

**First United Methodist Church
October 1st & 2nd, 2022**



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5:00 pm on Saturdays; 10:00 am on Sundays

*Our mission is making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation
of the world by faithfully uplifting the message of Christ*

“*” Indicates to stand as you are able or so inclined

Prelude

Greeting

Special Music: *“You Are My All in All/Fairest Lord Jesus”* **Ladies Ensemble**

Welcome

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: In places like Iran and the Ukraine, where lives are lost and voices are not heard.

P: We call to mind that faith in God, which is passed on to us, that justice which speaks out for all people.

L: In border towns and communities walled in by poverty, where fears destroy families and scatter neighbors

P: We call to mind that hope of Jesus Christ, which is passed on to us, that peace and reconciliation will rebuild communities.

L: In neighborhoods not known, in places never mentioned, where bitter tears are shed and the lonely walk the streets,

P: We call to mind that love of the Holy Spirit, which we can pass on to those forgotten by the world, including us.

Opening Prayer – 202 Breakthrough Prayer for 2022 (unison)

God of Love & Power,

As we move forward into a new season of faithfulness & fruitfulness for your Kingdom, we ask that you would lead us, individually & as your church, the Body of Christ; into a new season of spiritual growth.

Open our hearts & minds to understanding as we devote time to scripture reading, devotion, prayer & worship. Help us to build a solid foundation that gives us the confidence we need to lead others into a relationship with Jesus Christ.

Be our constant companion as we experience a spiritual awakening that shines the light of Christ brightly through **Dixon First United Methodist Church** into our community & beyond.
Renew us - revive us - transform us!

We pray in the mighty power & grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee”

UMH#430

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

Beloved God, who richly provides for our needs and enjoyment, thank you for your many gifts. You have trusted us with our lives, with this world, and with your love. May the gifts we offer you today be used for your service and your glory. Help us store up for ourselves the treasure of a good foundation for the future, that we may take hold of the life that really is life. We offer these gifts, trusting in our savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

Chancel Choir

“Blessed Are the Pure in Heart”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God’s Word: Thy Word UMH #601

Scripture Reading: Mark 2: 1-12 When he returned to Capernaum after some days, it was reported that he was at home. ² So many gathered around that there was no longer room for them, not even in front of the door, and he was speaking the word to them. ³ Then some people came, bringing to him a paralyzed man, carried by four of them. ⁴ And when they could not bring him to Jesus because of the crowd, they removed the roof above him, and after having dug through it, they let down the mat on which the paralytic lay. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, “Child, your sins are forgiven.” ⁶ Now some of the scribes were sitting there questioning in their hearts, ⁷ “Why does this fellow speak in this way? It is blasphemy! Who can forgive sins but God alone?” ⁸ At once Jesus perceived in his spirit that they were discussing these questions among themselves, and he said to them, “Why do you raise such questions in your hearts? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, ‘Your sins are forgiven,’ or to say, ‘Stand up and take your mat and walk’? ¹⁰ But so that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins”—he said to the paralytic— ¹¹ “I say to you, stand up, take your mat, and go to your home.” ¹² And he stood up and immediately took the mat and went out before all of them, so that they were all amazed and glorified God, saying, “We have never seen anything like this!”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: *Becoming One: with God and Our Neighbor*

Rev. Tim Mitchell

***Hymn of Preparation:** *"One Bread, One Body"*

UMH#620

Celebration of Holy Communion

Call to Reconciliation

Faith, hope, love have all been passed on to us, not so we can hoard these gifts for ourselves, but so we might share them with others. Let us lift our prayers to the One who is always ready to place forgiveness in our hearts, as we tell how we have not done this in our lives.

Unison Prayer for Forgiveness

We think if we turn off the media, we will not need to listen to the voices of our neighbors, God of all the world. We are blessed with family and friends, and so do not know the lonely. We are at ease in a world which is troubled, and so do not notice the bitter tears of others. Because we are people of affluence and privilege, we cannot understand those who are broken by the anger and brutality of the world.

Yet, you know, God of the sufferers. You hear the cries of those living in oppression, and call us to listen. Your tears mingle with those whose children lie mangled or dead in war zones, and would have us be peacemakers. Your faithfulness is great, when ours seems so futile, yet you would have us serve the world alongside your Child, Jesus, even as he served us with his life and gifts. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

L: Call this to mind: God is ever faithful; hope is the gift passed on to us, love is the gift we can share with others; God's mercies never come to an end.

P: Great is God's faithfulness to all people, in all places. Thanks be to God, who has given us the promise of life in Christ Jesus our Lord! Amen.

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

May God be with you.

And also with you.

People of God, lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the One who cradles our hearts in loving hands.

People of God, let us give thanks to the God who sets a Table for us.
We praise the Lord our God who welcomes us with open arms.

How lonely was chaos, Gardener of the Universe, until you spoke a Word, and your Spirit created: . . .

But you would not forget us, and so sent Jesus to bring us home to you.

Holy, holy, holy are you, God who hears our voices.

More than those who watch for morning,

all creation waits for you.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is the One who comes with healing grace.

Hosanna in the highest!

Therefore we join our voices, as we sing of your mercies made fresh in every moment
You alone are holy, heart Speaker, . . .

As we remember his grace and love, as we dare not forget his sacrifice for us, we sing
of that mystery we call faith:

Christ died, so we might be made well and flourish;

Christ was raised, death overcome with amazement by the resurrection;

Christ will return, calling to us, 'children, get up!'

Holy Spirit, as we offer the gifts of the bread and the cup for your blessing, so we
present ourselves: . . .

God in Community, Holy in One, all honor and glory are yours, as we sing our praises
through all eternity. We pray in your Holy and Precious name. **Amen.**

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

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.

***Hymn of Going Forth:**

"Lord of the Dance"

UMH #261

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

Our Beyond Horizon Vision (BTHV)

Dixon First United Methodist Church is a community of faith that provides a caring place to thrive and flourish. Being a part of Dixon FUMC is being part of a family, not perfect, but a loving and caring place to call home.

Faith is a building block for life that is essential to flourish. If anything robs you of that foundation, you will discover the loss of faith will be devastating. You will realize this reality in moments of terror as tragedy overwhelms your life. Most of the time we live life on autopilot, but when struggles happen, we need a strong faith-based foundation that is unshakable.

Over the next 5 years, our community of faith will be the compass for guiding hundreds of families into a loving and life-giving relationship with Jesus Christ. Through our discipleship pathway, we will help them grow Jesus-Shaped lives that reflect Christ's values and not those of the world.

We want you, your family, and everyone in our community and the surrounding area to flourish. Come and join us as we journey together, seeking to make Christ our cornerstone, the anchor in the storms of our chaotic world. Our vision is to see our community, nation, and the world grow together into a loving relationship with God and our neighbor.

Credits for Liturgy: Pastor Tim, Thom Shum, The Pastor's Workshop, and Nancy Burnett

Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Corinne Hunsberger, Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Bill Maass (Phyllis Doan's brother), Kendra Wadsworth, Hiram Ludwig.

Deepest sympathy to the family of Alberta Nussbaum who passed away on Sept. 23rd.

JOYFUL NEWS - the pink rose on the altar is in honor of Claire Jordyn Gabany born Sept. 21st. Claire is the daughter of Niklaus and Nicole Gabany, and the "first" granddaughter of Keith and Cindy Gabany. Congratulations to all!

AGAPE YOUTH will meet on October 9th & 23rd at 11:30AM on the 3rd floor of the Education wing.

POWERHOUSE KIDS meets every Sunday morning at 10AM in the 2nd floor Arena Room. Join Pastor Tim or Pastor Young Sun for lessons, activities, snacks, and crafts.



DIXON SCARECROW FESTIVAL Dixon FUMC will have a booth at the town-wide Dixon Scarecrow Festival on October 22. Come visit us and look for our Scarecrows, take a picture with them and send them to the church.

Help extend the Hand of Christ to those in need! Asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago and the Northern Illinois Conference is collecting donations and asking for volunteers. For more info, pick up the **HELP IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING FROM TEXAS** flyer on the welcome table.

Bouncing Back!

It is our hope to have a "Mini Bazaar" at our church on Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. Serving ham loaf and salad luncheon from 11:00am or noon. This will enable us to support local and UMW mission projects.

LADIES AND MEN NEEDED DAY OF BAZAAR!!!

We meet in the Church Parlor every Thursday from 9:30am to 2:00pm to work on Bazaar projects. Bring a sack lunch or we also order out. It's a wonderful time for Fellowship!

Thank you ,
The Bazaar Committee

Come “make a joyful noise unto the Lord”!

Come worship with your voice! Join the Chancel Choir every Sunday at the 10:00AM Worship service. Practices are Wednesday nights 7:30-8:30PM, Sept through May.

Can't commit to a whole season of choir? More voices are needed just for the Vesper Candlelight service on Dec. 4th. Practices begin Wednesday, October 5th at 7:30PM.

OCTOBER 2022 MISSION TRIP OPPORTUNITY

REBUILDING HOMES IN KENTUCKY

Kentucky Conference Tornado Relief

October 16-22, 2022, Hopkins County, Kentucky
See Pastor Tim Mitchell for details or call 815-284-2849



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