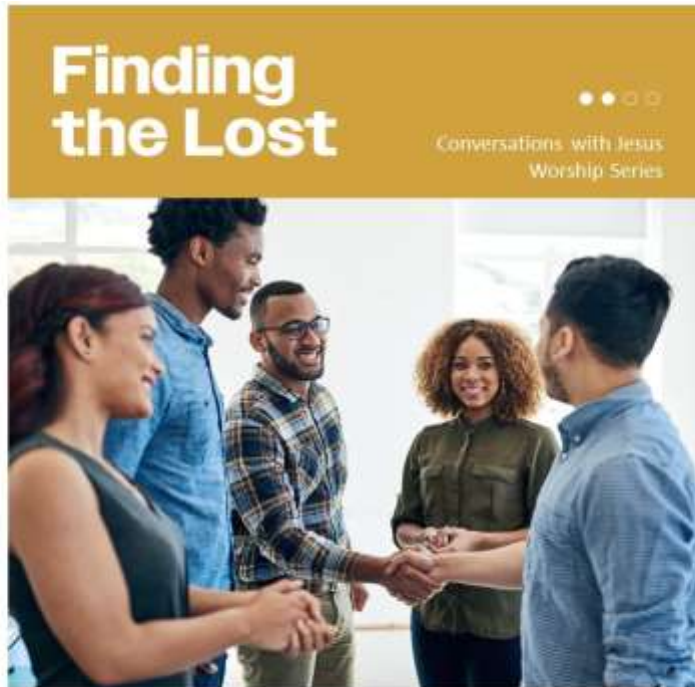


First United Methodist Church  
October 15<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup>, 2022

## Conversations with Jesus:



***First United Methodist Church***

[www.fumcdixon.org](http://www.fumcdixon.org)

Facebook: FUMC Dixon

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**

## **Welcome and Greeting**

### **\*Call to Worship**

L: God calls to the lost, the least, and all who long for home;

**P: God calls when we wander from the path chosen for us and waste the gifts we have been given.**

L: God calls and welcomes us back to worship this day;

**P: let us celebrate and rejoice in God’s presence forever; let us worship God together.**

### **\*Opening Prayer (unison)**

**Shepherding God, gather us into your presence, as we come to worship this day. Transform us into your people through the mighty power of your Spirit. Rescue us with your endless patience, that we may become instruments of mercy and grace to help others find their way home. In your mercy and grace, we pray. Amen.**

**\*Hymn:**                      *“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us”*                      **#381UMH**

### **Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (unison)**

**God of relentless love, the Gospel reminds us of the joy you feel when one of your children chooses the path of repentance and redemption. We picture the celebration in your heart when that choice is made. We also know how prone we are to wander off that path as we pursue those things that satisfy ourselves only. Receive the gifts we offer this day as a sign of our striving to get back on the path that leads us to you. We pray in the name of Jesus the Christ, the light on our path! Amen. ([Luke 15:1-10](#))**

**Chancel Choir**                      *“Come Down Lord”*

### **Passing the Peace from a Distance**

**Preparing to Hear God’s Word: “Wonderful Words of Life”**                      **#600UMH**

*(We will sing this song throughout the month of October)*

## Scripture Readings: Luke 15:1-10

15 Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. <sup>2</sup> And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, “This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them.” <sup>3</sup> So he told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> “Which one of you, having a hundred sheep and losing one of them, does not leave the ninety-nine in the wilderness and go after the one that is lost until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he has found it, he lays it on his shoulders and rejoices. <sup>6</sup> And when he comes home, he calls together his friends and neighbors, saying to them, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found my lost sheep.’ <sup>7</sup> Just so, I tell you, there will be more joy in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who need no repentance. <sup>8</sup> “Or what woman having ten silver coins, if she loses one of them, does not light a lamp, sweep the house, and search carefully until she finds it? <sup>9</sup> And when she has found it, she calls together her friends and neighbors, saying, ‘Rejoice with me, for I have found the coin that I had lost.’ <sup>10</sup> Just so, I tell you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner who repents.”

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

**P: Thanks be to God.**

**Message**            *Conversations with Jesus: Finding the Lost*

**Pastor Young Sun**

**\*Hymn of Response:**

*“Gentle Shepherd”*

**#3096 Worship & Song**

### 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:**

*“Love Lifted Me”*

**#3101 Worship & Song**

**\*God’s Blessing**

**\*Postlude**

## **Going Deeper – *Questions for deeper reflection***

### **Read Luke 15:1-10**

- To whom is this parable directed? How does that impact our understanding of this parable?
- Which group (outcast/lost or Pharisees/scribes) are the ones likely to feel like they are on the outside?
- While many are more familiar with the so-called parable of the prodigal son in the next part of the parable following Luke 15:1-10, Jesus tells all three stories as one parable (15:3). How do these first two stories set up the following parable?
- Who in our neighborhoods would likely point to themselves as outsiders? How do we continue to do the work of seeking and finding?
- Who, in our world, would consider themselves “lost”? How would this parable be received as good news?

**Prayer** - Lord, your mercies are new every morning, and all day long you work for redemption. Stir up in us the desire to be your disciples in all areas of our lives, that others would see in us your grace, mercy, and love. Amen.

**Credit for Liturgy:** Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun, Discipleship Ministries, Ministry Matters, and Nancy Burnett.

Something to add to your November calendar. . . . !

*As ONE Community Praise presents:*

## **UP FROM THE ASHES**

### **Community Praise Night**

Sunday, November 13, 2022 - 6:30pm

Dixon High School Auditorium



**There are still a few prayers cards left to pick up on the Welcome table. Please join others in praying for students throughout the 2022-23 school year.**



**You can help us send relief to those affected by Hurricane Ian.**

After sending relief to 14 US disasters this year, including the most recent flooding in Kentucky and St. Louis, the Midwest

Mission is in desperate need of cleaning supplies to send to hurricane areas. The Mission Team is asking for a special "5th Sunday" offering on the "2nd, 3rd and 4th Sunday" too, which is NOW! We want to send them funds as soon as possible"! Please designate on offering envelope **"for Midwest Missions"**.

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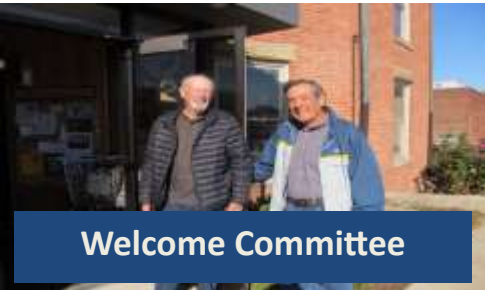
**Help extend the Hand of Christ to those in need!** Asylum seekers have arrived in Chicago and the Northern Illinois Conference is collecting donations and asking for volunteers. For more info, pick up the **HELP IMMIGRANTS ARRIVING FROM TEXAS** flyer on the welcome tables.

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**G2-GROWTH GROUPS FALL SEMESTER** starting up this month with the sermon series "Conversations with Jesus". There are currently 5 groups to choose from but if those dates and times do not work for you, contact the church about starting up a new group. **See the handouts and sign up sheet on the Welcome tables.**



**Blessing Pastors during Pastor Appreciation Month**



**Welcome Committee**



**Men's Trio**



**Fabulous Flautist**



**Phenomenal Choir**



**Blessing our Mission Trip Team for their work in Kentucky (Becky, Sandy, Kevin, Charlie, Ray, Bryan & Pastor Tim)**



## 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.

**AGAPE YOUTH** will meet on October 23<sup>rd</sup> at 11:30AM in the youth lounge on the 3rd floor. They typically share lunch together. Includes 5th grade through high school.

**POWERHOUSE KIDS** meet every Sunday morning at 10AM in the 3rd floor Arena Room. Join Pastor Tim, Pastor Young Sun and our loving "shepherds" for lessons, activities, snacks, and crafts. Ages toddler through 4th grade.



**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.

Our church is responsible for providing **Meals on Wheels** volunteers the weeks of November 7-11 and 14-18. I will be working on the schedule during the last week of October. Thank you, Sue Stach

### **"Mini" United Methodist Women's Bazaar**

Join us on Saturday, November 19, 2022 from 9:00am to 2:00pm. The Ham Loaf and Salad luncheon will offer two separate seatings at 11:00am and noon. This event 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 7:30-9:00pm until the Vespers/Candlelight Service, then back to 7:30-8:30 pm, September through May.

**Can’t commit to a whole season of choir?** More voices are needed just for the Vespers/Candlelight service on Dec. 4th. Join the Chancel Choir practices on Wednesday nights from 7:30-9:00pm.



**Please Pray for Pastor Tim and our Mission Trip Team as they travel to northern KY to help rebuild homes in Hopkins County. They will be gone from Sun., Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> until Sat., Oct. 22<sup>nd</sup>.**



**DON'T FORGET TO FILL OUT YOUR *CONNECT* CARD AND DROP IT AND YOUR PEN IN THE BINS INSIDE THE SANCTUARY DOORS!**



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