

**Order of Worship for
August 31, 2025**

🎵 Gathering Music

Call to Worship

🎵 Opening Music

Welcome

Story for All Ages

🎵 Music

Scripture Reading: Luke 13:10-17

Message

Conference Superintendent
Becky Jo Messenbrink

🎵 Special Music

Time of Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Invitation to Give

🎵 Music

Blessing

🎵 Postlude

**ONLINE GIVING
IS AVAILABLE**

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Join—or even form—a covenant group of your own. We've provided a step-by-step guide to shape your time together, with the goal of ten one-hour conversations. Signups and group packets are available in the church entryway.

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Welcome

We are
LOVE
FIRST

We are glad you are here!

OUR STATEMENT OF INCLUSION:

As people who follow Jesus by putting love first, we celebrate the diversity of God's creation. We honor and affirm the sacred worth of persons of every age, race, ethnicity, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical and mental capacity, education, economic means, marital status, and faith story.

OUR MISSION:

The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

The further mission of First United Methodist Church is to create and build inclusive Christian community through INVITING, FORMING and SENDING faithful, active disciples of Jesus Christ.

Each Sunday there is a fellowship time with coffee, lemonade and treats after worship. Turn left as you leave the sanctuary!

New with us?

We hope the following information will be helpful to you!

Accessibility: Portable amplification/listening devices are available in the lefthand (southeast) back corner of the Sanctuary at the Sound Booth. The entire building is on one level, and all areas are accessible. If you have accessibility needs, we want to make sure you feel welcome and safe! Please contact fumc@fumcscr.org and one of our staff members will work with you.

Communion: In the United Methodist Church, Holy Communion is celebrated on the first Sunday each month at an open table. This means that everyone who wants to come and receive communion is welcome to do so. You do not have to be a member of the church or a United Methodist. All are welcome to receive God's grace through the bread and juice. If you are unable to come forward to receive the elements, please inform an usher. Home visitation Communion is available.

Single-stall Restrooms: Are available through the double doors at the end of the hall on either side of the hallway in the Education Wing.

Offering: During this time we encourage everyone, member and guest, to return their Connect Card with as much contact information and prayer requests filled in as you are comfortable with providing. Members may also take this time to give of their tithes and offerings if they haven't taken advantage of online options.

Learn more at www.lovefirstumc.org

Children & Youth

Nursery for ages 6 weeks - 5 years: available Sunday mornings until 11:30am



Sign up on your Connect Card or email Amanda at ahodge@fumcscr.org



Get Involved:

Please feel welcome to join in any opportunity you see!



Gratitude for the joy of welcoming my new grandson, Amari, to the family on July 29th. His parents are Angela Trulson and Cameron Mulcahy. ~ Ronnie Trulson



Caregivers Support Group
1st & 3rd Wednesdays each month at 7pm via Zoom

Join us for a twice-monthly virtual support group to reduce isolation, normalize hardships & affirm those of us who care for elderly, ill, or loved ones with extra needs. Our group is facilitated by experienced caregivers. New participants must pre-register at: caregivers@fumcscr.org

Big Questions, No Answers
2nd Monday at 10am in church library
Big Questions consists of a group of adults who share and discuss hard things in a spirit of trust and mutual respect.

September's topic: If God created us as good... where did all the evil come from?

The Well
2nd and 4th Mondays at 5:30pm at church
This group meets the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month. Join them for a time of community sharing and reading of *The Upside Down Kingdom* by Chris Castaldo.

Bible 365 Fridays at 10am - 9/5 Acts 11
Meets via Zoom to discuss the week's readings. It The group is participating in the Dakotas-MN Area study of Luke-Acts for 2025. Contact the church office for the Zoom link and materials.

Conversations on Grief
2nd Sunday each month after worship
This informal discussion group **now meets in the Ed Wing (first classroom on the right)** to share stories of grief in all its many forms.

Sunset Labyrinth
Thursday, September 18 at 7pm