "Let There Be Peace on Earth" UMH#431

POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD



Events this Week:

Sunday, April 21, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship

Wednesday, April 24, 2024

5:00pm Sitting with Jesus
5:30pm Choir Practice
6:00pm Table Talk Meal & Classes

Saturday, April 27, 2024

Stratica Mine Mystery Dinner Theater
in Hutchinson

Sunday, April 28, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship
2:00pm Bridal Shower for
Andrea Condray

Upcoming Events:

Sunday, May 5, 2024
CTW Sunday



Prayer Requests

KYLE SWENSON	AMANDA WATERMAN
JAN NOVLAN	LAURA CHRISTENSEN
SHARON JONES	TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
MARVIN PETERSEN	HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
KENNETH DANZLER-CORBIN	BETH WHISLER
WAR IN THE MIDDLE EAST	CAROL RUUD
PETE & MIKE HANEY	JOAN KROHN

Happy Birthday

21~Marsha Wentz
22~Francine Jones
25~Lisa Valcoure
27~Hayden Losh
27~Davin Strait
27~Dustin Thomas

Attendance & Financials		
	Attendance	Offering
March 31, 2024	92	\$1035.00
April 7, 2024	40	\$3,300.00
April 14, 2024	56	\$2114.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
April Offering to date:		5,414.00
Year-to-Date:		60,521.00



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SCRIPTURE SENTENCE

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April 21, 2024

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Monday — Thursday
9:00-4:00pm
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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 friend.

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