

9:00 Traditional Worship

WELCOME AND GREETING

PRELUDE “To God Be the Glory” by Larson

CALL TO WORSHIP Don Corwin

L: In darkness, the world stumbles and many are lost.  
P: The word of the LORD is a lamp to our feet; by it, our path is made clear.  
L: Our God has set forth a way of righteousness.  
P: Let us live all our days according to His will and commands.  
L: The will of the LORD is the joy of His people.  
P: Even when we sin, by His grace, we are restored. Everlasting is the mercy of God!

OPENING HYMN “Forward Through the Ages” UMH #555

OPENING PRAYER  
God of justice, You have called us to walk a narrow path. We hunger and thirst for a righteousness the world cannot provide. Write Your law upon our hearts, LORD, that we may be living proof of Your wisdom and love. AMEN.

SPECIAL MUSIC Friedrich Kummer, Cello Duo No. 3, Op. 156, Allegro Kate Fleischman and Raph Guenther

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING AND ENGAGING OUR FAITH

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SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 6:3-10

SERMON “The Pursuit of Wealth” Rev. Tim Bias

REFLECTION SONG “The Gifts We Bring” by Paxton

CLOSING HYMN “O Jesus, I Have Promised” UMH # 396

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE “We Have Heard the Joyful Sound” by McDonald

Messenger News

PASSIONATE WORSHIP

PRAYER GROUP is meeting on every Friday at 11a.m.  
BACK TO SCHOOL PICNIC—Please mark your calendars for August 27<sup>th</sup>. We have reserved the shelter house at Southview Park and plan to start our gathering at noon. We plan to wrap things up around 3:00. More details will be forthcoming as we get more information.

NEW WORSHIP SERVICE IN THE MAKING—We are planning on starting a midweek worship service on Thursday evenings. Initially this service will be offered on the last Thursday of the month at 6:00 PM. The planning team has determined that is should be more casual than our Sunday services. Please plan on attending and bringing a new friend to worship on August 31st.

INTENTIONAL FAITH FORMATION

PASTOR BIBLE STUDY—Each week we gather to continue our exploration of the book, Genesis. If you are interested in discovering more about how our story began and formed as a people of faith, you are invited to join us at 6:30 each Tuesday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL -All children, age 4 through 5th grade are invited to join our wonderful teachers downstairs to learn more about Jesus! Sunday School runs from 10:00 to 10:30.

VBS IS COMING! Join us this year in a joint VBS with the downtown churches. It will be held July 16-20 from 6-8 p.m. at the First Christian Church. We still need volunteers. If you need more info, please contact Ashley Reser or the office.

Announcements

RISK TAKING SERVICE

RED CROSS will be back July 17th from 12:00 p.m.– 6:00 p.m. Please preregister if you plan to donate blood. If you want to resister or have any questions, you can visit their website, redcrossblood.org, or download their Blood Donor App.  
COMMUNITY CARE DAY is coming back on August 25. Our church is putting a team together to help; with this project! Please contact Linda Knight if you are interested in helping by July 15th.

EXTRAVAGENT GENEROSITY

THE BLESSING BUCKET will be passed around during the final hymn. For the month of July, we are supporting Doors of Encouragement.  
ALTAR FLOWER OFFERING-Given by Robin Harrington in memory of her father, Charles Graham’s birthday July 14.

STUFF THE BUS IS BACK! Stuff the bus is back for the beginning of the school year. The containers will be here the last week of July and will be picked up August 20. A list of supplies that are needed will be posted when the containers arrive!

## 10:30 Contemporary Worship

### WELCOME AND GREETING

**OPENING SONG** “Hosanna (Praise Is Rising)” **Ignite Band**

**OPENING PRAYER** **Raph Guenther**

**PRAISE SONG** “What A Beautiful Name”

### ENGAGING OUR FAITH

### PASTORIAL PRAYER AND THE LORDS PRAYER

**REFLECTION SONG** “How Great Thou Art”

**SCRIPTURE READING** 1 Timothy 6:3-10 **Don Corwin**

**SERMON** “The Pursuit of Wealth” **Rev. Tim Bias**

### COMMUNION AND OFFERING

**REFLECTION SONG** “Way Maker”

### BLESSING

**POSTLUDE** “This Is Amazing Grace”

## Church Calendar

### Sunday, July 16

9:00 a.m. Online and In Person Worship Service  
10:30 a.m. Online and In Person Worship Service  
6:00 p.m. VBS (First Christian Church)

### Monday, July 17

12:00 p.m. Red Cross  
6:00 p.m. VBS (First Christian Church)

### Tuesday, July 18

6:00 p.m. VBS (First Christian Church)  
7:00 p.m. N.A. (UP)

### Wednesday, July 19

6:00 p.m. VBS (First Christian Church)

### Thursday, July 20

6:00 p.m. VBS (First Christian Church)

### Friday, July 21

11:00 a.m. Prayer Group

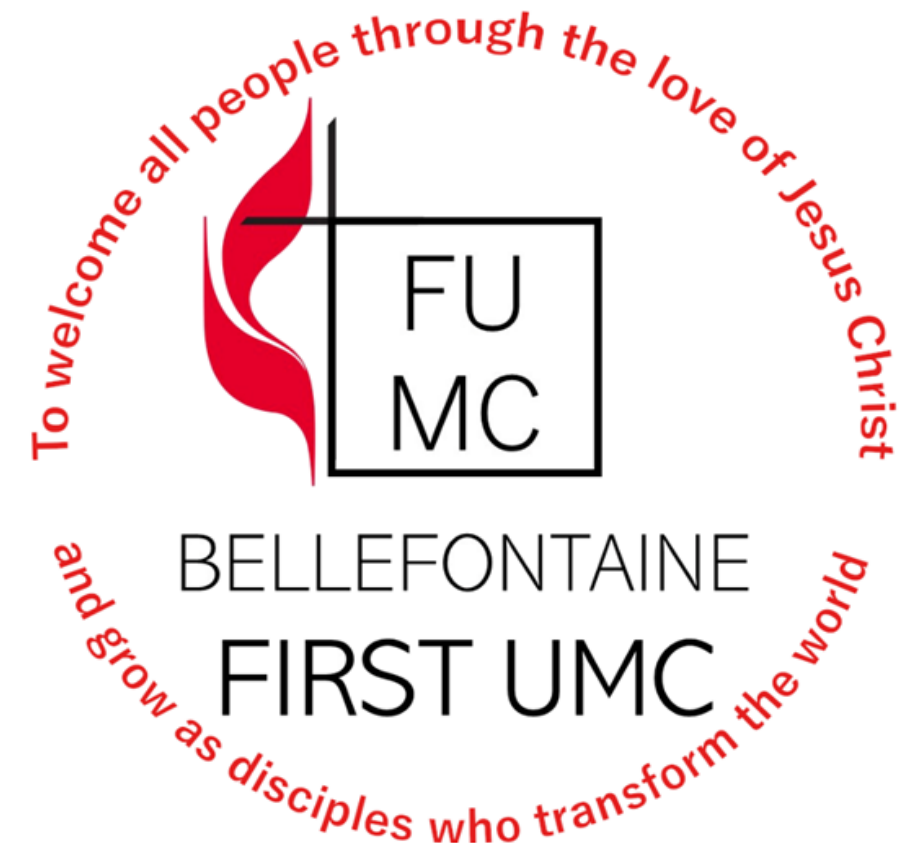
### Saturday, July 22

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Joe Antram, Adult Handbell Director  
Marianne Antram, Organist/Pianist  
Brenda Thomas, Keyboard Staff  
Carol Burton, Choir Accompanist  
Wayne Fahnestock, Custodian



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**10:30 Contemporary**

**Our Mission:** *To welcome all people through the love of Jesus Christ and grow as disciples who transform the world.*

**Our Vision:** *Every person in our church and community lives a life that will make Jesus smile and others smile on their journey of life and love. Jesus smiles when every person loves God, loves one another and is engaged in transforming the world.*

***Every member is a minister !***

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