

First United Methodist Church of Corvallis

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Love

“Beloved, let us love one another because love is from God: everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love God does not know God, for God is love.” - 1 John 4:7-8 (NRSV)

United Methodists believe that God is Love. We believe that every human heart longs to be loved and to love. We yearn to be assured that God loves us, and we seek to grow in our love for God. Therefore, it is all the more tragic that the inclusiveness of God’s love has become the source of division within our Church.



Prelude

O Perfect Love

Joseph Barnby

***Greeting One Another**

***Hymn**

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

The hospitality of God knows no bounds. The love of God is immeasurable. The generosity and favor of God is beyond our wildest dreams. We gather together today as invited ones, as beloved ones, as blessed ones: Fathers, Mothers, Grandparents, Friends, Neighbors, Siblings, Co-workers. We come as individuals, yet God unites us as one. So, welcome! May we meet this God in new and surprising ways today. Amen.

Scripture

Matthew 5:1-12

Pew Bible NT p.4

***Hymn**

Sweet, Sweet Spirit

UMH 334

(Please have your prayer cards ready to pass quickly to the ushers during this musical interlude.)

Now Testament

Steve Runner

THE GRACE OF *Les Misérables*

Look Forward to this special Lenten worship series. Featuring stories and themes from Victor Hugo’s classic novel. Supplemented by music from the eight-time Tony Award winning musical. Sundays, beginning Lent 2020!



<p>The office needs some greenery! If you have any extra potted house plants, the church office would greatly appreciate some nice botanical friends.</p>	<p>If you make a cash donation on Sunday and want credit for it, please put it in an envelope with your name on it.</p>
<p>“Post Script” Please join Pastor Linda Tucker in the Martha room for a post-service discussion.</p>	<p>Tuesday Supper <i>Vegetarian, gluten-free, and vegan options available</i> Feb 18. Turkey/Veggie Pot Pie Feb 25. Breakfast for Dinner</p>
<p>Adult Learning Community is currently exploring the “Beyond Belief” series by Marcus Borg, and meets in the Chapel.</p>	<p>NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS DUE 2/17/20. Please email fumc@corvallisfumc.org with your submissions</p>
<p>South Corvallis Food Bank Items for Month of FEBRUARY:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Condiments • Hearty soups and stews • Instant side dishes such as Rice-a-Roni • Personal Care items (laundry detergent, shampoo, dish detergent) 	<p>Feb. 23 10:45 am Martha Room: Come enjoy a slide presentation by Janice Rosenberg on her recent work providing meals to asylum seekers at the border in Matamoros, Mexico.</p>

Prayers of the People

God of love...

We thank you for your presence.

The Lord's Prayer (Sung with choral response) Back of UMH

Offering Prayer

Here, O God, we put our love into practice. These gifts we offer came from your love for us. Now, let them express our love for you, as they reach out to others with your love for them. Amen.

Offering

Offertory *Blessed Are the Pure and Merciful* Jack Kunz

Hymn *Where Children Belong* TFWS 2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

+Kids' Time

Sermon "Pick a Prophet" Jacob Stewart

***Hymn** *Blest Are They* TFWS 2155

Benediction

Postlude *Celebration* James Mansfield

(You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude, but you are also welcome to leave now quietly.)

Liturgist: Virginia Brittsan

*indicates stand if you are able

+All children are welcome to stay for worship with their families or childcare is available for preschool through kindergarten in room 118. Special worship bags for children are outside the sanctuary entrance.

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In your prayers this week please remember:

Ruth Shirley and Marjorie Thornburgh who are homebound, in care centers, or out of town.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

We are a **Reconciling Congregation** that welcomes everyone into full participation in the life of this church! Your age, sexual orientation, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, economic situation, marital status, and physical or mental condition will enrich the fabric of our community. We accept all people as children of God.

We are a congregation on a journey to Sustainability, recognizing that we are stewards of God's creation for all generations, and believing that all human needs must be met equitably. The **Natural Step Framework** is our guide to Sustainability.

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