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

"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."

~ Proverbs 22:1-2

*DOXOLOGY

"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"

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*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

Hearing and Responding to the Word

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

Going into the World to Serve

*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

TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS



Welcome to our guests!

We are glad you are here.

We hope you were blessed by

your experience at

First United Methodist Church

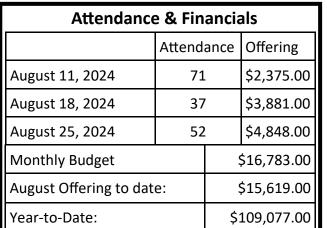
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Attendance & Financials			
	Attendance		Offering
August 11, 2024	71		\$2,375.00
August 18, 2024	37		\$3,881.00
August 25, 2024	52		\$4,848.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00	
August Offering to date:		\$15,619.00	
Year-to-Date:		\$109,077.00	

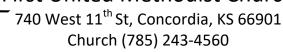
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