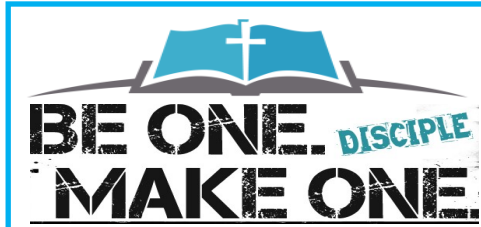




Welcome to First Church, we are so happy that you chose to worship with us! Here are some resources available to you this morning:

- **Children's Activity Packs** are located at the entrance and rear of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Childcare** (under 3 years of age) is available during services (pagers available at the Check-In Childcare Greeter Desk).
- Please bring your infant with you to worship! A **Comfort Corner** is available for your convenience, ask an usher for directions.
- **Wee Worship** (ages 3 to 5) and **Kids Worship** (ages 6 through 5th grade) follow the Children's Message at the 10:45 service. This program is designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship. Wee Worship is in Room 118 and Kids Worship in Room 216.
- For **Hearing Assistance**, wireless receivers are available. See an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Hymnals** are available, see an usher for assistance.
- **Seat Cushions** for the wooden pews are available at the Sound Desk located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for joining us today and we hope to see you again! Please visit the **Welcome Desk** (located outside the multipurpose room) for more information and to receive a special gift.



**Week 11: Theme ~ Perseverance**

Daily Bible Readings

- March 12** *Count It Joy*  
James 1:2-12; John 15:1-11
- March 13** *Faith in the Face of Fear*  
Exodus 14:5-31
- March 14** *Community Support*  
Exodus 17:8-16; Psalm 20
- March 15** *Jesus Calls His Disciples to Persevere*  
Matthew 24:1-14, 36-51, 25:1-13
- March 16** *Nothing Can Separate Us*  
Romans 8:28-39; Isaiah 40:25-31
- March 17** Relax & Reflect
- March 18** Worship

**LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP**

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller  
 Worship Leader..... Lisa Aronson  
 Organist..... Frank Heberlig  
 Accompanist..... Karen Philp—Sounds of Worship  
 Sound & Media..... Fred Espenshade, Roger Walton

**SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP**

Sunday School Greeter. TBD  
 Worship Greeter..... Sandy Walton (8:15); Brandy Zimmerman (10:45)  
 Crib/Toddlers..... TBD (8:15); Marcia Espenshade, Jody Smithmeyer (10:45)  
 Wee Worship (10:45) .... Karen Hutter, TBD, Kylee Fisher  
 Kids Worship (10:45)..... Linda Shuey, Amy Erno

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**Week 10: Character**

**Memory Verse:**

*When Jacob woke from his sleep, he thought to himself, The Lord is definitely in this place, but I didn't know it.*  
 (Genesis 28:16)

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*Rev. John Shellenberger*

**Sunday Services**

**Worship** 8:15 AM, 10:45 AM  
**Sunday School for all ages** 9:30 AM

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## FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

*"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."*

~ I Corinthians 3:11

### We Gather to Praise God

Prelude ..... "Chime Prelude in E minor: .....by Raymond Herbek

Welcome

\*Chorus ..... "Surely the Presence of the Lord" ..... No. 328

\*Greeting (Responsively) (Matthew 25:31-46; Micah 6:8)

Jesus said: "I was hungry and you gave me food,  
I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink."

#### Let us act justly.

"I was a stranger and you welcomed me,  
I was naked and you gave me clothing."

#### Let us love tenderly.

"I was sick and you took care of me,  
I was in prison and you visited me."

#### Let us walk humbly with our God.

May we see Christ in one another,

**that we may be healers and peacemakers in Christ's name.**

\*Hymn of Praise ..... "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" ..... No. 400

\*Prayer for Guidance ..... No. 366

**O God, just as we look into a mirror to see any soiled spots on our face,**

**so let us look to you**

**in order to understand the things that we have done amiss**

**We are like a reed shaken in the wind;**

**we are inexpressibly weak.**

**Leave us not to ourselves,**

**but dwell in our hearts and guide our thoughts and actions.**

**Amen.**

(Korea, 20th cent.)

### We Receive God's Word

A Moment for Mission ..... Camp Sunday ..... Mrs. Deb Noss

Anthem ..... "Sing Your Song of Joy" ..... Sounds of Worship

Words and Music by Berta and Sonja Poorman

Scripture Reading ..... Genesis 32:22-31 ..... CEB Page 25

Sermon ..... "My Name Is" ..... Pastor Keller

### We Offer Our Prayers and Our Gifts

\*Hymn ..... "Just As I Am, Without One" ..... No. 357

(verses 1-3, 6)

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Offering

Offertory ..... "My Faith Looks Up to Thee" ..... arr. Robert Lau

\*Doxology ..... "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" ..... No. 94

\*Offering Prayer

### We Are Sent Forth to Serve

\*Hymn ..... "Amazing Grace" ..... No. 378

\*Benediction

Postlude ..... Improvisation on "I Stand Amazed in the Presence"

*\*Please stand as able.*

## SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

### ☪ Children's Sunday School ☪

- Classes for 3 year olds to 5th grade are using the Deep Blue Curriculum where kids dive deep into the bible and learn more about God, Jesus, faith and how it all fits together into life today. All classes learn the same bible lesson, but at different levels appropriate for their age.
- Classes for babies and toddlers are located on the first floor of the Children's Department. Check in with the greeter who will guide you to your child's room.

### ☪ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ☪

Middle School: B003  
High School: Youth Lounge  
UMHC Students: B005

### ☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

**Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.**

- **FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (Room 207) - A group of singles and couples age 25ish and above, but all are welcome. A discussion-based class that values friendship. Come discuss a variety of contemporary topics related to living out the Christian faith, compassion, and social justice.
- **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** (B001A, off Youth Lounge) - This class is made up of parents who are in the child-raising stage of life, and who enjoy discussion-based Bible studies related to living a faithful, Christ-centered life.
- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. Adam Hamilton will lead us in a 6 week DVD series called John: The Gospel of Light and Life. This special Lenten study follows the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John
- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A mixed class of single adults and couples of all ages that select short-term studies intended to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed as encouragement and instruction in living a life of faith.



## CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

*"Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."*

### We Gather to Praise God

Welcome and Prayer

\*Praise and Worship

"No Longer Slaves"

"Great Are You Lord"

"Set a Fire"

### We Receive God's Word

Children's Time ..... Camp Sunday ..... Mrs. Deb Noss

Chorus ..... "Kum Ba Yah" (Come By Here) ..... No. 494  
(verses 1,2,4,6)

Scripture Reading ..... Genesis 32:22-31 ..... CEB Page 25

Sermon ..... "My Name Is" ..... Pastor Keller

### We Offer Our Prayers and Our Gifts

\*Hymn ..... "Amazing Grace" ..... No. 378

Prayer

Offering

### We Are Sent Forth to Serve

\*Closing Song

"Healer"

\*Blessing

*\*As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*

- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105 in office wing) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed as encouragement and instruction on living a life of faith. Interactive studies and discussions are led by several class members. Also, class members enjoy many Christian social activities together.

*For information on adult Bible studies held during the week and other small-group opportunities contact Tina Eaton at [adultministry@fumchurch.com](mailto:adultministry@fumchurch.com).*