

First United Methodist Church

June 5th & 6th, 2021



*Worship: 5:00 pm on Saturdays in the Chapel
10:00 am on Sundays in the Sanctuary*

*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

Greeting

Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made!

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: This is a day of new beginnings!

P: This is a time for growing into new disciples for Jesus.

L: Come, let us prepare ourselves for worship

P: Let us be prepared for service to God. AMEN.

Opening Hymn:

"Give Thanks"

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Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord, we come this day, having seen the miracles of everyday creation in our world. We have enjoyed both the bright sunshine and the gentle rains. We have marveled over the beauty of flowers and the complexity of your creation. Make our hearts ready to receive your word for us, that we may go forth from this place ready to joyfully serve you all of our days. In Jesus name we pray.
AMEN.

Scripture: Psalm 138

¹ I give you thanks, O LORD, with my whole heart;

before the gods I sing your praise;

² I bow down toward your holy temple

and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness;

for you have exalted your name and your word
above everything.

³ On the day I called, you answered me,

you increased my strength of soul.

⁴ All the kings of the earth shall praise you, O LORD,

for they have heard the words of your mouth.

⁵ They shall sing of the ways of the LORD,

for great is the glory of the LORD.

⁶ For though the LORD is high, he regards the lowly;
but the haughty he perceives from far away.
⁷ Though I walk in the midst of trouble,
you preserve me against the wrath of my enemies;
you stretch out your hand,
and your right hand delivers me.
⁸ The LORD will fulfill his purpose for me;
your steadfast love, O LORD, endures forever.
Do not forsake the work of your hands.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: Unshakeable Faith: Living a life of Praise and Thanksgiving

Pastor Tim Mitchell

Celebration of Holy Communion

Call to Reconciliation

We know what it is like to be rejected, but we also remember turning our backs on others. We have experienced conflict, as well as caused pain to others. Let us confess our foolish lives to the One who seeks to forgive us on this day, and every day.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

Everybody else does it, Watching God, and we confess that we do as well. We listen to those whose promises are sold to the highest bidder. We idolize celebrities as if they were teachers of ethics. We long for that one person who will make everything right, once again, once and for all.

Is it any wonder we are a disappointed people, God of Hope? Forgive us for turning our backs on you, even as you continue to stretch out your arms to us. Forgive us for trusting in those who prove to be false, rather than having faith in your love. Forgive us, and fill us with the spirit of faith which is given to us in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

Do not lose heart! God seeks to strengthen our souls, filling us with forgiveness, wonder, and joy!

Glory to you, God of mercy and grace. You want only the best for us, and so we sing praises to you. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

Prayer of Dedication/Offering (Unison)

We believe, and so we will speak. We speak, and so we will live. We will live, and so we will be generous, because we know that, by your grace, these gifts we offer will extend hope, peace, and life to more and more people. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May the God of steadfast love be with you!

And also with you!

Sisters and brothers of Christ, lift your hearts to God.

We open ourselves to the One who fills us with grace.

Beloved of the Lord, sing glad praises to God.

Songs of wonder are offered to our God.

Catching a glimpse of goodness and beauty, you shattered the stillness of chaos with your imaginative Word, your Spirit of faith moving, transforming, shaping, creating. What had not been seen before sprang forth: suns and moons spinning in the galaxies, rivers racing one another to the seas, gentle grains whispering in the breeze. This garden of wonders and hopes were shared with those you created in your image, but we wanted to do things our way and forsook you for the temptations offered to us by sin and death. You would not forsake us and sent the prophets to us with words of hope and grace, but we rejected their words as having no meaning for us. Your love was steadfast and your faith for us did not diminish as you sent Jesus to call us back to your heart.

With those whose faith is strong and firm, with those who struggle to believe, with all of every time and place, we sing our songs of thanksgiving to you:

Holy, holy, holy are you, God of our hearts.

All creation praises you with words of hope.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes to strengthen our souls.

Hosanna in the highest!

You are holy, God of hope and forgiveness, and Jesus Christ is your love made human. He could have come to divide us, but came that we might be one with you and with our sisters and brothers. He could have come to judge us, but came to pull us out of harm's way. He could have come to defy us, but came to reject Death and sin's claim on us, defeating their power once and for all.

As we remember how we have turned our backs on him, as we hear his invitation to this Table of grace, we speak of that faith in which we believe:

Christ died, showing us the way of obedience;

Christ is raised, showing us the way of new life;

Christ will come, showing us your glory.

You surround us with your care, stretching out your hand upon those gathered in this place, your Spirit transforming ordinary gifts into sacred grace and hope. We taste the bread and drink from the cup, and notice what we have not seen: the hunger of the world, the loneliness of those around us, the child with no hope, and we do not lose heart, trusting that you will use us to serve these needs around us so that grace upon grace might be shared with our sisters and brothers.

And when you stretch out your hands to lead us home, and we are gathered around the Feast of the Lamb which we can only glimpse in this moment, we will sing of your steadfast love and faithfulness forever and ever, God in Community, Holy in One. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Sharing of the bread and cup through drive through Communion after the service until 11:45 at the church. You may also stop by the church during the week and pick up your communion elements

Congregational Prayers

Telling of God's Activity and sharing joys and concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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.

Hymn:

"He is Exalted"

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Blessing and Sending

On this day, let us leave with thanksgiving in our hearts,
going to share God's love with everyone we meet.

On this day, let us go to speak of what Jesus has done,
pouring grace upon grace into all the lives around us.

On this day, let us go to share what we believe,
singing glad songs of the Spirit to our silenced world.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Gary Pierce, Farrell Wright, Irma DeLashmet, Ben Bryson (grandson of Jessie Marie and Dick Dir), Corinne Hunsberger, Norm Krug, Nancy Moore, Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Marilyn Millin (Pat Fox's sister), Glenn Kersten, Russell Johnson, Jim Book, Milan Christian, Linda Heckert, Carolyn Paisley

Thank you to my church family for the prayers and cards during the passing of my brother. Shirley Hann

THE CHURCH IS NOT accepting any recycling items until further notice!!!!

Military Calendar

The Prayer Team is once again creating a calendar listing people currently serving in the military. If you have a family member or friend currently serving in the military and would like him/her to be prayed for please provide the information requested below.

Only name and birthdate (month and day) will be put on the calendar. Please include their address if possible so cards can be sent at Christmas time. The calendar will be distributed to the congregation giving us the opportunity to pray for God's protection for those serving in the military throughout the next year.

Soldier's Name _____

Month of Birth _____ Day of Birth _____

Branch of the Service _____

Mailing address of soldier _____

Names of soldier's spouse and/or number of children _____

Person submitting soldiers name _____

Your relationship to soldier _____ -- _____

Please provide the information to Melissa by calling the office at 815-284-2849, stopping by the office, or emailing her at dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com by June 28, 2021.

Thank you for supporting our military.

"Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord..." Psalm 33:12

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Weekly Bible Reading Dixon First Reads Together

Week 6/7-6/11: Nahum 3, Habakkuk 1-3, Zephaniah 1

<i>Monday:</i>	<i>Nahum Chapter 3</i>
<i>Tuesday:</i>	<i>Habakkuk Chapter 1</i>
<i>Wednesday:</i>	<i>Habakkuk Chapter 2</i>
<i>Thursday:</i>	<i>Habakkuk Chapter 3</i>
<i>Friday:</i>	<i>Zephaniah Chapter 1</i>

