



## First United Methodist Church

# Check it Out!

Sunday, January 17, 2021

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### Prelude

*Praeludium in C*, Georg Böhm  
Joe Galema, Organist

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### Hymn

*When Morning Gilds the Skies*, Hymnal, Page 185

### Call to Worship

Laura Whitmore

**Leader:** O God, you have searched us and known us

**People:** When we sit down and when we rise up, when we worship and pray, and praise and serve;

**Leader:** You discern our thoughts from far away

**People:** Our hopes and dreams, our worries, and fears. You search out our paths and are acquainted with all our ways.

**Leader:** Even before a word is on our tongue, O Lord, you know it completely.

**People:** You hem us in, behind and before, and lay your hand upon us. We praise you!

Wonderful are your works! We worship you, O God!

### Invocation

God, we come with distracted hearts and busy minds. We are not fully present. Take away our anxiety, our fear and our doubts. Help us to lay them at your feet so that we may focus solely on you. You deserve our worship; so let nothing keep us from giving you all that we have today. This day is about you and for you. Guide us as we worship now. Amen.

### Call to Confession

### Prayer of Confession

Loving and forgiving God, we are in conflict! We want to be followers of Christ, but we cling to our own desires and plans. We want to be filled with joy, but we are beset with worry and anxiety. We long for a vibrant prayer life, but our busy lives leave us tired and afraid of solitude. We confess that we succumb to the allures of this world — having more, doing more, running faster and harder — and all the while, we fail to see the needs of our neighbors and ignore the needs of our own souls. Forgive us, we pray. Renew within us hearts that are open to receive your grace. Refresh our spirits by the cleansing rain of your forgiveness. Rekindle within us faith, compassion, and generosity. We ask this in the name of our Savior and Friend, Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Words of Assurance

### Special Music

*Deep River*, African-American Spiritual, arr. Jay Arnold  
Trudy Fennewald, Soloist; Joe Galema, Pianist

**Time for Children**

**Marjorie Gross**

**Words of Welcome**

**Offertory**

*O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*, Healey Willan  
Joe Galema, Organist

**Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*,  
Hymnal, Page 94

**Affirmation of Faith**

Hymnal, Page 888  
**Steve Harter**

**Hymn**

*Be Thou My Vision*, Hymnal, Page 451

**Scripture Lesson**

Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18, Old Testament, Page 618  
**Steve Harter**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Laura Whitmore**

**Lord's Prayer**

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread;  
And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

**Anthem**

*Psalm 139*, Allen Pote  
Youth Singers  
Steve Harter, Director; Joe Galema, Pianist

**Scripture Reading**

John 1:43-51, New Testament, Page 1050

**Sermon**

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**Kent Ingram**

**Closing Hymn**

*Open My Eyes, That I May See*, Hymnal, Page 454

**Benediction**

**Postlude**

*Fanfare*, Ronald Arnatt  
Joe Galema, Organist