

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Ignite the Light, Sustain the Light, Shine the Light*

**November 19, 2023 9:00 AM**

## Prelude

## Welcome & Announcements

**Steve Kahler**

## Passing of Peace

## Praise and Worship

**Joyful Noise**

## Call to Worship

**Denny Wilcox**

**L:** We gather in abundance, away from the rush and the race, to celebrate the generous spirit that sings, without fear, “may all have enough.”

**P:** **We gather to live into the work of God’s call.**

**L:** We gather in Grace, awake to the chance to be more and the possibilities seeded within.

**P:** **We gather to grow; to change moment-by-moment, in grace again-and-again.**

**L:** We gather in Hope, ready to do more than talk, ready to make change one letter, one meal, one home, one gift, and one hand at a time. Ready to be the Change God calls us to be.

**P:** **We gather to give of our time and our talents, our hopes and our energy.**

**A:** **We gather to be.**

**Opening Hymn** “*Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*” **UMH 400**

**A Modern Affirmation (Unison)** **UMH 885**

## Prayer of Confession (Unison)

**God of grace, you have called us to give ourselves completely to you. Yet, we often hold back part for worldly pursuits. You have given us the gift of time. You give us time to serve, time to learn, time to grow, time to share. We spend our time serving self. You provide us with the opportunity to serve in numerous ways using the talents and abilities we have been given. We tend to hide our gifts. You have provided even the least among us with more financial resources than most of the world. We resist sharing because of fear for the future. Lord, in your mercy, forgive us.**

**Words of Assurance** While God knows our sin, God also hears our cries. In our sin, God still reaches out to forgive and restore us. Having confessed our sins, rejoice in forgiveness through Christ and live in God’s love.

**Hymn of Assurance** “Seek Ye First”

**UMH 405**

## Prayer of the People

God of hope, many in our midst are hurting: suffering from physical ailments; suffering the loss of loved ones; suffering from mental, spiritual, and emotional distress, suffering from loneliness, engulfed in darkness. There are those who are suffering in so many other ways. The world seems to offer little more than pain and heartache. But You offer hope and joy. You have provided us with a multitude of resources. May we use those resources to share Your hope with those in need. To give food to the hungry, drink to the thirsty, welcome to the stranger, clothes to the naked, care to the sick, and comfort to the imprisoned; that through the gifts You have provided we may bring Your joy to the world.

**Lord’s Prayer (Unison)** **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen**

## Invitation to Offering

## Offertory

## Offertory Doxology

**UMH 95**

## Prayer of Dedication (Unison)

**Loving God, you have given us life and freedom. Everything we have and everything that we are is a gift from you. You call us to be stewards of this gift. As caretakers of all that you have provided, we give back now. We dedicate these gifts to you. Bless these tithes and offerings. Help us to always use your gifts wisely. Lead us as we share them generously with others. Help our faithful stewardship to show Christ to others. We pray these things in the name of our Savior, Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn of Preparation** “*Be Thou My Vision*”  
(Children Collect Quarters)

**UMH 451**

**Children’s Time**

**Steve Kahler**

**Scripture Reading** 2 Cor. 9:6-15

**Denny Wilcox**

**Message** “*Everyone Has A Nickel*”

**Steve Kahler**

**Closing Song**

**Joyful Noise**

**Benediction**

**Steve Kahler**

**Gathering at the Rail**

**Postlude**

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Liturgist: Denny Wilcox

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