

First United Methodist Church October 29th & 30th, 2022

Conversations with Jesus:



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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

Welcome and Greeting

Bell Choir

“He Leadeth Me”

***Call To Worship**

L: Come and worship!

P: We will praise the One between, within, and over.

L: Trust in the One who co-creates the was, the now, and the will-be.

P: Our hope is in the One who creates expansive love calling us to do the same.

L: Follow the One who never breaks covenant.

P: We follow the One whose extravagant love calls us to co-create justice for the oppressed, feed the hungry, unlock prisons, and welcome strangers, orphans, and widows.

L: Praise the One whose justice is grace-full and inclusive.

P: We praise the Spirit that spans the ages. Amen!

***Opening Prayer (unison)**

Lord God of love and peace, open our hearts today to receive the invitation of Jesus to come and be present in our lives. Release us from our smallness and create an atmosphere of confession and healing love in our hearts and our spirits. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

***Hymn:**

“God Hath Spoken by the Prophets”

#108 UMH

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (unison)

God of justice and mercy, we come to worship you this day as ones who, on the great balance scale of your creation, are more like the rich man in the Gospel story than we are Lazarus. The parable Jesus tells reminds us that the chasm between rich and poor is hard to cross in the life to come, but not so for us this day, as we strive to see God's kingdom at work in our world. As we offer gifts today, may we do so striving to be those blessed to be a blessing. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen. ([Luke 16:19-31](#))

Chancel Choir

“The Hand of the Lord is Mighty”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God’s Word:

“Wonderful Words of Life”

#600 UMH

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

Scripture Readings: Luke 16:19-31

¹⁹ “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. ²⁰ At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores ²¹ and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores. ²² “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. ²³ In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. ²⁴ So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

²⁵ “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. ²⁶ And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’ ²⁷ “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, ²⁸ for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’ ²⁹ “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’ ³⁰ “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’ ³¹ “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”

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

P: **Thanks be to God.**

Message

Conversations with Jesus: Gulf is Crossed

Pastor Tim Mitchell

***Hymn of Response:**

“Give Thanks”

#2036 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.

***Hymn of Going Forth:** *"The Voice of God Is Calling"*

#436 UMH

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

Going Deeper – *Questions for deeper reflection*

Read Luke Read Luke 16:19-31

Read I Timothy 6:17-19. What does being rich in the kingdom of God look like?

Jesus tells the story of a rich man for the third time. What might it mean that the rich man is not named, but the poor man, Lazarus, is named?

Why would this story have been surprising to Jesus' audience?

For whom does the rich man express compassion? Why is it easier to express compassion for those closest to us and so hard to express compassion for those we do not know?

What does it say of the rich man that he requests that Lazarus be sent to soothe his torment? What does it reveal about the rich man?

What caused the rich man to be sent to Hades?

John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, commented on this passage, *"It is no more sinful to be rich than to be poor. But it is dangerous beyond expression. Therefore, I remind all of you that are of this number, that have the conveniences of life, and something over that you walk upon slippery ground. You continually tread on snares and deaths. You are every moment on the verge of hell!"* (Sermon 112: "The Rich Man and Lazarus." Quoted in the *Wesley Study Bible*, 1268.)

Reflecting on this quote, what is it telling you about Jesus' story in Luke?

As a result of this worship series, how has your discipleship been impacted or challenged?

Closing prayer: Gracious God, we desire to be apprenticed in your ways. Continue to prompt us by your Holy Spirit where our lives need amending that we might glorify you in all we do. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.



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. This is the final Sunday that the Mission Team is asking for a special "5th Sunday" offering. Please designate on offering envelope **"for Midwest Missions"**. **THANK YOU!**

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.



Coming Soon!

80TH ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR

Saturday, November 19th
9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

First United Methodist Church
202 South Peoria Ave, Dixon IL

Delicious Cookies

Christmas items

Baked Goodies

Candy

Individual Ham Loaf & Salad Buffet
Luncheon Served at 11:00 am & Noon
\$10.00 for Adults, \$5.00 for 10 yr. olds & under
Tickets may be purchased at the Church office or at the door

Gourmet Nuts



**Stitchery
& Crafts**

For more information, call 815-284-2849

(Handicapped Accessible off Peoria Avenue)

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MEN AND WOMEN NEEDED FOR THE BAZAAR!

More help will be needed on Thursday, Nov. 17th and Friday, Nov. 18th, (two days before the Bazaar) as well as Saturday, Nov. 19th—the day of the Bazaar.

See bulletin insert & The Herald for more details for HOW YOU CAN HELP!

Only 2 more Thursdays to work on Bazaar projects in the Church Parlor from 9:30am to 2:00pm. Thank you! **The Bazaar Committee**

Announcements

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

Dear Church family—I want to thank you for your prayers & cards concerning the brain tumor surgeries of my granddaughter, Maddie Armstrong, and my stepson, Steve Pettenger. Maddie is a real miracle! Unfortunately Steve passed on Aug 14. He wanted to thank you for your prayers. God Bless All of You! Rosalie Pettenger

AGAPE YOUTH will meet on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month 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.

REMINDER: The **UMW Board** will be meeting at 9:30am on Wed., November 2 in the Conference Room.

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

Thank you to all the wonderful women who helped prepare 670 pieces for mailing this week! It was a lot of work for busy hands and a great time of fellowship too! Thank you again!

Don't forget to put
this community-
wide event on your
November
calendar!!



Christmas Candlelight Service

Celebrating the Beginning of Advent

Saturday, December 4th
at 4:00 PM
in the Sanctuary

Scarecrow Festival Fun



**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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