

# *First United Methodist Church*

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

**January 16, 2022  
8:45 AM**

**Second Sunday after the Epiphany**

## *Service of Praise and Worship*

Gathering Music	<b>THE GATHERING</b> "Ever Faithful, Ever Near" Rachel Faidley, organist	F. Ritter
Welcome & Announcements		
The Prelude	"Jesus Is My Life" Rachel Faidley, organist	R. Kendall
Call to Worship		Wade Sheeler
Leader:	Something so big	
People:	<b>We can't hold it.</b>	
Leader:	Something so deep	
People:	<b>We can't reach it.</b>	
Leader:	Yet it beckons.	
People:	<b>It has many names.</b>	
Leader:	God.	
People:	<b>Love.</b>	
Leader:	Truth.	
People:	<b>Community.</b>	
Leader:	God is in all of it.	
People:	<b>And God draws us here.</b>	
Leader:	To feel some light.	
People:	<b>To dwell in some peace.</b>	
Leader:	To experience some love.	
All:	<b>To sing some joy.</b>	

## **PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

*In Songs of Praise*

"We Are the Church" (UMH #558)

{Chorus}

*I am the church! You are the church! We are the church together!  
All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church together!*



The church is not a building, the church is not a steeple,  
The church is not a resting place, the church is a people.  
{Chorus}

We're many kinds of people, with many kinds of faces,  
All colors and all ages, too, from all times and places.  
{Chorus}

Sometimes the church is marching, sometimes it's bravely burning,  
Sometimes it's riding, sometimes hiding, always it's learning.  
{Chorus}

And when the people gather, there's singing and there's praying,  
There's laughing and there's crying sometimes, all of it saying:  
{Chorus}

At Pentecost some people received the Holy Spirit  
And told the Good News through the world to all who would hear it.  
{Chorus}

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"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" (The Faith We Sing #2223)

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord,  
And we pray that all unity may one day be restored:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand,  
And together we'll spread the news that God is in our land:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
We will work with each other, we will work side by side,  
And we'll guard each man's dignity and save each man's pride:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come,  
And all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son,  
And all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one:  
And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love;  
Yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

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THE WEEK – Beginning January 16, 2022

**Today**

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

**Monday**

Office Closed  
2:00 Bible Study

**Tuesday**

6:30 Trustees Committee Mtg

**Wednesday**

9:00 Staff Mtg  
1:00 Miriam Circle  
5:30 Community Meal  
6:00 Jubilee Bell Rehearsal  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

IOWA UNITED METHODIST CAMPS offer a summer of friendships, faith building, and excitement at Lake Okoboji and Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Centers. 2022 camp books are now available in the Welcome Center. It's not too early to begin planning this Adventure of a Lifetime!

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Jan 16th** – Linette Bowser, Jackson Hartzell, Ethan Illingworth, Kathy Milburn; **17th** – Amanda Crise, Rhonda Guy, Pat Martens, Larry Pauley, Phyllis Snook; **18th** – Jerry Dawson, Betty Yates; **21st** – Nick Bunse, Jacob Hartgers, Bryar Hill; **22nd** – Nancy Andersen, Vern Bryan, Steve Herrin, Barb Richards

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: None

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith  
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling  
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley  
Custodian – Kraig Holubar  
Technical Engineers – Christine Dawson, Projection;  
Marv Bunse, Sound; Koni Bunse, Videography

Administrative Assistant – Joy Osborn-Daniels  
Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Mel Wilson  
Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Rachel Faidley  
Lay Leader – Karen Kriz

## PRAYER REQUESTS

### 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  
Nancy Kies

*Those Protecting Us*  
Law Enforcement  
Firefighters  
EMTs

### Those Who Mourn...

### Those in Care Facilities...

Betty Ashby  
Dorothy Carpenter  
Pam Conklin  
Andy Jackson

Wilma Mott  
Helen Newton  
Rita Skinner  
Phyllis Snook

Elsie Ulland  
Judy Wittenberg  
Teresa Yeager  
Phyllis Yeutsy

### Healing & Health Concerns...

Sue Antle  
Steve Dailey  
Martie DeBoef  
Cash Dickerson  
Nick Dreyer  
TJ Dykstra  
Mackenzie Eldred

Paul Frohardt  
Jody Gooch  
Wilma Grout  
Jill Hoffman  
Vicky Holmquist  
Pat Ingledue  
Sylvie Miller

Connie Myers  
Nikhil Phukan  
Sally Rorabaugh  
Merna Rusk  
Rev. Janna Steed  
Theresa Stewart  
Rod Wright

**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.

### "Fill My Cup, Lord" (UMH #641)

*Fill my cup, Lord, I lift it up, Lord.  
Come and quench this thirsting of my soul.  
Bread of heaven, feed me till I want no more;  
Fill my cup, fill it up and make me whole.*

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### \*Hymn of Praise 89 "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

*Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, opening to the sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness; drive the dark of doubt away.  
Giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day!*

*All Thy works with joy surround Thee, earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,  
Stars and angels sing around Thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in Thee.*

*Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
Well-spring of the joy of living, ocean depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our brother, all who live in love are Thine;  
Teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.*

*Mortals, join the mighty chorus which the morning stars began;  
Love divine is reigning o'er us, binding all within its span.  
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife;  
Joyful music leads us sunward, in the triumph song of life.*

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### The Scripture Reading – Isaiah 62:1-5 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 651)

*For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give. You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married. For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.*

### The Scripture Reading – Psalm 36:5-10 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT pages 482-483)

*Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds. Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains, your judgments are like the great deep; you save humans and animals alike, O LORD. How precious is your steadfast love, O God! All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings. They feast on the abundance of your house, and you give them drink from the river of your delights. For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see*

light. O continue your steadfast love to those who know you, and your salvation to the upright of heart!

Prayers of the People

Hymn 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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**Call to Prayer – Holy God, weave praise into the fabric of our days so our lives become a blessing to others. Weave peace into our words and deeds so hatred and anger are disarmed. Weave love into our work so accomplishments are imbued with humility. Weave kindness into our actions so the world becomes a joyous place to live. Weave hope into every encounter so we may testify to God's continuing resurrection. Weave songs into our worship so our morning might echo in praise to God. 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 36:7 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 483)

How precious is your steadfast love, O God!

All people may take refuge in the shadow of your wings.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"O Give Thanks to the Lord"

M. Beale/S. Pethel

Chancel Choir

The Doxology 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Dedication of Gifts

### **PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

The Scripture Reading – John 2:1-11 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 87)

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of

IN OBSERVANCE OF Martin Luther King Jr. Day, the church office will be closed tomorrow.

UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORIES are now available for pick-up in the Welcome Center.

2022 GIVING ENVELOPES are now available in the Welcome Center. Please help yourself to a box!

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](http://newtonfirst.org)) and selecting the "Give" tab. Your continued financial support is greatly appreciated.

IF THERE IS a weather-related school closing or early dismissal, church activities will be canceled for that day/evening (except Wednesday Night Meals). This may also affect the time the church office opens and closes.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS are under way from 5:30 PM—6:30 PM with the meals now served in the church dining room. All in attendance will need to wear a mask until they're seated at their table (seating will reflect social distance). Sacred Heart and First Lutheran Churches rotate weeks of service with FUMC. This week, FUMC will serve goulash, green beans, cupcakes, and beverages. As food donations are needed, sign-up sheets will be at the Welcome Center. All meals are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

KIDS CLUB WILL NOT MEET this Wednesday due to staffing shortages.

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.

THE IOWA UNITED METHODIST FOUNDATION is reminding everyone of the availability of scholarships for students from Iowa who are planning to attend a university, college, or vocational institution and also the availability of scholarships for seminary students who are from Iowa and attending an approved United Methodist Seminary. Applications and all required material must be postmarked no later than March 1, 2022 to be eligible. Details may be sent to Iowa United Methodist Foundation, 2301 Rittenhouse St, Des Moines IA 50321. For a complete listing of scholarships available including criteria, applications, and checklist, please go to [www.iumpf.org/scholarships](http://www.iumpf.org/scholarships).

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The Witness to the Word

"The Wine of Our Lives"

Nina Robson

**SENDING FORTH**

\*In Song 140 "Great Is Thy Faithfulness"

Great is Thy faithfulness, O God my Father;  
There is no shadow of turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not;  
As Thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

{Chorus}

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness!  
Morning by morning new mercies I see;  
All I have needed Thy hand hath provided;  
Great is Thy faithfulness, LORD, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,  
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

{Chorus}

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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May we follow Jesus into the work of ministry.*

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*OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Joy Stout*

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