

## The Community Gathers

PRELUDE 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 1-4)
*CALL TO WORSHIP	
LEADER: Come. Meet God here. Find hope in this place. <b>PEOPLE: We have come that God might raise us up. Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.</b>	
LEADER: God offers relief when you are weary from everything seen and unseen that oppresses you. <b>PEOPLE: God hears our prayers and answers us. God gives us the tools we need to be helpful to one another and to others around us.</b>	
LEADER: Come and sing songs, giving praise for all God’s wondrous deeds! <b>PEOPLE: God’s glory abides in this place, and in us. Equip us, so we make God’s presence, healing and help real for others.</b>	
HOLY CONVERSATION	
What do you consider to be the worst sin? What sin do you need to amputate from your life?	
SONG OF PRAISE	“O How I Love Jesus” UMH#170
OPENING PRAYER	
<b>Almighty God, hear us as we pray for the friendless and the lonely, the tempted and the unbelieving. Be merciful to those who suffer in body or in mind, to those who are in danger or distress, and who have suffered losses. Let your love surround the infirmed and aged. Be especially near to those who are passing through the valley of death. May they find eternal rest, and light at evening time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.</b>	
JOYS, CONCERNS AND GOD SIGHTINGS	
PRAYER FOR OUR COMMUNITY	
PRAYER SONG	“Heal Us, Emmanuel, Hear Our Prayer” UMH#266 (Stanzas 1, 3-5; Sung to: Amazing Grace)
	<u>Thanksgiving</u>
SCRIPTURE SENTENCE	
“Perhaps you have come to royal dignity for just such a time as this.” ~ Esther 4:14c (NRSV)	

## TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

*DOXOLOGY	“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”	#94
*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING		
	<b>We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of your church. For those who are sick, suffering, grieving, or lost, may we have words that bring hope and service that show how much we care. Give us the vulnerability and courage to stand with anyone who faces discrimination, oppression and the anxiety and confusion injustices bring. As you have accepted us, Lord, may we be beacons of light that illuminate for others that they are part of our family, too. Amen.</b>	
	<u>Hearing and Responding to the Word</u>	
SCRIPTURE LESSON		James 5:13-20
HYMN	“Jesus Loves Me”	UMH#191 (1 <sup>st</sup> stanza only)
CHILDREN’S MESSAGE		Melody Leibbrandt
*GOSPEL LESSON		Mark 9:38-50
*AFFIRMATION	The word of God for the people of God <b>Thanks be to God.</b>	
MESSAGE	“The Worst Sin”	Pastor Mark Crist
	PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER	
	<u>Going into the World to Serve</u>	
SENDING SONG	“God of Grace and God of Glory”	UMH#577
*BENEDICTION		
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“Let There Be Peace on Earth”	UMH#431
*OUR MISSION, OUR PURPOSE (First only)		
LEADER: Our mission is to provide a place for all to ... <b>PEOPLE: BELONG!</b>		
LEADER: To our community. <b>PEOPLE: BELIEVE!</b>		
LEADER: In and experience the transforming love of Jesus Christ, and ... <b>PEOPLE: Become His Disciples.</b> <b>ALL: Belong! Believe! Become!</b>		
POSTLUDE AND TAKING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD		

**Events this Week:**

**Sunday, September 29, 2024**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship  
 6:00pm EHS Class

**Wednesday, October 2, 2024**  
 5:00pm Sitting with Jesus  
 5:30 Choir Practice  
 6:00 Table talk meal and classes

**October 3-5, 2024**  
 Camp Horizon Adult Retreat

**Sunday, October 6, 2024**  
 9:30am Reception for  
 Wayne & Alberta Neel  
 10:30am Worship  
 2:00pm EHS Class in the Parlor

**Saturday, October 12, 2024**  
 9:30am Women in Faith

**Sunday, October 13, 2024**  
 9:30am Crusaders  
 9:30am Searchers  
 10:30am Worship  
 2:00pm Baby Shower for  
 David & Kyra Strait  
 5:30pm Yoga



*Prayer Requests*

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

*Happy Birthday*

29~Kale Pearson
29~Brandon Ruud
31~Janet Lowell
1~Janice Swenson
2~Devin Pearson
5~Branson Wilcox

**Attendance & Financials**

	Attendance	Offering
September 8, 2024	38	\$965.00
September 15, 2024	39	\$2,105.00
September 22, 2024	53	\$1,604.00
Monthly Budget		\$16,783.00
September offering to date:		\$8856.00
Year-to-Date:		\$117,933.00



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**September 29, 2024**  
**First United Methodist Church**  
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Office Hours:  
 Monday — Thursday  
 9:00-4:00pm  
 Friday  
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**Rev. Mark Crist, Pastor**

**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.

