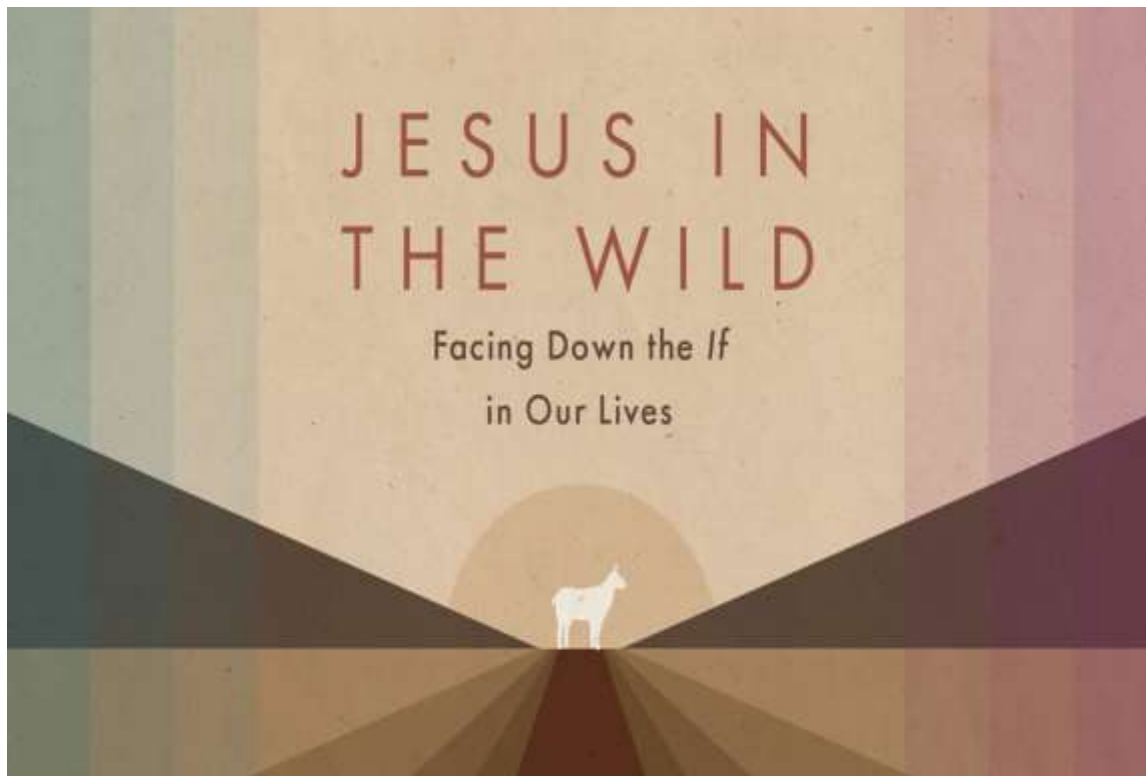


First United Methodist Church March 4th & 5th, 2023



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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

“Faithfulness”

Ladies Ensemble

Welcome and Greeting

***Call To Worship**

L: Welcome pilgrims on the way to the cross.

P: We are learning to follow Jesus.

L: When God says, “Go!” without telling us the destination,

P: Show us, Christ, how to go forward in faith.

L: When re-birth is the impossible way forward,

P: Christ, be our midwife as we accept God’s call to be reborn.

L: When we find ourselves in the in-between of where we’ve been
and where we’re going,

P: Christ, meet us on the way and bless us in the going.

L: Pilgrims on the way, come let us worship God!

P: We come to worship God as we learn to live inside out! Amen.

Opening Prayer – (unison)

God of the ages, we come into this holy space asking for your blessing, only to find that the abundance of your love is already around us. Open our eyes to see the blessing of your creation in the beauty all around us. Open our ears to hear the blessing of your word as it is proclaimed in story and song this day. Open our hearts to experience the blessing of faith through the gentle touch of a friend or the supportive smile of a stranger. And open our doors, that we may become vessels of your blessing to a world still in need of salvation. All this we pray in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

***Hymn:**

“Let All Things Now Living”

#2008 TFWS

Giving of Ourselves and Our Offerings (unison)

Generous God, you shower us with gifts, including the greatest gift of all, your own Son, Jesus Christ. In thanksgiving and praise, we offer you our time, our money, our very selves. In these actions, we proclaim our intention to be a blessing in your world. Amen.

Chancel Choir

“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

Passing the Peace from a Distance

Preparing to Hear God's Word: *"Take Time to be Holy"* **#395 UMH vs. 1 & 4**
(We will sing this song each Sunday as the choir rejoins the congregation)

Scripture: Luke 4:1-14

¹Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, ²where for forty days He was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over He was famished. ³The devil said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." ⁴Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'" ⁵Then the devil led Him up and showed Him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. ⁶And the devil said to Him, "To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. ⁷If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." ⁸Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only Him.'" ⁹Then the devil led Him to Jerusalem and placed Him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to Him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, ¹⁰for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you, to protect you,' ¹¹and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" ¹²Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" ¹³When the devil had finished every test, he departed from Him until an opportune time. ¹⁴Then Jesus, in the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about Him spread through all the surrounding region.

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

P: Thanks be to God.

Message: *Facing Down the IF in our Lives* **Pastor Young Sun Lee**

***Hymn of Preparation:** *"Let Us Break Bread Together"* **#618 UMH**

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 (almighty God), creator of heaven and earth...

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. When you gave Him to save us from our sin, your Spirit led Him into the wilderness...

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 (God), now and for ever. **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:**

"Because He Lives"

#364 UMH

***God's Blessing**

***Postlude**

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



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! Support Dixon Ace Hardware!

February 2023



**Connect Card drawing winner:
KARIN SCHOAF**

**March 2023
Business of the Month**



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One of the two 2023 Easter Offering Beneficiaries: **The Midwest Mission Distribution Center**

PROFILE - Midwest Mission Distribution Center is an international helper in:

DISASTER RELIEF: When disaster strikes, we send requested supplies and prepared kits. Disasters have four stages: 1. Readiness 2. Rescue 3. Relief 4. Recovery. We work with US and global partners in each stage except for the rescue stage.

HEALTH: Health is a basic human need, but many lack equipment and supplies to sustain and improve their health. We send resources like Rice Meals and medical supplies to meet community health needs. When someone's health is in jeopardy, everything else is.

EDUCATION: Education is a key to improving a child's circumstances. Students need tools that will set them up for success. We equip them with resources that empower them to build a better future for themselves. We refurbish bikes and sewing machines to send to men and women to give them the means to make a living for their family.

UMCOR - United Methodist Committee on Relief: Midwest Mission is one of seven cooperating depots in the UMCOR relief supply network. Midwest Mission is not funded or run by UMCOR but receives, assembles, and stores all UMCOR Kits and disburses them upon the request during disasters in the United States.

Announcements

Prayers: Katie Kromeke (Willey), Cindy Gabany, Karen Hundrieser, Bill Maass (Phyllis Doan's brother), Phyllis Doan, Glenn Kersten, Jean Reed, Margaret Wilson, Dolores Renne, Kerry and Marcy Hughes, Harriet Moore, Karin Shoaf, Jerri Siedschlag and family, Russell Johnson, and Ian.

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

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.

Our church is responsible for providing **Meals on Wheels** volunteers the last week in March (March 27 - March 31) and the first week in April (April 3 - April 7). I will be working on the schedule this coming week.

Thank you, Sue Stach

MISSION OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES!



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Mission Opportunity for 2023! FUMC will be taking a Mission Trip to MMDC on June 26-30th! 1st informational meeting will be Tuesday, March 7 at 6:00PM.

United Women // Faith Prairie South District
Day of Spiritual Renewal

In Person and Online Hybrid: Event

*Come Celebrate
Your Journey
with God*

Saturday March 18th, 2023

United Church of Sandwich
512 Lions Road, Sandwich, Illinois

8 a.m. - Check-in and Fellowship Breakfast

9 a.m.-Noon Repousse Gratitude Journals,
Labyrinth and Celebration Circle

Cost: \$5 Register at

<https://day-of-spiritual-renewal-77976.cheddarup.com>

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