

THE WEEK – Beginning August 7, 2022

Today

8:45 Worship
9:00 "First Church on the Air"
(KCOB Radio 95.9 FM/1280 AM)
10:00 Park Centre Worship
10:00 Fellowship Time (Dining Room)

Tuesday

10:00 Worship Planning Team Mtg
6:30 Trustees Committee Mtg

Wednesday

9:00 Staff Meeting
6:00 Jubilee Bells Rehearsal
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Aug 7th** – Libby White, William Yeager, Jr.;
9th – Sandy Kaput, Jace Robson; **10th** – Dori Byers, Danielle Illingworth, David Lamb, Jody Noack,
Jamie Phillips; **11th** – Ann Bovenkamp, Mackenzie Eldred; **12th** – Brenda Penning

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Aug 7th** – Ron & JoAnne Ehresman;
10th – John & Conni Beck; **11th** – Dennis & Sheila Brindle, Darvin & Allison Graham; **12th** – Larry
& Dorothy Wood

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling
Director of Music & Worship Arts – Rachel Faidley
Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Rachel Faidley
Technical Engineers – Koni Bunse, Projection; Jerry Dawson, Sound;
Karter Prellwitz-Liebhart, Videographer

Administrative Assistant – Joy Osborn-Daniels
Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Mel Wilson
Custodian – Kraig Holubar
Lay Leaders – Ron Carpenter and Sandy Davis

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**"Reaching Up, Reaching In, Reaching Out,
Making Connections through Jesus Christ within Our Community and World."**

**August 7, 2022
8:45 AM**

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

Service of Praise and Worship

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Pat Riemenschneider

Leader: *Come, gather together and let us give God praise.*

People: Let us sing of God's love and God's amazing grace.

Leader: *May we give God praise for God's forgiveness and mercy.*

People: Let us sing of God's justice and compassion.

Leader: *May we give God praise for all the wondrous acts from
God to all the earth's people.*

**All: Let us sing of our praises to God and worship God
with our hearts and minds fully.**

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

"Halle, Halle, Halleluja" (The Faith We Sing #2026 x3)

Halle, Halle, Halleluja! Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halle, Halle, Halleluja!

Halleluja! Halleluja!

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"You Are My All in All"

You are my strength when I am weak

You are the treasure that I seek

You are my all in all

Seeking you as a precious jewel

Lord to give up I'd be a fool

You are my all in all

{Chorus}

PRAYER REQUESTS

Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is your name
Jesus Lamb of God
Worthy is your name

*Taking my sin my cross my shame
Rising again I bless your name
You are my all in all
When I fall down you pick me up
When I am dry you fill my cup
You are my all in all
{Chorus x2}*

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"Bless the Lord" (The Faith We Sing #2013 x2)

*Bless the Lord my soul and bless God's holy name.
Bless the Lord my soul who leads me into life.*

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**Hymn of Praise 2211 "Faith Is Patience in the Night" (The Faith We Sing)*

*Faith is patience in the night, waiting for the morning light,
Never giving up the fight. Spirit God give us faith.*

*Faith is laughter in our pain, joy in pleasures that remain,
Trust in one we can't explain. Spirit God give us faith.*

*Faith is steadfast will to live, standing firm and positive,
Being ready still to give, Spirit God give us faith.*

*Faith is courage under stress, confidence in hopelessness,
Greatest gift we can possess. Spirit God give us faith.*

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The Scripture Reading – Isaiah 1:1, 10-20 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT pages 592, 593)

The vision of Isaiah son of Amoz, which he saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem in the days of Uzziah, Jotham, Ahaz, and Hezekiah, kings of Judah.

Hear the word of the LORD, you rulers of Sodom! Listen to the teaching of our God, you people of Gomorrah! What to me is the multitude of your sacrifices? says the LORD; I have had enough of burnt offerings of rams and the fat of fed beasts; I do not delight in the blood of bulls, or of lambs, or of goats. When you come to appear before me, who asked this from your hand? Trample my courts no more; bringing offerings is futile; incense is an abomination to me. New moon and sabbath and calling of convocation—I cannot endure solemn assemblies with iniquity. Your new moons and your appointed festivals my soul hates; they have become a burden to me, I am weary of bearing them. When you stretch out your hands, I will hide my eyes from you; even though you make many prayers, I will not listen; your hands are full of blood. Wash yourselves; make yourselves clean;

Thanksgiving to God for...

All God's blessings
Family & Friends

Guests & Visitors
Good Health

New Beginnings
All Volunteers

God's Guidance & Direction for...

People Unemployed/Economic/
Housing Struggles
Natural Disaster Recovery
All Who Are Grieving

World Peace
Local, State & National Leaders
Sunday School Teachers/Leaders
School Students/Teachers

God's Protection & Safety for...

Those in the Military
Kevin Ehresman
Dylan Drew

Those in Mission Work
Cherie Miner
Dr. Emmanuel & Florence Mefor
Lynn & Sharon Fogleman
Rev. Doug Williams
Jane Kies

Those Protecting Us
Law Enforcement
Firefighters
EMTs

Those Who Mourn...

The family of Jody Gooch

Those in Care Facilities...

Betty Ashby
Pam Conklin
Andy Jackson
Marilyn Langmaid

Helen Newton
Rita Skinner
Phyllis Snook
Elsie Ulland

Judy Wittenberg
Teresa Yeager
Phyllis Yeutsy

Healing & Health Concerns...

Sue Antle
Tim Blount
Dori Byers
Steve Dailey
Martie DeBoef
Cash Dickerson
Nick Dreyer

Mackenzie Eldred
Paul Frohardt
Wilma Grout
Jill Hoffman
Vicky Holmquist
Al Kinrade
Sylvie Miller

Wilma Mott
Connie Myers
Sally Rorabaugh
Merna Rusk
Rev. Janna Steed
Theresa Stewart
Steve Thomassen

PLEASE NOTE: If you have a prayer request or know of a change and want it reflected in the bulletin, please call the church office at 792-4648. Please keep us updated and let us know when you would like to be removed from the prayer list.

WE ARE IN NEED of several more people willing to serve periodically as a projectionist and/or videographer during times of worship. This task is very easy and quite essential during our services. Training will be provided. Please contact the church office if you are willing to join the technical engineering team!

IF YOUR SCHEDULE keeps you from attending worship, join our live-streamed worship services, devotions, and past services by visiting our website at newtonfirst.org.

UMW NUT ORDERS can still be placed online until the end of 2022 by going to <https://fumcnewton.terrylynn.com> and order directly. Shipping remains free for orders over \$30 through the online store. Thanks to all for your continued support.

AS A REMINDER, if you are unable to join us in worship, please send your offering to the church office at 210 N 2nd Ave E, Newton IA 50208. Online giving is also available for donations to First United Methodist Church. This can be done by going to the church's website (newtonfirst.org) and selecting the "Give" tab. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

JASPER COUNTY TAKE AWAY HUNGER will host their next event on Saturday, August 20th, at the Newton Church of the Way, 2306 S 3rd Ave E. FUMC will cover the 11 AM shift. We are looking for 12 people to help package food. There is a sign-up sheet at the Welcome Center if you are interested in helping with this event. The cost is \$30.00 a person, but if you need help with this cost, funds may be available.

DURING AUGUST, United Women in Faith have planned a summer mission project to provide needed items for Discover Hope. Lists of their needs will be placed on the table in the narthex and a container will be provided for the items (non-perishable items only). They provide free meals and other services daily for people in need. At the end of each month, or sooner if the need arises, we will deliver the items to them.

NEIGHBORS HELPING NEIGHBORS is collecting items needed by school teachers and school nurses, which the school budgets typically do not cover, yet many families cannot afford to provide for their children. Collection will take place during the summer and delivered to the schools in August before school opens. Please find a box in the narthex for contributions from FUMC.

remove the evil of your doings from before my eyes; cease to do evil, learn to do good; seek justice, rescue the oppressed; defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Come now, let us argue it out, says the LORD: though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be like snow; though they are red like crimson, they shall become like wool. If you are willing and obedient, you shall eat the good of the land; but if you refuse and rebel, you shall be devoured by the sword; for the mouth of the LORD has spoken.

The Scripture Reading – Luke 12:32-40 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 70)

“Do not be afraid, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom. Sell your possessions and give alms. Make purses for yourselves that do not wear out, an unfailing treasure in heaven, where no thief comes near and no moth destroys. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. Be dressed for action and have your lamps lit; be like those who are waiting for their master to return from the wedding banquet, so that they may open the door for him as soon as he comes and knocks. Blessed are those slaves whom the master finds alert when he comes; truly I tell you, he will fasten his belt and have them sit down to eat, and he will come and serve them. If he comes during the middle of the night, or near dawn, and finds them so, blessed are those slaves. But know this: if the owner of the house had known at what hour the thief was coming, he would not have let his house be broken into. You also must be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an unexpected hour.”

Prayers of the People

Call to Prayer 2200 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer" (The Faith We Sing x2)

O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O LORD, hear my prayer. O LORD, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

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*Congregational Prayer (in unison) – **God of love and justice, bring into our lives your loving passion for all humankind. Help us to look beyond our selfish interests and ambitions so that we may learn of your compassion and mercy. Help us to be gentle and kind and concerned for those who go hungry this day. Remind us that there are some even nearby who will have no shelter for sleep in the coming night. Stir deep in our hearts the urgency of becoming peacemakers. Remind us that the strong and clear call from Jesus was to live in the world as instruments of peace and reconciliation. Help us to speak out against the need for war and lift up the causes of peace; in the name of the Prince of Peace, Jesus Christ. Amen***

Silent Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

In Children’s Time

Hymn 349 “Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus”

Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face,
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace.
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Children's Message

Offertory Scripture – Psalm 85:9 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 514)
Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,
that his glory may dwell in our land.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings
Offertory "His Eye Is on the Sparrow" arr. J. Schrader
Melissa Smith, soloist
The Doxology 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Dedication of Gifts

United Women of Faith Pin Recognition

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – Hebrews 11:1-3, 8-16 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 211-212)
Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. Indeed, by faith our ancestors received approval. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible.

By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. By faith he stayed for a time in the land he had been promised, as in a foreign land, living in tents, as did Isaac and Jacob, who were heirs with him of the same promise. For he looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God. By faith he received power of procreation, even though he was too old – and Sarah herself was barren – because he considered him faithful who had promised. Therefore from one person, and this one as good as dead, descendants were born, "as many as the stars of heaven and as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore." All of these died in faith without having received the promises, but from a distance they saw and greeted them. They confessed that they were strangers and foreigners on the earth, for people who speak in this way make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. If they had been thinking of the land that they had left behind, they would have had opportunity to return. But as it is, they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city for them.

The Witness to the Word "The Journey!" Pastor Paul Smith

HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving

*The Benediction Response "Benediction Hymn" (tune is from "Danny Boy" [Londonberry Air])
Now may the Lord bless you and keep you
And make his face to shine upon you;
And may God lift his countenance upon you
And give you blessed peace for now and evermore.

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*The Postlude
*Those who are able are invited to stand. Jean Ibbotson

IN THE NAME OF JESUS — teacher, friend, healer, Lord, Messiah, Savior — we welcome you to worship.

USHERS: Calvin Holmquist, Shawn McFarling, Fred Chabot, Judy Chabot

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Greg & Rhonda Loder and Jerry & Betty Yates

VAN ASSISTANT: Steve Calabro; VAN DRIVER: Blake Miller; VAN MAINTENANCE (August): Mel Wilson

GREETERS: Margie Loupee, north door; Pat Riemenschneider, south door; Mary Ann Reisetter, west door

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 99; Park Centre: 30; Total: 129

PLEASE NOTIFY PASTOR PAUL or the church office if you or a family member is admitted to a hospital.

THIS WEEK'S RADIO BROADCAST on KCOB is sponsored by Patty Dykstra.

THE AUGUST MESSENGER can be picked up in the Welcome Center or the church office during regular business hours.

ALL ARE INVITED to send a belated birthday wish/thinking of you card to Steve Thomassen who has recently been placed under hospice care at home. Steve's address is: 701 Rosedale Dr, Unit 17A, Center Point IA 52213.

THE MISSION MARKET is open in the narthex. Produce is slowly becoming available; you're welcome to share items and/or wrapped baked goods and craft items as well! There are some fun crocheted water toys available for a silent auction bid! All money will go to mission efforts. If you have any questions, please contact Mel Wilson.

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: 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 your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, when nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn war anymore.

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. At his ascension you exalted him to sit and reign with you at your right hand.

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.

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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

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

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Prayer after Communion

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People: **Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others.**

Pastor: *In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.*

People: **Amen**

SENDING FORTH

**In Song 127 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"*

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I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;
Feed me till I want no more.*

*Open now the crystal fountain, whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fire and cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer, be thou still my strength and shield;
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