

First United Methodist Church September 4th & 5th, 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: We can trust God.

P: God is like the mountain: rock solid.

L: God loves all the people:

P: the poor, the disabled, the outcast, the stranger.

L: We can depend on God.

**P: God feeds the hungry, heals the sick,
and restores relationships.**

L: Praise our Loving God.

P: Hallelujah. Hallelujah. Hallelujah.

Hymn:

“Open My Eyes, That I May See”

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Opening Prayer (unison)

Generous God, we give thanks to you for your kindness toward us. Thank you for loving us all and calling us all your children. Help us to recognize our kin and to give our lives to peaceful family relationships with all creation. Free us from our self-centeredness and from fear of strangers so that we may meet the Savior in broken humanity – even our own. We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Scripture Reading: James 2:1-17

¹ My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? ² For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, ³ and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, “Have a seat here, please,” while to the one who is poor you say, “Stand there,” or, “Sit at my feet,” ⁴ have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? ⁵ Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? ⁶ But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? ⁷ Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

⁸You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” ⁹But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. ¹⁰For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. ¹¹For the one who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. ¹²So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. ¹³For judgment will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgment.

¹⁴What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? ¹⁵If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, “Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill,” and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? ¹⁷So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Message:

Making Distinctions

Pastor Young Sun Lee

Hymn of Preparation:

“In Remembrance of Me”

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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

When the busyness of our lives erodes the intentions of our hearts:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When our personal agendas take precedence over reaching out to others:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When we keep putting off being more active “doers of the word”:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When we resist change, knowing that our acting and thinking are limited by our prejudice and ignorance:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

When we only half-listen to those who cry out to be fully heard:

Merciful God, **forgive us.**

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 be 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 our thanks and praise.

It is a good and fruitful work to give thanks to you, Almighty God, in all places and at all times and in all our tasks. In our cars, our homes, our offices, our fields, and our kitchens; at our tables, our desks, our telephones, and computers; when we are resting or waiting, laboring or supervising, following or leading. All these we do with all your people now on earth and all the multitude of heaven, praising your name and joining in their unending hymn:

**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.

Holy are you and holy is your work among us in Jesus Christ, who came to be born in the home of a carpenter, a trade he learned and practiced, a laborer in our midst. He called out fishermen and activists. He healed the servant of a soldier. He received the support of resourceful women.

He delegated his ministry to his disciples, empowered all his followers to do his divine work in this world. By his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from the bondage of sin and the power of death and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me." When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so as a baptized and commissioned people, remembering your mighty work in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves, our daily lives, and our unique locations for ministry in the world-homes and hospitals, parks and stores, prisons and concert halls-as a living and holy sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory 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 11:00 am

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

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.

Name

Email address or mailing address

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



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Weekly Bible Reading Dixon First Reads Together

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