



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.”*

9am Sunday Worship

October 25, 2020

PRELUDE

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

L: God, we know you are with us.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: You have showered your love upon all generations, since the beginning of time.

P: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

L: Guide us now through this time of worship, and into the week ahead.

A: From everlasting to everlasting, you are God.

HYMN#453 “More Love to Thee, O Christ” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Everlasting God, you have been our dwelling place in all generations. Since the creation of the world, you have nurtured us with your love. And yet we shamefully acknowledge that we do not always share your love with others. We are selective about who we choose as neighbors, only those who are clean, who look like us, who talk right, who seem safe. Loving God, teach us to love you more fully. For in loving

you, our lives will show love to all others, even as your love encompasses all your creation, in all generations. We pray in the name of your greatest gift of love, Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert)

SCRIPTURE: 1 Thessalonians 2:4-8 (CEB)

GOSPEL: Matthew 22:34-40 (CEB)

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

P: Thanks be to God.

HYMN#408 “The Gift of Love” (Insert)

MESSAGE: “Jesus’ Love is One of a Kind”

Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 244-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert)

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

Holy God, you continually work to transform the brokenness of this world into your Kingdom. You lift us up when we stumble in sin, so that we may honor you and live for your noble purposes. Embolden our congregation to tell others about your Son Jesus, whose presence brings new life. Fill our hearts with your Spirit’s gift of generosity, so that our lives and our offerings will be pleasing to you. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

HYMN#549 “Where Charity and Love Prevail” (Insert)

BENEDICTION

As you leave this place, may God’s love surround you, uphold you, and empower you to be agents of love in this world. Go in peace, bringing hope to this hurting and angry world.

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded online service on **our Church Website.**

In Our Prayers

Suzie Berg, Judy Dunn, Cindy,
Emilee Deerer, Sherri Miller, Susan Meyer,
Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck,
Beth Wickes, Suzanne Atherton, Kris Yingling,
Frank & Lois Grove,
Claire Winterburn, Dee Helle, Mark Rathje,
Big Meadows nursing home.
The family of Joe Parker at his passing.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm,
Dorothy Taylor, Frank Grove, Paul Brunner,
Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

West Carroll Schools,
Nursing homes in Carroll County,
Please lift the victims of the
wildfire and storm areas as well.
Military Personnel and their families

Birthdays and Anniversaries

October

26 Carissa Bundy
27 Adam Whitmer, Natalie Shaw
28 Autumn Morfey, Josh Hanson
29 John Jachino, Maddie McDonnell
30 Kyle Moore

Calendar

Monday, October 26

9am Body & Soul Yoga
1pm Sewing Ladies

Wednesday, October 28

9:30am Rockford Clergy Meeting

Thursday, October 29

9am Body & Soul Yoga
9am Bible Study
5:45pm SPRC Meeting with DS
6:30pm Church Conference ZOOM

Sunday, November 1

TIME CHANGE, FALL BACK
9am Sunday School
10:15am Outdoor Worship/
Communion Sunday/ All Saints Day

Monday, November 2

9am Body & Soul Yoga
1pm Sewing Ladies
3:30-5pm WC Food Pantry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. 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.
2. Friendly reminder: Charlene & Paula you are the counters for next week November 1st, 2020. The verifier is Sharon Guiling. Thank you!
3. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 44
4. Church Conference will be held by Zoom meeting on Thursday, October 29th. SPRC will meet with the DS at 5:45pm and the Annual Conference will begin at 6:30pm.
5. **Beginning NOVEMBER 1st, worship services will continue outdoors, but be moved to 10:15am.** Adult Sunday school will be from 9 to 9:45am. **Mark your calendar for the FALL BACK time change as well!!**
6. Next Sunday, Nov. 1, we will be honoring All Saints Day during worship. You will have an opportunity to come forward and honor your loved one with a candle.
7. Soul Sisters next outing is scheduled for Friday, Nov. 13 at 1pm. A carpool to the Carroll County Senior Center, Dairy Queen and trivia in the fellowship hall are planned. RSVP and questions to Linda Jachino at 815-541-4760.
8. We are collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves, etc. here at the church for those in need. If you have something hanging around, please consider dropping it off for those less fortunate. Thank you!!



First United Methodist Church Sunday, 9:00 am

*“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”
--Jesus Christ*

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