

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

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First United Methodist Church exists to be an open, caring, congregation which accepts individuals of different backgrounds, empowers them for living in the 21st century, and provides spiritual strength and zeal for Christian service.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

PRELUDE

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty* No. 139

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH

I have concluded that the accumulation of wealth, even if I could achieve it, is an insufficient reason for living. When I reach the end of my days, a moment or two from now, I must look backward on something more meaningful than the pursuit of houses, land, machines, and stocks and bonds. Nor is fame of any lasting benefit. I will consider my earthly existence to have been wasted unless I can recall a loving family, a consistent investment in the lives of people, and an earnest attempt to serve the God who made me. Nothing else makes much sense. This I believe. (Anon.)

*A CHORAL RESPONSE

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

SHARING FAITH WITH THE CHILDREN

Brian Yoder

CELEBRATION OF GIVING: God's Generosity - Our Response

Offertory

*A Response of Praise

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication

ANTHEM

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

***HYMN** *Lord, I Lift Your Name on High* No. 2088

WORDS FROM GOD'S WORD: *Philippians 3:8-14*

Pew Bible, New Testament, page 186

MESSAGE: What Would It Take? Dr. Hall

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

This is a time when you are invited to come forward and kneel at the altar for personal prayers of dedication or confession or to pray for someone whom you feel needs God's direction in their life.

***HYMN** *Close to Thee* No. 407

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand if you are able.