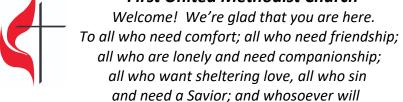
First United Methodist Church



-we open wide our doors and say, "Come; let us worship together."

10:15 am Sunday Worship

May 12, 2024

LIGHTING OF THE ALTAR CANDLE

Jisung Yim

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART

Vivian Eaton

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE TO HONOR MOTHERS POEM FOR MOTHERS

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Ronda Rathje

L: Easter people, raise your voices, for you belong to the Risen Christ!

P: We belong to Christ, and so we share in Christ together.

L: Just as we share in Christ together, so we are called to share Christ with the world.

P: We share Christ by proclaiming the good news of God's love to the world.

L: How will you share God's love with the world?

P: By loving, respecting, and honoring our neighbors, especially those the world neglects, overlooks, and ignores.

L: Easter people, you belong to the Risen Christ!

P: Because we belong to Christ, we will share Christ's love and belonging everywhere we go.

*SONG: "All the Earth Will Sing Your Praises" Worship DVD

OPENING PRAYER

Ronda Rathje

God of incredible surprises, as we gaze into the clouds, remind us that we are standing on holy ground. Place our feet on the pathways of peace and hope. Draw our attention from the vision of the Lord rising to the heavens to be with you and help us to focus on the ministries that you would have us do. Keep us ready and willing always to serve you all our days. Amen.

THE APOSTLE'S CREED #881 Ronda Rathje

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and

earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

POEM FOR MOTHERS

CHILDREN'S TIME

LaVona Grissinger

POEM FOR MOTHERS

SCRIPTURE Psalm 1 (CEB)
*GOSPEL John 17:11-19 (CEB)

Ronda Rathje Pastor Dave Yim

L: The Word of God for the people of God.

A: Thanks be to God!

HYMN #526 "What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

MESSAGE "Motherly Love"

Pastor Dave Yim

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS (Email the office)
PRAYER FOR PEOPLE
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. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERING OURSELVES

*DOXOLOGY #95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

Compassionate Creator, in our communal life, may our actions, love, and giving reflect Christ's presence within us. Help us live in a way that displays Christ's life in us, showcasing love, respect, and hospitality. As we share and give, may it reflect not only on us but also glorify Jesus. Guide us in honoring one another and celebrating our commitments as part of our faith. In gratitude, abundance, and equity, we present these

offerings, believing that sharing Christ is the most loving act. In the name of Jesus, our rock and redeemer, we pray. Amen.

*SONG: "More Than Enough" (Video)

by Shawna Edwards

*PRAYER FOR MOTHERS

God of love, on this day as we celebrate the importance of motherhood, we first give thanks that you are a loving parent to us all. From your very being, all life was born, and under your care, all creation is nurtured. You have formed us in your image as your children, gathering us together as a family under your wing. We rejoice in your divine love, reflected in the human expressions of motherhood. We thank you for the mothers among us and ask for your strength to uphold them in their daily tasks. Grant them wisdom as they teach, patience in discipline, and perseverance in fostering decency and compassion through both word and example. May they receive the honor and gratitude they deserve but often do not receive. Bless our mothers with hearts filled with love, that in all places and times, they may reflect your love and grace in their lives. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

*GOING FORTH TO THE WORLD

Vivian Eaton

In Our Prayers

Emilee Derrer, Rhonda Harlock Smith, Gi-Tae Yim, Sandy Froehlich, Barb McFadden, Glen White, Pastor Bill Landis, Shirley Hastings, Alice Riffe-Torrison (Ronda's mom), Dale Wurster, Owen Davies (Bonnie's son), Curtis Pilgrim (Kris Yingling's friend), Steve Runge (Ronda's friend), Connie Zink, Pastor Lee (Pastor Dave's friend), Don & Judy Greenfield, Sandy Pratt, Shirley Fritz, Lexi Tsoukalas (Molly's great niece), Debbie Bilik (Janet Morlock's friend), Tim Cavanagh, Scarlett Huebner, Chrissy Sullivan, Miles Purchis (Max & Martha Purchis' grandson), John & Linda Jachino, Paul Mayer, Angie (Paula's friend), Roger Furrow, Kurtis (Susan Michelle's friend), Eli (Bob & Lavona's grandson), Paula Mayer, Young-Ho Yim (Bang-Wool's father), Tinslee, Ed & Barb Jepsen, Mary (Belander) Klein, Howard Nichols, Jackie Walker, Bang-Wool Yim, Dennis Plattenberger, (Mary's friend), LaVona Grissinger's granddaughter, Shirley Hastings, Courtney Johnson, Chuck Curtis, Eldar (Karen Hoffman's friend), Joe Jensen, our Confirmands (Jon, Aidan, Jiho, Asia, Caleb, and Lexi), the farmers, and WC staff & students. Our shut-ins: Sylvia Reuterfors, Dorothy Taylor, Erik & Alice Riffe-Torrison, Joy Turner, Steve Yenney, Brenda Hamm, Janice Wilt, Mary Ellen Dreger, Herb, Sandy & Ben Pratt, Florence Bevins-Powell, and Shirley Fritz.

Our country & government, Military Personnel & their families, the safety of Ukrainians & end of wars, Syria, Israel, the Gaza Strip, peace in the Middle East, and the victims of everyday violence and their families.

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

May 12 – Cody Johnson

14 – Courtney Johnson

15 - Dave & Bang-Wool Yim (2010)

15 – Joe & Bituin Michels (2004)

16 – Charlene Mayer

CALENDAR

Monday, May 13

1 to 3 pm – Sewing Ladies

7:30 to 9 pm – GriefShare Online Group

Tuesday, May 14

11 am – Transition meeting

5 pm – Finance/Growth meeting

Wednesday, May 15

10 am – Choir practice

4:30 to 6:30 pm – JOY Ministry Dinner

6 to 7 pm – Baccalaureate @ High School

Thursday, May 16 (Pastor out of Office)

9 am – Bible Study @ McDonald's

11:30 am – Soul Sisters "Hat's Off to Mom"

3:30 pm – Worship meeting

7 pm – Zoom Prayer meeting

Saturday, May 18

4 pm – Confirmation rehearsal

Sunday, May 19 (Confirmation Sunday)

8:45 am – Adult Sunday School

9 am - Trustees

9:30 am - Kids/Youth Sunday School (Last Day!)

10:15 am – Worship Service

11:30 am – Ad Council

WORSHIP HELPERS

	May 19	May 26
Acolyte	Ryker McCombie	Asia LaShelle
Liturgist	LeaAnn Michels	Rev Bonnie Davies
Counter	Lori Miller	Vivian Eaton
Verifier	Sharon F Guilinger	LaVona Grissinger
Coffee Hour	Confirmation	Esther Losh
Greeter		Mark Rathje
Ushers	Kelley Johnson	Ronda Rathje

Last Week's Attendance: 51

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>WC Food Pantry</u> – is in desperate need of pancake mix and syrup, Please! <u>Blessing Basket</u> – We are in need of laundry soap, and paper towels. We always need paper products. Your support is greatly appreciated! **The Women's Group** is asking you to bring clean and dry plastic bags.

The group will make sleeping mats out of them for homeless people.

You can drop them off in a box in the sewing room at church.

<u>Weekly Zoom Prayer Meetings</u> –will be every Thursday, @ 7 pm. Pastor Dave will email you a link each week.

<u>Pictures for Church Directory</u> – If you have not had your picture taken, please see Ronda to set up a time ASAP!!!

<u>Volunteers needed</u> - to man the Savanna Food Pantry on Tuesday, May 28th and Thursday, May 30th. Hours are 9am to 12 noon. If you are interested please call Molly Andersen at 815-273-2104.

<u>Graduation Sunday</u> – will be Sunday, June 2nd! Get your graduate's picture and information (graduate's name, school graduating from, type of degree, and future plans to the office by May 28th.

<u>Confirmation Class</u> – will meet Saturday, May 18 @ 4 pm for rehearsal. <u>JOY (Just Older Youth) Ministry</u> – gathering will be Wednesday, May 15th at 4:30 pm to 6:30 pm. RSVP is required! (Call the office no later than Monday, May 13th at 12 noon to reserve your spot!)

<u>T-shirts</u> – orders are due by Tuesday, May 14th at 12 noon! (Cost is: Sm-XL=\$8.44, 2XL=\$12.69, 3X, 4X, 5X=\$13.76) Be sure to put your size and color (blue or mint green) of t-shirt on your form! If you need a form, see the Ushers.

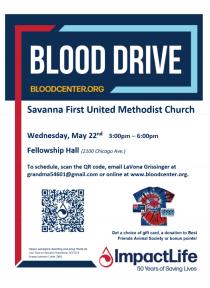
<u>Last Day Of Sunday School</u> – will be Sunday, May 19th.

<u>Blood Drive</u> – will be Wednesday, May 22nd @ 3 to 6 pm. See below! <u>Summer Church Worship at 9:30 am</u> – will begin on June 2nd.

<u>Please make sure the doors are closed & locked</u> – when you come to the building after hours!

<u>Nursery Room Usage</u> – per NIC Safe Sanctuary policies, no child/children are to be in there without a parent or certified adult (18 or older) present. Please clean up when finished.

New Sewing Ministry – We invite all sewers to get involved in our sewing ministry buy getting a kit in the sewing room. Several are available. (Pattern & material) Check out this ministry in the sewing room after church or ask any member of United Women in Faith. This gives those who cannot come Monday afternoons to sew a chance to be part of this important ministry by sewing at home at your convenience. Check this out!!!





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Vision Statement "Our faith calls us to action in the body of Christ and in the local community to love God and to love others"

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