

First United Methodist Church

July 3rd & 4th, 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

Pledge to the Christian Flag

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands. One brotherhood, uniting all mankind, in service and love.

Pledge of Allegiance

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America and to the republic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

Call to Worship

L: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

P: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

L: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea,

P: There God's greatness stands majestically.

L: God's greatness can be within the human heart.

P: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion.

AMEN.

Hymn:

"America"

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Opening Prayer (unison)

Gracious God, you have made all of the peoples of the earth for your glory. You invite us to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our nation a zeal for justice and the strength for forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will. We ask this on a day of celebration, a day of hope for a nation made free. We ask this in the name of the one who welcomes all to be free indeed. Inspire us to live and worship in your freedom and for the sake of your kingdom. Amen.

Scripture Reading: Mark 6:1-13

Jesus left there and went to his hometown, accompanied by his disciples. ²When the Sabbath came, he began to teach in the synagogue, and many who heard him were amazed.

“Where did this man get these things?” they asked. “What’s this wisdom that has been given him? What are these remarkable miracles he is performing? ³Isn’t this the carpenter? Isn’t this Mary’s son and the brother of James, Joseph, Judas and Simon? Aren’t his sisters here with us?” And they took offense at him.

⁴Jesus said to them, “A prophet is not without honor except in his own town, among his relatives and in his own home.” ⁵He could not do any miracles there, except lay his hands on a few sick people and heal them. ⁶He was amazed at their lack of faith. Then Jesus went around teaching from village to village. ⁷Calling the Twelve to him, he began to send them out two by two and gave them authority over impure spirits.

⁸These were his instructions: “Take nothing for the journey except a staff—no bread, no bag, no money in your belts. ⁹Wear sandals but not an extra shirt. ¹⁰Whenever you enter a house, stay there until you leave that town. ¹¹And if any place will not welcome you or listen to you, leave that place and shake the dust off your feet as a testimony against them.” ¹²So they went out and proclaimed that all should repent. ¹³They cast out many demons, and anointed with oil many who were sick and cured them.

Message

Coming Home

Pastor Tim Mitchell

Hymn of Preparation

“Spirit of the Living God”

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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.

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, 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 juice,
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 as service concludes

Congregational Prayers

Telling of God’s Activity and sharing Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

Holy God who both calls us and confronts us: the gifts we bring to you are only a small part of multitude we have received from your goodness. In the depth of our being, we know that in calling us, what you really seek is our faith, our belief, our conviction – our very hearts. What you long for from us is not a trip to church but a lifelong journey into the world to follow Jesus with our whole being. Forgive our unbelief, our holding back, and lead us in the way that frees us from the grip of the world – the way of life! In Christ, we pray. Amen.
based on Mark 6:1-13

***Hymn of Going Forth:** *“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”* #569 UMH

***God’s Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Gary Pierce, Farrell Wright, 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, Milan Christian, Linda Heckert, Cindy Bennett

The church will be reopening at 1pm on Monday, July 5th.

It's God's Garden Table time again. If you have a garden and have extra, please bring to church on Saturday night or Sunday morning so members can buy them. Proceeds will go to the Food Pantry.

Ever wonder what a good old-fashioned Camp Meeting was like? Curious as to the impact it can have on your life? They still exist-music and teaching in an open-air Tabernacle. Cabins and a cafeteria are included on the grounds. Beulah Holiness Camp in Eldorado, IL is one such camp. Camp Meetings week is July 23-30th this year. Questions can be directed to Becky Macklin (815) 973-7177.

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

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Weekly Bible Reading Dixon First Reads Together

Week 7/05-7/09: Zechariah 12-14, Malachi 1-2

Monday: Zechariah Chapter 12

Tuesday: Zechariah Chapter 13

Wednesday: Zechariah Chapter 14

Thursday: Malachi Chapter 1

Friday: Malachi Chapter 2

