

Gathering Music

Praise Band
Control
Reckless Love of God

Ringing of the Bells

Dean Brown

***Opening Song**

Just As I Am
UMH 357

Centering Thought

Nate Stockhaus

Service. The ability to elevate any deed or service that aids the church or another person to a form of worship without concern or desire for rank, popularity, position, or recognition. Charles V. Bryant

Prayers of the People

Pastor Jo Ann

The 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

“We Are Marching in the Light of God”**Children's Message: Good Reasons to Make Noise****“They Will Know We Are Christians By Our Love”****Mission Focus: Backpack Program**

Margie Stoner

Ministry News

Jan Southard

Prayer of Dedication

Brothers and sisters in Christ, we have received much from God—grace, mercy, abundance, the love of Christ, and the gift of life itself. In our worship, we praise God and give God thanks for these gifts. Let us now offer what we can as a way of saying, “Thank you.” In gratitude for God's generosity, let us share God's abundance with one another.

Offering***Doxology****Scripture: Luke 15:1-10**

Sarah Stockhaus

Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering around to hear Jesus. But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, “This man welcomes sinners and eats with them.”

Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.’ I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.

“Or suppose a woman has ten silver coins[a] and loses one. Doesn't she light a lamp, sweep the house and search carefully until she finds it? And when she finds it, she calls her friends and neighbors together and says, ‘Rejoice with me; I have found my lost coin.’ In the same way, I tell you, there is rejoicing in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

One: The word of God for the people of God.

All: Thanks be to God.***Hymn of Preparation**

Just a Closer Walk with Thee
TFWS 2185

Message: Best Things to Lose

Pastor Jo Ann

***Song of Sending**

What A Friend We Have In Jesus
UMH 526

***Benediction**

**Please stand as you are able*

Ministry News

Thank you to all who returned our recent survey. Our Full Inclusion Task Force will meet tomorrow night to carefully compile the results. We will discuss key themes at the Administrative Council on Tuesday at 7 and then at church on the 18th.

Pastor Jo Ann will lead two different workshops on spiritual gifts beginning this Wednesday at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please complete a spiritual gift inventory and join her to learn more about yourselves and your community.

Join us next Sunday after worship for a shared potluck with the Iglesia Nueva Visión community. We will have activities for the children after worship/ during choir practice. We will begin serving food at noon. Please consider sharing something that is a comfort food for you and hopefully we will have a variety of protein sources.

Our Wednesday 1pm study will resume September 21 with 12 More Women of the Bible.

Mark your calendars and plan to stay after worship on **September 25th** for our ministry fair. This will be a great time to learn more about the different ministries and committees in the church and ways you can get involved.

The United Methodist Churches in Clark County will meet with our district superintendent on Sunday, October 2 in the afternoon at First UMC Vancouver. We will also have our animal blessing that day!

A special Thank You to our:

Musicians: Jen Bohn-Hodapp, Bob Southard
Mike Loring, John Detchman, and Craig Stockhaus

Children's Ministry Director: Megan Schlegel
Assistant: Dale Castle

AV: Billy Yaddof, Meghan Green

Flower Team: Jan Southard, Carolyn Almond,
Mieko Heriford, Barb Pfeifer, Patti Novak, Cora Brown

All others that help to make Sunday service
a *joyous* experience.

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Sunday Worship
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10:00am