



**First United Methodist Church**

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.  
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;  
all who are lonely and need companionship;  
all who want sheltering love, all who sin  
and need a Savior; and whosoever will  
—we open wide our doors and say,  
“Come; let us worship together.”*

9:30am Sunday Worship May 30, 2021

MUSIC TO PREPARE OUR HEART Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

Pledge of Allegiance

The National Anthem: “Star Spangled Banner”

PRESENTATION OF MEMORIAL SYMBOLS

Hymn #698 “America”

Dog Tags, Helmet, Duffel Bag, Poppies, Yellow Ribbon,  
Medals, Bible

RECOGNITION OF SERVICE BRANCHES

Veterans please stand as your branch of service is named.  
Air Force, Army, Coast Guard, Marines, Navy

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Let us give thanks to God for the land of our birth  
with all its chartered liberties. For all the wonder  
of our country’s story.

**P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!**

L: For leaders in nation and state who in days past  
and in these present times have labored for justice  
and for peace.

**P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!**

L: For those who in all times and places have been  
true and brave, and in the world’s common ways  
have lived upright lives and ministered to their  
fellow human beings.

**P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!**

L: For those who served their country in its hour of  
need, and especially for those who gave even

their lives in that service.

**P: WE GIVE YOU THANKS, O GOD!**

L: Merciful God, as we remember these, your  
servants, remembering with gratitude their  
courage and strength, we hold before you those  
who mourn them. Look upon your bereaved  
servants with your mercy. As this day brings them  
memories of those they have lost, may its also  
bring your consolation and the assurance that  
their loved ones are alive now and forever in your  
presence.

**A: Amen.**

HYMN#698 “God of the Ages” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**Eternal God, as we remember those who have made the  
ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we enjoy every day,  
we think of how they have followed in the footsteps of  
your son, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Please hold our  
servicemen and women, police officers, and fire fighters  
in your strong arms. Cover them with your sheltering  
grace and your presence as they stand in the gap for our  
protection. We also remember the families of heroes. We  
ask for your unique blessings to fill their homes, and we  
pray your peace, provision, and strength will fill their  
lives. May they trust in the Lord’s mighty power to  
accomplish each task. Let our military brothers and  
sisters, police officers, and fire fighters feel our love and  
support. In the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 29:1 & 11 (CEB)

GOSPEL LESSON John:3-16 -17(NRSV) (Please Rise)

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#696 “America the Beautiful” (Insert)

MESSAGE: “They So Love Our Country” Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert)

OFFERING OURSELVES

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**Living God, we praise you for the miraculous ways you  
answer prayer. You alone are the Lord! Throughout  
history, you have provided faithful leaders and sent your  
Spirit to renew all who follow you. Enable us to be more  
dedicated disciples, readily sharing our time and  
abilities through the ministries of your church here in  
Savanna. May your love in Jesus Christ be felt by people  
near and far whose lives are touched by our mission. We  
pray in your holy name. Amen.**

SONG “God Bless America”

God bless America, land that I love  
Stand beside her and guide her  
Through the night with the light from above  
From the mountains to the prairies  
To the oceans white with foam  
God bless America, my home sweet home

BENEDICTION

MEMORIAL TRIBUTE: PRESENTATION OF THE  
FOLDED FLAG

TAPS

GOING FORTH IN SILENCE

We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today.

We are glad you are here.

Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors

We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

### In Our Prayers

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer,  
Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes,  
Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk,  
Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dawn Barber,  
Alice Riffe, Robert Hill, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown,  
Janis Wilt, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Don Kramer,  
Yim Family, Art Kosier Family.  
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm,  
Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors,  
Bill & Letty Weidman.  
Our country & government/West Carroll Schools. Peace in  
Israel, India & Myanmar.

### Birthdays & Anniversaries

#### June

3 – Joe & Sharon Guilinger 1989

Sylvia Reuterfors

4 – Jim Eaton, Shari Morgan, Herb Pratt

### Calendar

Monday, May 31 – Memorial Day

No Yoga

No Sewing Ladies

Tuesday, June 1

6:30 pm – UMW - Old Mill Park

Wednesday, June 2

8 am – 3 pm Covid Vaccine Clinic



Worship summer schedule to begin on May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
9:30 am worship and will be having outside  
service only through Labor Day weekend.

## Drive-thru Free Vaccination clinic

**June 2 (Wed) 8 am – 3 pm**

**At First United Methodist Church of Savanna**

2100 Chicago Ave, Savanna, IL

**NO** Cost, **NO** Insurance Card Necessary.

**Pfizer or Moderna Vaccine!** Ages 12 & Up!

Under ages 18 need to be accompanied by a parent.

Pre-registration requested, but not required.

Walk-ins are available!

Contact Shari @**815-273-2345** or

Pastor Dave @**224-600-0446**

Email [office@firstumcsavanna.org](mailto:office@firstumcsavanna.org)

**Get Your Vaccine Now!!!!**



First United  
Methodist Church  
Sunday, 9:30 am  
May 30, 2021

**Vision 2021 – “Love God!”**

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic

(to build up strong and vital church)

Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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