**First United Church**

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith,*

*proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ*

*through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

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May 27, 2018 @ 10:30am

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*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

**Sunday, May 27, 2018**

10:30 a.m. Worship

Guest Speaker: Chris Ross

***Notes***: Asterisk (\*) – You may stand if comfortable doing so

**VU** = Voices United **MV** = More Voices

***God Gathers Us Together***

***Musical/Choral Prelude***

1. **MV#79** *“Spirit, Open My Heart” (2x)*

**Spirit, open my heart to the joy and pain of living.**

**As you love may I love, in receiving and in giving,**

**Spirit, open my heart.**

1. **MV#18** *“Lord, Prepare Me to Be a Sanctuary” (2x)*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

***\* Opening Hymn:* MV#8***“And on This Path”*

***Life and Work of the Church*** [see insert]

***Welcoming of Visitors***

***God Draws Us Near To Worship***

***Call to Worship (Psalm 9)***

One: I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart;

**All: I will recount all of your wonderful deeds.**

One: I will be glad and exalt in you;

**All: I will sing praises to your name, O Most High.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession***

***The Lord’s Prayer (VU #960)***

***Senior Choir Anthem***

***Circle Time*** *(Children’s Story)*

***Hymn:* VU# 646***“We Are Marching”*

***God Invites Us To Listen For His Word***

***Old Testament Reading: Genesis 45:1-11***

***New Testament Reading: Acts of the Apostle 11:19-30***

*Reader: This is the Word of God*

***All: Thanks be to God***

***\* Hymn of Preparation:* VU#436***“Abide With Me” vv 1, 3, 5*

***The Message:* “Barnabus the Encourager”**

***God Invites Us To Respond To His Love***

***Offertory:*** Dave Copeland

***Hymn of Dedication***

 **God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

 **May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.**

 **Give us courage to stand for truth, help us give to others.**

 **God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

***Offertory Prayer***

***God Sends Out Into the World to Serve***

***\*Closing Hymn:* MV#172***“God Says”*

***\* Benediction***

***\*Sending Forth***

***Threefold Amen***

***Commissioning Hymn*: MV#209** *“Go Make A Diff’rence”*

***Musical Postlude***

*Rev. Emmanuel is at London Conference this weekend.*

*We welcome Chris Ross as our Guest Speaker this morning.*

 **CD SUNDAY CELEBRATION**

 **Sunday, June 10!!!!!**

**DURING WORSHIP**

**Baptism will be celebrated in the service.**

**FOLLOWING WORSHIP……**

**Our Well Loved…Annual BBQ ON THE LAWN**

**Hamburgers, hot dogs, chips, drinks & cake supplied.**

**WE INVITE YOU TO PLEASE CONTRIBUTE A SALAD IF YOU CAN. Please bring it downstairs to the big kitchen before worship. Thankyou!!**

**We are so thankful for our teachers & leaders**

**and thank them for a wonderful year of church school!**

**We are so blessed to have our young people in the congregation,**

**and to have adults dedicated to their Christian Development ………**

**let us celebrate!!**

