


**YOUR TALENT IS
GOD'S GIFT TO YOU.**

July 16, 2017



**WHAT YOU DO
WITH IT IS YOUR
GIFT BACK TO GOD.**

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

9:30am Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”

Welcome visitors – Whether you're here with friends or relatives, or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome!** We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself. If you're new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; a special children's time, "From a Child's Point of View," and children's bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal** or Bulletin. Inside this bulletin is an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the Gathering Place at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

Together We Come Into God's **PRESENCE**

* *Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit. (Items in **bold** spoken by congregation)*

PRELUDE

Dee Wallace

(Let this be a time when you prepare your heart for worship.)

WELCOME

* PASSING THE PEACE

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXPLANATION OF INSERTS

* SONG OF PRAISE

"What Gift Can We Bring"

No. 87

(The Light of Christ enters our worship)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has called us into this place for worship.

People: Come Holy Spirit, and fill us with Your presence.

L: We have come not to proclaim our own goodness, but to praise the Lord.

P: Let us celebrate the redeeming work of Jesus Christ as we use our gifts for God.

ACT OF PRAISE

"Heavenly Sunlight"

Chancel Choir

FROM A CHILD'S POINT of VIEW

Dusty Johnson

(The pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

God Calls Us to **PRAY**

(The paper insert in your bulletin includes space to write prayer concerns.)

PRAYER SONG

"Open My Eyes That I May See"

No. 454

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: **Dear Lord, Gathering in worship is a time to pause and thank You for giving us so much abundance in our everyday lives. You have been generous in providing each of us with spiritual gifts that build up Your kingdom. Forgive us, we pray, when we selfishly keep them for ourselves. Guide us to see the opportunities to bless others as we have been blessed. We pray all this and more in the name of Jesus the Christ, Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray: **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.**

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

* SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 25: 14-28 (The Message) Alice Ann Gallagher
Leader: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. Response: **Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Just Do It" Dale Seylar

Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Without Seeing You" Chancel Choir

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

Let Us Pray: **Gracious God, Your generosity is without limits, and we thank You. We offer up the treasures that You have entrusted to us; we offer up the skills and time that You have graciously given to us; we offer up ourselves in humble service and praise. Receive these gifts by Your grace. Bless and multiply them through the power of the Holy Spirit to accomplish Christ's work of love and grace in the world. Amen.**

We Are Sent Forth for God's SERVICE to the World

* SONG OF SENDING "Take My Life, and Let It Be" No. 399

* BLESSING AND SENDING

Leader: Summer brings a slower pace as school lets out and vacations commence.

Yet it is not the time to take a vacation from God.

People: Help us, Lord to find ways to connect with You even as ball games, family reunions, and outdoor time fill our days.

L: As we depart from this time of worship, help us to use our time and our gifts to serve others.

P: We go, guided by the Holy Spirit to use our gifts to seek ways to honor God. Amen.

* POSTLUDE Dee Wallace

Please join us in the Gathering Place after worship. Everyone is welcome!

Jenny Seylar - Pastor	Melinda Stonebraker—Discipleship Ministries Director
Don Griffith - Custodian	Greg Brown -Director of Xn Chaos
Greg Brown- Administrative Ministries Coordinator	Andrew Allen - Xn Chaos Accompanist
Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director	Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director
Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist	Jo Brown & Dee Wallace - Accompanists
Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Director/Teacher	

July 16 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers
Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson
Liturgist: Alice Ann Gallagher
Ushers: Twyla Hein & Kim Cross,
Marv & Kay Miller
Greeters: Marjorie Stonerook,
Angela Wells & Family
Nursery: Kim Rogstad
PowerPoint: Brian Heil
Fellowship Coffee: Duane & Penny Webb,
Jack and Denise Cartwright

July 23 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Volunteers
Children's Lesson: Melinda Stonebraker
Liturgist: Donna Gault
Ushers: Bob & Ginny Cummins,
Chris & Abby VanScoy
Greeters: Becky Young
Nursery: Kim Rogstad
PowerPoint: Comstock Family
Fellowship Coffee: Heil Family, Margaret Ketelsen

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Judy Lukemyres (Deb Conant's sis)

Healing: Bernie Beaudry (Mary McKinney's dad), Nick Brown, Gary Eichhorn, Deb Eisele, Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Bob Gould, Rex Idlewine, Jen Johnson, Carsten Kime, Chris Kuehl, Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Ken McKay, Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Steve Person, Judy Reidel, Dawn Spickermann, Mike Smith, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Rhonda Waugh, Wayne Williams (Sylvia Ferguson's bro), and others.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions: Sylvia & Ken Gould

Individuals & Families experiencing loss: Ryan Stonebraker family, Bob Whitlatch family

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration

Persons in employment limbo

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Clara Italiano, Kevin Lewis, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Jerry Swinton

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Ruth Clark, Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN, John Hinkhouse (Ruth Clark's bro),

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul, Dave Russell

July 9: Worship 88; General Fund \$4,091.00, Apportionments \$100.00, Shared Blessings \$34.00, Missions \$50.00, Copper Kettle \$41.34
GRAND TOTAL \$4,316.34

This Week:

Sunday, July 16

9:30 am Worship

Monday, July 17

Newsletter Deadline

3:00pm Circle of Friends

7:30pm PEO

Tuesday, July 18

1:00 GIG

Thursday, July 20

10:00am GIG

6:30pm Chaos Rehearsal

Saturday, July 22

11:00am Shared Blessings

Sunday, July 23

Thanks to all of our church family for the cards and gifts, delicious meals, and thoughts and prayers at this difficult time in our lives.

- With love, Ken & Sylvia Gould

July 16-29 - Pastor Jenny will be at Seminary.

In case of emergency, call the church office. (886-2331)