

First United Methodist Church

August 21st & 22nd, 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

Special Music

"I Will Lift My Eyes"

Men's Trio

Greeting

*Call to Worship

L: Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

P: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.

L: I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

P: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.

L: I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

P: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.

L: Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

P: I place my confidence and trust in God always. AMEN.

Opening Hymn:

"Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus"

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Opening Prayer (unison)

Holy One of mystery and power, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth below, keeping covenant and steadfast love with all who walk before you with pure and upright hearts. Fill our lives with your glory, as you filled the temple with cloud when Solomon first brought the ark into your holy dwelling place. Give us the strength and the power to withstand the forces of evil at work in our lives and in our world. Amen.

Special Music

"Always Be a Child"

Carla Anderson

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 6:10-20

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹ Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹² For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³ Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴ Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵ As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God. ¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

Armored

Pastor Young Sun Lee

***Hymn of Response:**

"Great is the Lord"

#2022 TFWS

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 (unison)

God of power and might: Through the ages, you have reminded us through prophets and apostles that we are called to battle – not with one another, but against the powers of darkness and evil. It is this battle that sends children to bed with empty bellies, while others have so much food it damages their health. It is the battle that imprisons those whose only crime is poverty, while those with more than they could ever spend lose sleep scheming how to get more. As we make our gifts to you this day, may we remember on which side we're on. In the precious, loving name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

***Hymn of Going Forth:**

"Standing on the Promises"

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***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun, Discipleship Ministries, Ministry Matters, 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, Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Marilyn Millin (Pat Fox's sister), Glenn Kersten, Linda Heckert, Cindy Bennett, Erika H., Hiram Ludwig

Our adult Sunday class that formally met in the Ruth Room will now meet in the Parlor beginning on September 5 at 8:30. We will be studying the book "Exodus: Learning to Trust God." Everyone is welcome.

Choir returning!!! Invitation for singers to join the Chancel Choir which rehearses every Wednesday 7:30-8:30 starting on August 18th. The Bell Choir will be rehearsing every Wednesday 6-7 starting August 18th. If you are interested in joining please come to rehearsal and if you have any questions please contact Tommy Whitcombe.

Our church is scheduled to deliver Meals on Wheels September 13-17 and September 20-24. We need volunteers to cover four routes each day with two people per route. I have contact information for those of you who have helped before but, if you have not been part of this ministry and would like to, please call or text Sue Stach at 815-535-7996 or email her at kevin@sue@comcast.net. Thank you! Sue

Reminder: new protocols are being put in place due to St. Anne's using the church for at least the first part of the school year. If you have questions on what protocols are being put in place, please feel free to contact Melissa, Pastor Tim or Pastor Young Sun.

PRAYERS FOR STUDENTS (2021-2022)

If you would like prayers for a student for the 2021-2022 school year; please email the information to dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com or printout this information and return it to the church on or before September 5, 2021. We will make sure that the student's name is distributed to a member of our congregation who will pray for them this school year. Please provide the following information for each child you would like to be covered in prayer.

Student's Name

GRADE level in 2021-22: Preschool K 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 12
College

Person submitting student's name and relationship to child (parent, grandparent, other relative, friend, etc.)

RECEIVE A STUDENT NAME TO PRAY FOR:

If you are interested in praying for one of these students throughout the year please provide your name and email address or mailing address to dixon1stsecretary@yahoo.com or bring this info to the church on or before September 5, 2021.

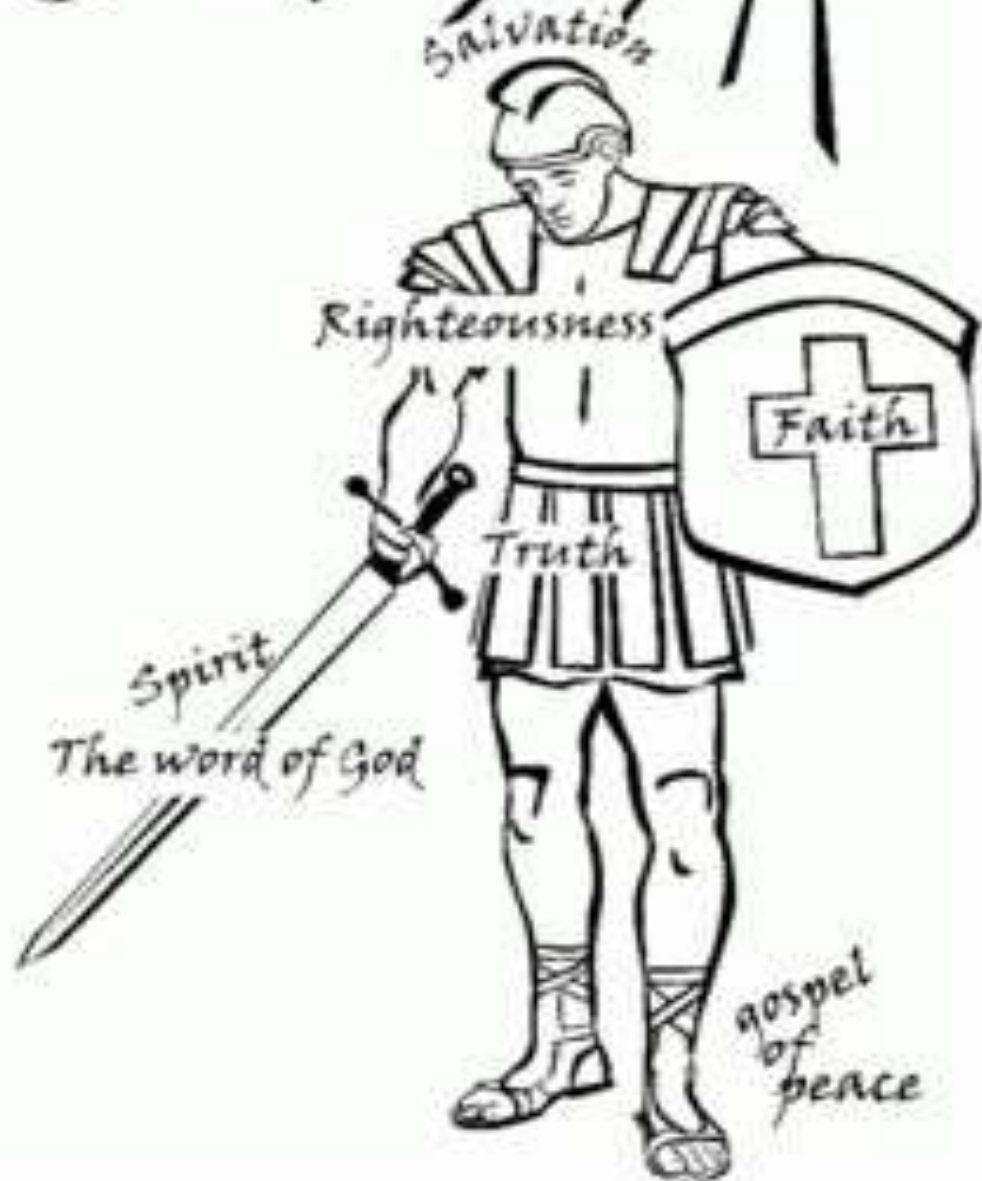
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The prayer team will provide to you a student's name along with a prayer card shortly after September 8, 2021.

"Do not worry about anything, but in everything, by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God"
Philippians 4:6

The Whole Armor of God





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Weekly Bible Reading Dixon First Reads Together

August 21st –22nd Week 7: Armored

Ephesians 6:10-20

Keep reading the bible....it is reader's choice