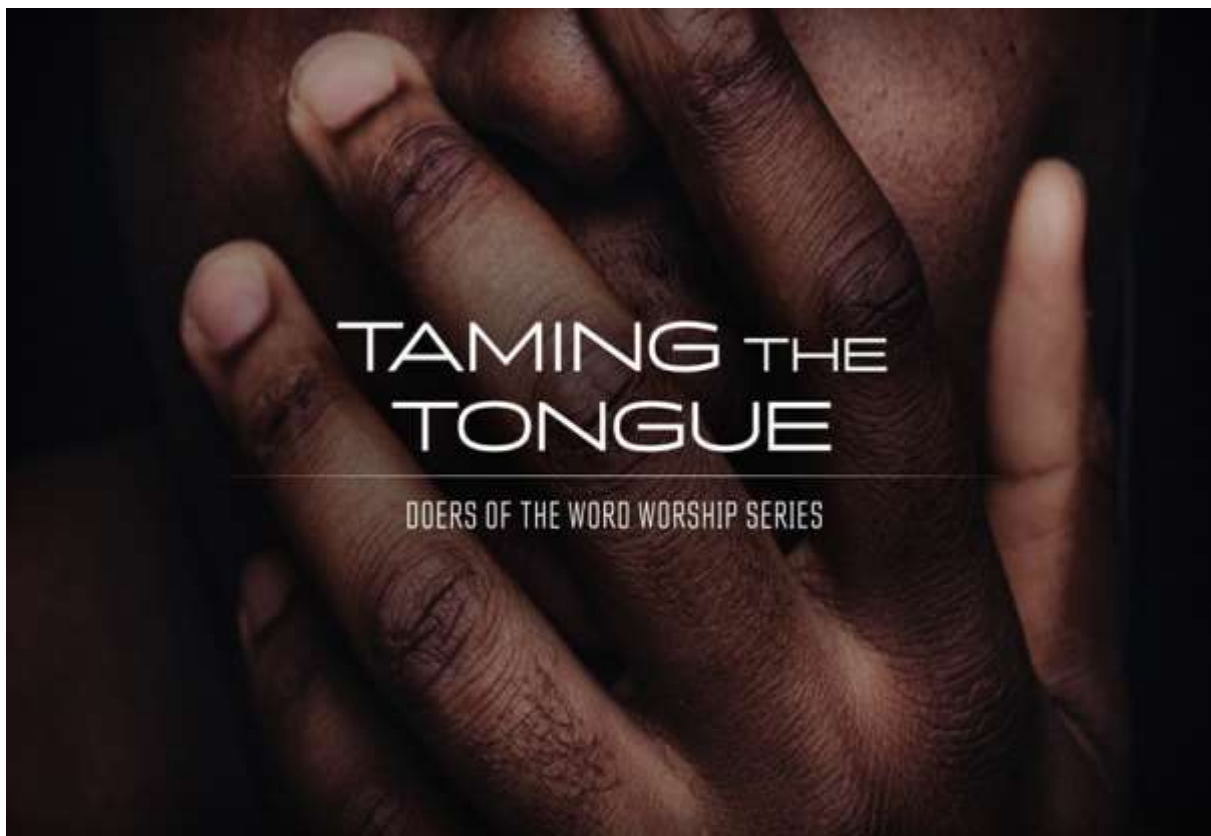


# First United Methodist Church September 4th & 5th, 2021



*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](http://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 come here today not because we are clever but because God welcomes the slow learners.

**P: We come here not because we are wise, but because God loves us in spite of our folly.**

L: We come knowing that the greatest persons will be found among those who humbly serve like Jesus did, and that the brightest ideas and the deepest truth will come from those who see themselves as little children in Christ's school.

**P: O Lord, open up our mind and our hearts and enable our lives to declare your praise.**

Hymn:

*"The Gift of Love"*

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## Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord, I humbly come to you this day to tell you thank you. You have shown us so much compassion despite our tongues. We have hurt our neighbors, our friends, and our families. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might speak love and not hate. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might uplift and not tear down. Bridle our tongues, God, that we might continue to win more citizens for the kingdom. It's in the name of the one who saved us, Jesus Christ, that we pray. Amen.

Chancel Choir

*"Alleluia"*

Passing the Peace from a distance

## Children's Time

### Children come forward to the chancel

#### Scripture Reading: James 3:1-12 NLT

Dear brothers and sisters, not many of you should become teachers in the church, for we who teach will be judged more strictly. <sup>2</sup> Indeed, we all make many mistakes. For if we could control our tongues, we would be perfect and could also control ourselves in every other way.

<sup>3</sup> We can make a large horse go wherever we want by means of a small bit in its mouth. <sup>4</sup> And a small rudder makes a huge ship turn wherever the pilot chooses to go, even though the winds are strong. <sup>5</sup> In the same way, the tongue is a small thing that makes grand speeches.

But a tiny spark can set a great forest on fire. <sup>6</sup> And among all the parts of the body, the tongue is a flame of fire. It is a whole world of wickedness, corrupting your entire body. It can set your whole life on fire, for it is set on fire by hell itself.

<sup>7</sup> People can tame all kinds of animals, birds, reptiles, and fish, <sup>8</sup> but no one can tame the tongue. It is restless and evil, full of deadly poison. <sup>9</sup> Sometimes it praises our Lord and Father, and sometimes it curses those who have been made in the image of God. <sup>10</sup> And so blessing and cursing come pouring out of the same mouth. Surely, my brothers and sisters, this is not right! <sup>11</sup> Does a spring of water bubble out with both fresh water and bitter water? <sup>12</sup> Does a fig tree produce olives, or a grapevine produce figs? No, and you can't draw fresh water from a salty spring.

**Message**

***Taming the Tongue***

**Pastor Tim Mitchell**

**Hymn of Response:**

*"Lord, Speak to Me"*

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## **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)**

Loving God, Jesus taught us "where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." We offer our gifts to you knowing they are part of our treasure, and we do so with the hope that our hearts, our actions, and the words of our tongues will likewise follow. We acknowledge that the tongues that praise you are often the ones that hurt you, when we use them to diminish or discount one of your precious children. Guide our hearts, minds, and tongues to the words that bring you joy. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

**\*Hymn of Going Forth:**                   *"Take My Life, and Let It Be"*                   #399 UMH

**\*God's Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

***Credits for Liturgy:*** Pastor Tim, Discipleship Ministries, and Nancy Burnett

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Prayers:** Katie Kromeke (Willey), Gary Pierce, Farrell Wright, Corinne Hunsberger, Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Marilyn Millin (Pat Fox's sister), Glenn Kersten, Linda Heckert, Hiram Ludwig

**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.

**Reminder the office is closed on Monday, September 13th.**



Let's talk  
about the  
CAT!



Survey window Opens  
Sunday September 19<sup>th</sup>.



Email with link sent on  
Friday Sept. 17<sup>th</sup>



Paper copy available  
on Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>

# The Lord's Prayer

Our \_\_\_\_\_ in heaven,



hallowed be your \_\_\_\_\_,

your <sup>rule</sup> kingdom come,



your \_\_\_\_\_ be done,



On earth as it is in \_\_\_\_\_.

Give us today our \_\_\_\_\_.

And \_\_\_\_\_ us our debts,



as we also have \_\_\_\_\_ our debtors.

And lead us not into \_\_\_\_\_,

but \_\_\_\_\_ us from the evil one.



# Amen.





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### **Weekly Bible Reading Dixon First Reads Together**



<b><i>Sept 13</i></b>	<b><i>Numbers 22</i></b>
<b><i>Sept 14</i></b>	<b><i>Matthew 17</i></b>
<b><i>Sept 15</i></b>	<b><i>1 Kings 17</i></b>
<b><i>Sept 16</i></b>	<b><i>Acts 28</i></b>
<b><i>Sept 17</i></b>	<b><i>2 Kings 2</i></b>

***\* You can pick up a bookmark with the readings on the Welcome Table\****