

The Community Gathers

PRELUDE	Sue Gustafson
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS	Loren Swenson
*OPENING HYMN	“Lord of the Dance” UMH #261
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: Welcome, Beloved of God! For truly, you are deeply, wonderfully, beautifully loved by the God of all creation!	
PEOPLE: Come, let us worship God who loves us!	
LEADER: Whether your week was filled with mountain-high joys or valley-low sorrows, peace like a gently flowing river, or stress like a stormy gale, this is the time to rise and come away to worship God who sustains and tends to you.	
PEOPLE: Come, let us worship God who loves us and tends to us!	
LEADER: In a world that pulls us this way and that, God’s love is our True North, guiding us with an uncommon wisdom through all that life brings us.	
PEOPLE: Come, let us worship God who loves us and guides us!	
LEADER: Beloved, the time for singing has come, because God’s love, care, and wisdom sustain and guide us wherever we go.	
PEOPLE: Come, let us worship and sing to the God who loves, tends, guides, and sustains us!	
*OPENING PRAYER	
Creator God, you are the source of nature’s splendor— the beauty and fragrance of delicate flowers, and sweet sound of birdsong. We come to you this morning with delight and gladness, grateful for all of your wonders. As the fields produce their harvest, may your love grow within us, that we too may produce a harvest of love, hope, and joy. Amen.	
JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS	
PRAYER FOR COMMUNITY AND ALL SAINTS	
PRAYER SONG	“Just as I Am, Without One Plea” UMH #357 (Stanzas 1, 3, 4, 6)
HOLY COMMUNION	UMH#12
SCRIPTURE SENTENCE	
<i>“A good reputation is better than much wealth; high esteem is better than silver and gold. The rich and the poor have this in common; the Lord made them both.”</i> ~ Proverbs 22:1-2	
TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS	

*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”	#94
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING	Gracious God, we bring these offerings with hearts full of love and gratitude, inspired by the beauty of your creation and the love that binds us. Just as the Song of Solomon celebrates love's arrival, we dedicate these gifts to further your kingdom with joy and patience. May they bring hope, peace, and transformation, reflecting your love for all. Help us to be stewards of your grace and love in the world. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.	
THE GREAT THANKSGIVING	GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP	
<u>Hearing and Responding to the Word</u>		
SCRIPTURE LESSON	Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23	
HYMN	“Jesus Loves Me”	UMH#191 (First stanza only)
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE	Cindy Kocher	
BLESSING OF THE WORKERS		
GOSPEL LESSON	Mark 7:24-37	
AFFIRMATION	The word of God for the people of God Thanks be to God.	
MESSAGE	“Certain Tensions”	Pastor Mark Crist
<u>Thanksgiving</u>		
PRAYER	Lord's Prayer	
<u>Going into the World to Serve</u>		
*SENDING SONG	“Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”	UMH#402
*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, September 1, 2024

9:30am Crusaders
9:30am Searchers
10:30am Worship
2:00pm Bible Study

Wednesday September 4, 2024

5:00pm Sitting With Jesus

Saturday, September 7, 2024

9:30am Women in Faith
In the Church Parlor

Sunday, September 8, 2024

Church on the Plaza
9:00am Brunch
9:30 Worship

Wednesday, September 11, 2024

6:00pm Table Talk Begins

Wednesday, September 18, 2024

5:30pm Blessing of the Animals

Sunday, September 22, 2024

2:00pm EHS Class in the Parlor

Saturday, September 28, 2024

Fall Fest



Prayer Requests

KYLE SWENSON	LAURA CHRISTENSEN
JAN NOVLAN	TRISH & DAN WATERMAN
JOAN KROHN	AMANDA WATERMAN
MARVIN PETERSEN	HARLEY & DARLA ADAMS
JOSH FREEBORN	FAMILY OF BETH WHISLER
DAKOTA BROCKMAN	DEB KETTERMAN, SAVANA, LIBBY & HATCHER



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

1~Daniel Huff
3~Emma Waterman
3~David Lahodny
7~Shirley Johnson

Attendance & Financials

	Attendance	Offering
August 11, 2024	71	\$2,375.00
August 18, 2024	37	\$3,881.00
August 25, 2024	52	\$4,848.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
August Offering to date:		\$15,619.00
Year-to-Date:		\$109,077.00



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September 1, 2024

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Monday — Thursday

9:00-4:00pm

Friday

Closed

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

John Wesley

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.