

First United Methodist Church

February 4th & 5th, 2023



FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

You Are

Glimpses of the Kingdom Worship Series

First United Methodist Church

202 S. Peoria Ave, Dixon, IL

www.fumcdixon.org

Facebook: FUMC Dixon

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

*Our mission is making new 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

Special Music

“You Are Mine”

Ladies Ensemble

Welcome and Greeting

***Call To Worship**

L: We are called to bring a new understanding of God: that God so loves the world.

P: We are the salt of the earth.

L: We are called to bring a new hope in God: that God gives us new life.

P: We are the light of the world.

L: We are called to follow the commandments and the law.

P: The Law of God is to love God and to love one another.

L: Come, let us be the salt of the earth, the light of the world.

P: Come, let us love one another with the love of God.

All: Let us join together in our love of God to worship and follow Jesus..

Opening Prayer – (unison)

God of mystery and of judgment, who has made us to be salt and light in a tasteless, shadowed world, guide us in this time of worship. Grant us understanding and spiritual discernment so that others may see your good works through us, give you the glory, and be moved to serve you. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light”

#205 UMH

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings

God of all creation, source of every blessing: you have given us so much. As we bring our tithes and gifts to you this day, these seem so small by comparison, unless we see that we are truly called to give ourselves back to the world. May we be the salt that brings value and flavor into relationships with those around us. May we be the light that helps others find their way to your love and care. We pray all of this in the mighty name of Jesus, who came to help us see all we could be. Amen.

([Matthew 5:13-20](#))

Chancel Choir

“Soli Deo Gloria”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God’s Word:

“Lord I Want to Be a Christian”

UMH #402 (vs. 1 & 4)

(We are going to sing this song each week as the choir rejoins the congregation)

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-20

¹³“You are the salt of the earth, but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything but is thrown out and trampled under foot.” ¹⁴You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. ¹⁵People do not light a lamp and put it under the bushel basket; rather, they put it on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. ¹⁶In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven. ¹⁷Do not think that I have come to abolish the Law or the Prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. ¹⁸For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one

stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. ¹⁹ Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments and teaches others to do the same will be called least in the kingdom of heaven, but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. ²⁰ For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.”

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message:

You Are

Pastor Young Sun Lee

***Hymn of Preparation:**

“Gather Us In”

#2236 TFWS

Celebration of Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Silence is kept

Assurance of Pardon

L: Hear the good news! Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

P: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God. Amen.

Great Prayer of 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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast. You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join 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 blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed Him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of His suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, He promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy 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, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living 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.**

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:**

"Go Forth for God"

#670 UMH

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

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

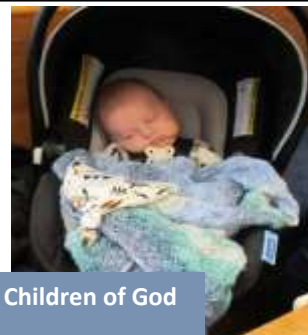
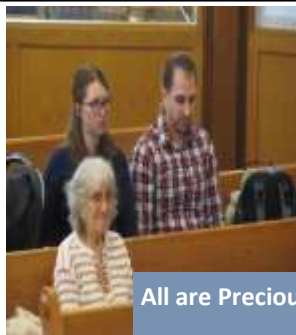
Our Beyond Horizon Vision (BTHV)

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.



All are Precious Children of God



Powerhouse Kids being creative once again!

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**Pastor Tim will be on dissertation leave from January 23- February 12. Jody will be in contact with him in case of emergencies only, otherwise, he will not be taking phone calls, emails or texts during this time. Call the church office or contact Pastor Young Sun if necessary. Pray for him while he is away!**

**United Women in Faith is offering a program called “Prayer and Self-Denial” presented by Becky Macklin on February 21, 2023 at 9:30 AM in the Parlor. RSVP to the church office - 815-284-2849.**

## MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES!

## DONATE WHILE YOU DINE

## Dixon Community Garden Share Night

**5:00 p.m.- 8:00p.m.**

**Tuesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> 2023**



Please continue to fill out the Connect Card and help us stay connected as a church and to help build relationships within our community by supporting local businesses as a part of our mission and vision statement. As an added incentive to filling out the card and turning it in every service you attend, each card will be entered in a monthly drawing for a **gift card/certificate** to a local business. What better way get to know and support our local businesses and help others flourish too!

JANUARY 2023  
BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



## CONGRATS, RUSSELL JOHNSON!

### Winner of Jan. Connect Card drawing

## February 2023

### BUSINESS OF THE MONTH:



### Announcements

**Prayers:** Katie Kromeke (Willey), Denny Arjes, Dalton Smith, Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Bill Maass (Phyllis Doan's brother), Travis Malston, Glenn Kersten, Carla Anderson, John Cramer, Jean Reed, Margaret Wilson, Dolores Renne, Karlie Cox, Becky Hundrieser, Harriet Moore, Joel, Jonathan, Ian, Zach & Connor.

**AGAPE YOUTH** will meet in 2023 on the 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11:30AM in the youth lounge. See you Feb 12!

**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.

**ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL, the "Jesus Seekers"**, meet Sunday mornings at 8:30 in Room 210.

**G2 GROUP BIBLE STUDY** led by Laura Brooks meets Sunday mornings at 8:30 in the Conference room. Call the church to inquire about other Adult G2 groups being held.



**UNITED METHODIST MEN** will be holding a **Men's Movie Night** on Thursday, February 9th at 5:00PM in Room 210 with the new 80" TV screen with Surround Sound.



[Please join Bishop Dan Schwerin for a day of introduction, reflection, and conversation on your district on Wednesday, February 15 at Sycamore UMC.](#)

**Clergy** will gather for fellowship at 9:30 am with the program beginning at 10AM for a time of worship, bible study, and dialogue together, concluding with lunch.

**Laity** will gather for an evening conversation from 7 to 8:30 pm.



# Laity Convocation 2023



## Thinking Outside the Church

Making Community Ministry Happen

**Saturday,  
February 11, 2023**  
9:00 am - 12:30 pm

**Cost: \$15**

### ONLINE & 3 IN-PERSON OPTIONS

**Barrington UMC** - 98 Algonquin Rd., Barrington, IL

**Disciples UMC** - 102 Maple Avenue, Mount Morris, IL

**Faith UMC** - 15101 South 80th Avenue, Orland Park, IL



#### Guest Speaker: David Teel

*Director of Laity & Leadership at Discipleship Ministries*

**Also highlighting 3 churches in Active Community Ministry**

During breakout sessions, participants will share stories of community ministries and discuss ways to become involved beyond the church.

[umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2023](http://umcnic.org/calendar/laity-convocation-2023)



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