



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 (paggers available at the Check-In Childcare Greeter Desk).
- You are also welcome to 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 praise music 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 is 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.



## 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."*

~ 1 Corinthians 3:11

### Gathering and Praise

Prelude

Welcome

\*Greeting (Responsively)

Leader: Jesus loves me this I know.

**People: Wait. Do I KNOW that? I have questions and I have doubts.**

Leader: For the Bible tells me so.

**People: Wait. Do I believe in what this ancient book has to say? I have so many questions and so many doubts.**

Leader: God invites you to bring your deepest questions and doubts.

**People: But if you see God working in the world, then you are challenged to believe.**

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**People: But know that the flowers fade and the grass withers but the Word of God will stand forever.**

\*Hymn of Praise.....“How Great Thou Art” .....No. 77  
*(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)*

\*Opening Prayer (In Unison)

**Almighty God, it is a confusing time and a confusing world. But you are our shield and faithful love. On this Mother’s Day we even have questions about what it means to be a mom or what it means to honor our Moms. We pray that in the moments when we are overwhelmed with doubts and questions that you will help us catch our breath. Help us catch our breath and find our faith. Help us so to believe even where we have not yet seen. We pray this in the all-powerful name of Jesus. Amen.**

\*Praise Chorus..... “Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus” ..... No. 462 (vs 1 & 4)

\*Passing the Peace

### Proclamation and Response

Celebration of Mother’s Day

Anthem..... “For Such a Time as This” ..... Sounds of Worship

\*The Gospel..... John 20:24-31 .....(RSV translation) NT Page 115

Sermon.....“Catching Our Breath in Times of Doubt on Mother’s Day ” .....  
..... Pastor Shellenberger

\*Hymn.....“Great Is Thy Faithfulness” ..... No. 140

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (sins)

Time of Testimony

Worship with Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

\*Offering Response ..... “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” .....No. 94

\*Offering Prayer

### Sending Forth

\*Hymn..... “It Is Well with My Soul” ..... No. 377

\*Benediction

Postlude

# 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:** 6th-8th grade students meet in B003 for *Deep Discipleship*. Join us as we seek to grow deep roots of faith as we grow into more faithful followers of Jesus Christ.
- **High school:** 9th-12th grade students meet in the youth lounge for *Faith in Action: learn, lead, teach, and serve*.

## ☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

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

- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) – An intergenerational class designed for adults of all ages. Short-term studies selected to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles. New 6-week study, “Catch Your Breath” begins April 28.
- **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) - 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.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105) - 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.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study together using the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Study lessons. Each lesson is focused on scripture, and encourages participants to live a faith-filled life.

*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) .*



# CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

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

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\*Praise and Worship

*"Amazing Grace—My Chains are Gone"*

*"How Great Thou Art"*

*"Shout to the Lord"*

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\*Praise Song

*"Come To the Altar"*

Prayers of the People

Reception of New Members

Time of Testimony

The Offering

## Sending Forth

\*Closing Song

*"Touch of Heaven"*

\*Blessing

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