

First United Methodist Church

July 5, 2020



Worship: 5:00 pm on Saturdays; 10:00 am on Sundays

*202 S Peoria Ave
Dixon, IL 61021*

Services online at: www.fumcdixon.org - Facebook: First United Methodist Church in Dixon IL

*Our mission is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world by faithfully uplifting the message of Christ*

Prelude

Welcome and Greeting

1. Make sure you remind people to come for welcome and drive through communion.

Call to Worship

L: We gather this morning appreciating our freedom to worship God.

P: May God continue to bless the Church of Christ in this land.

L: We draw near to the God who rules over all nations

P: May God continue to bless our country and all the countries in the world.

L: We seek to live in harmony and peace together with all peoples on the earth.

P: May God continue to establish peace on earth and help us understand that it begins in our hearts.

L: Come, let us worship the Lord!

Hymn:

"This Is My Song"

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Passing of the Peace

Scripture Reading: Galatians 5:1, 13-24

^{5:1} For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

¹³ For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence,¹⁴ but through love become slaves to one another. ¹⁴ For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

¹⁵ If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another.

¹⁶Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. ¹⁷For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. ¹⁸But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. ¹⁹Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, ²⁰idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, ²¹envy, ²²drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God.

²²By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, ²³gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. ²⁴And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. ²⁵If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

Message

Freedom is not independence

Pastor Tim Mitchell

Hymn of Preparation

"Freely, Freely"

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Celebration of Holy Communion

Call to Reconciliation

There is nothing, nothing, which can divide us – in life and death - from God. So let us confess our worst faults and eager failings, so we may be touched by the healing power of God. Join me as we pray together, saying,

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

O God, forgive us for being afraid to touch those who come to us for hope; we want to love the whole world: forgive us for ignoring our neighbor; we long for peace: forgive us for the pain we inflict on our families and friends; we want to share with those we love and like: forgive us for walking past those who need you most.

Forgive us, Loving God, for we do not excel in everything you call us to do. Give us

grace: to touch those who frighten us; to carry the Bread of Life to the hungry; to offer the blessings of the kingdom to everyone we meet, even as you have graced us in Christ Jesus, our Lord and Savior.

Assurance of Pardon

Listen to the Good News! Hope in God, for God's love has no ending; God fills us with grace and hope, this day, and forever.

God hears our voice, and listens to our prayers, redeeming us from all our sins. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

THANKSGIVING

The Lord is with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

Father (Almighty God), on this day when we celebrate
our nation's heritage

it is fitting that we give you thanks and praise.

You created a land rich in resources

and set before the founders and pioneers of our nation

an opportunity beyond measure

to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom

that might be a blessing to all the world.

We cannot congratulate ourselves on what we have done

with your creation and with these opportunities,

but when we consider your bounty and your mercy

and see afresh the dream you set before us

we join with your people in every land on earth

and with all the company of heaven
in your unceasing praise.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Most of all, Father (gracious God),
we thank you that you gave your Son Jesus Christ,
to be for us the way, the truth, and the life.
He proclaimed justice to all peoples,
good news to the poor,
release for prisoners,
sight for the blind,
and freedom for the oppressed.
On the night he was arrested and sentenced to death
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples,
and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."
When supper was over,
he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples,
and said, "Drink from this, all of you;
this is my blood, which seals God's promise,
poured out for you and many, for the forgiveness of sins."
We remember and proclaim the mystery of faith.
He suffered for the sin of the world.
He died to free us from the power of death.
He rose from the dead, so that we might also rise to new life.
At his ascension he promised to be with us always.
When we eat this bread and drink from this cup

we experience anew the presence of the Lord Jesus Christ
and look forward to his coming in final victory.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Send your Spirit

on us and on these gifts of bread and wine,
that in this holy sharing we may recognize the Christ,
who gave his body and blood for us all.

May this offering of praise and thanksgiving,
in union with your Son's offering of himself for us,
be a holy and acceptable offering of ourselves to you.

Hasten the day when the prophets' dream shall come to pass,
when justice shall roll down like waters
and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,
when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,
neither shall they learn war any more.

This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord.

By him, with him, and in him,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father,

now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF BREAD AND SHARING OF THE CUP

**THE GIVING OF BREAD AND THE CUP – Drive through at Dixon First – beginning at
11:30 pm**

Congregational Prayers

Telling of God's Activity and sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

O Lord, we wait for you to come again into our midst. Sometimes we wait patiently, sometimes not. Always we are aware of how much the world needs you. We pray today for those in our community who need your healing and comfort. **Lord in your Mercy – Hear our prayer**

We pray for persons in leadership across our country, that together we might make wise decisions. **Lord in your Mercy – Hear our prayer**

We pray for brothers and sisters around the world, whose lives are torn apart by war. **Lord in your Mercy – Hear our prayer**

We pray for the saints who have witnessed to your love. **Lord in your Mercy – Hear our prayer**

We pray, knowing that you are with us now, and that you will strengthen us to keep awake,
to keep the faith, to keep working for the time when Christ will come again to surprise us anew with love and justice on earth. And now as the children of God called to be the body of Christ let us pray as Jesus taught us to pray, Saying,

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.

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Offertory

Special Music: Make Me a Servant – Tom Whitcombe

***Prayer of Thanks and Dedication**

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***Hymn of Going Forth**

“America”

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***God’s Blessing**

***Postlude**

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Ministry Matters, Rev. Thom Shuman and Nancy Burnett



Weekly Bible Reading—Bible Overview Reading Plan

<i>7/06/2020</i>	<i>Esther</i>	<i>2</i>
<i>7/07/2020</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>3</i>
<i>7/08/2020</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>4</i>
<i>7/09/2020</i>	<i>James</i>	<i>5</i>
<i>7/10/2020</i>	<i>Esther</i>	<i>6</i>