

Parents -Please escort your children to the restrooms.

Thank you.

Please sign registration sheets and pass to others in your pew.

If you are visiting, we welcome you and ask that you leave information so that we might be in contact with you.

§ Denotes when to stand as you are able

WE GATHER to be NURTURED

Ringing of the Bell

Prelude "Little Prelude & Fugue in G minor" ~ *J.S.Bach*

§ **Call to Worship**

Leader: The Lord is great and greatly to be praised!

People: We have come together today to worship.

Leader: What a gift it is to come together as the people of God.

People: We bring ourselves completely before the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

Leader: For our Lord is great and greatly to be praised!

All: Let us worship him together now.

§ **Opening Hymn #547 "O Church of God, United"**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

WE ARE NURTURED by GOD'S WORD

First Scripture Reading I Corinthians 13:1-3

Leader: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Hymn (FWS) #2129 "I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

The Young Church Gathers to Worship *James L. Crow*

Hymn (FWS) #2026 "Halle, Halle, Hallelujah"

Parents: 1st-5th grades may go to the youth center with Mr. Jim; younger than 2nd grade may go to the nursery with Ms. Rynne.

§ Second Scripture Lesson John 13:34-35

Leader: This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People: Glory to you, O Lord.

Sermon Series: "When Christians Get It Wrong" by Adam Hamilton

"When Christians Get It Right" *Rev. Calvin Culpepper*

WE RESPOND to GOD'S WORD

Hymn of Response (FWS) #2223, verses 2 & 3

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer, #895

§ **The World Methodist Social Affirmation, #886**

Offering Our gifts and Our Selves

Offertory "Be Thou My Vision" ~ *P. Manz*

§ **Doxology #94 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

WE ARE SCATTERED to SERVE

§ **Hymn of Sending Forth #555 "Forward Through the Ages"**

§ **Benediction**

We go out as disciples of Jesus Christ, marked by his love. When we share that love, we reveal God. May the Spirit continue to stir your heart, moving you to new acts of love every day, that all may know the good news of God's love alive today! **Amen.**

Postlude "Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing" ~ *P. Manz*

Fellowship Time in the Narthex



We welcome you, member or visitor, as we join in worshiping God this morning. We pray you will be blessed.

What do you see? As you sit in our beautiful sanctuary, you will notice many symbolic elements. During July, you will learn about the **reredos** and some of the **stained glass windows** in our Sanctuary. Our reredos is the altarpiece, or screen behind the altar. Just above the reredos is a large round window with a star of David at the center. Surrounding this are six trefoils, each filled with stained glass to complete the rose window.

All are welcome to come to THE STORY study in the parlor after worship today. Grab a cup of coffee and join us.

Methodist Monday reminder: *July 29 Jeanine Wang*

All adults, member or non-member, are welcome in Room 209 at 9:00 a.m. on Sunday, August 4th, for Sunday School. The release of the film *World War Z* and the success of the series *The Walking Dead* are just two indicators of our culture's fascination with zombies. What are zombies, and why are they so popular? What does Christian faith say to us about life, death, and life beyond death? Come and discuss our cultural fascination with zombies.

Register for our last Summer Camp! Fine Arts Camp will be held August 12-16, 9:30-11:30, for Kindergarten-8th grade, \$5 per person. Invite your neighbors and friends to participate in this wonderful session of music, dance, and theatre. Scholarships available as needed; please see Mr. Jim.

All committees ~ Please think about any special events you would like included in the 2013-14 booklet which will be printed in time for Rally Day, September 15th. Deadline for submission to get into the booklet is August 1st.

Do you know of someone who is homebound and might enjoy receiving Sunday's bulletin and a fun worksheet in the mail each week? If so, please drop the name and address in the offering plate or call the church office. We do a weekly mailing to give those of us unable to attend worship service on Sunday a feeling of connectedness.

If you have children in grades Kindergarten through 8th, please have them bring their backpack on **Sunday, August 18th.** Let's send our congregation's kids into the new school year assured of God's promises and our loving support! Be sure to join us and to include all of our young people in your prayers as they go back to school.

Prayerfully consider attending the Safe Sanctuaries Training held Saturday, August 24, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at First UM Church, 216 E. Highland Ave., Elgin, IL. The essentials of Safe Sanctuaries will be covered. Safety on the internet and in social media will be explored through some hands-on interactive activities. Participants are invited to bring their lap tops, tablets, and smart phones. Registration fee of \$25 will cover the cost of lunch, materials, and background check. See the July Chimes for registration information or the bulletin board outside the church office for forms.

