

THE WEEK – Beginning June 26, 2022

**Today**

8:45 Worship  
9:00 “First Church on the Air”  
(KCOB Radio 95.9 FM/1280 AM)  
10:00 Park Centre Worship  
6:00 Ice Cream Social (Dining Room)

**Wednesday**

9:00 Staff Meeting

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **Jun 26th** – William Ledvina; **27th** – Ashton Joswiak; **28th** – Owen Hanneman, Pam Kingery; **29th** – Ryan Gott, Gretchen Guy, Paul Sandholm; **30th** – Shane Chesshire, Shirley Fox, Kennedy Gibbs-Mitchell, Spencer Gibbs-Mitchell, Lyn Helle, Doug Phillips; **Jul 1st** – Brian Butler, Gina Marshall

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **Jun 26th** – Bill & Kathy Grimes, Ron & Sarah Urias Jr; **28th** – Silas & Sarah Hanneman, Larry & RoxAnne Lint, Greg & Rhonda Loder; **29th** – Larry & Christine Pauley, Randy & Amber Robson; **Jul 2nd** – Ed & Shannon Banfield, Mel & Jana Lust, Gary & Carol York

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; Kemy Skinner-Havens, Videography

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

# First United Methodist Church

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

**June 26, 2022  
8:45 AM**

**Third Sunday after Pentecost**

*Service of Praise and Worship*

## THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Bob Lane

Leader: God, we want our worship today to reflect the overwhelming love we have for you.

**People: We desire that our songs would be a beautiful offering, pointing only toward you.**

Leader: We ask that each moment of this time together would bring you great praise and glory, for you alone are worthy.

**All: Guide us as we worship that all we sing and speak and pray would honor your great name. Amen**

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit” (UMH #334)

There's a sweet, sweet Spirit in this place, and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord;  
There are sweet expressions on each face, and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.  
Sweet Holy Spirit, sweet heavenly Dove, stay right here with us, filling us with your love;  
And for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;  
Without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived when we shall leave this place.

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“I've Got Peace Like a River” (The Faith We Sing #2145, vs 1)

I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.  
I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.

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"Gentle Shepherd"

Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.  
Gentle Shepherd, come and feed us, for we need your strength from day to day.  
There's no other we can turn to who can help us face another day;  
Gentle Shepherd, come and lead us, for we need you to help us find our way.

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\*Hymn of Praise 77 "How Great Thou Art" (vs 1 & 4)

O Lord my God! When I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds thy hands have made,  
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, thy power throughout the universe displayed.

{Chorus}

Then sings my soul, my Savior God to thee; how great thou art, how great thou art!  
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When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart.  
Then I shall bow in humble adoration, and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!

{Chorus}

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The Scripture Reading – 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 317)

Now when the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel.

Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. He picked up the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and went back and stood on the bank of the Jordan. He took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the water, saying, "Where is the LORD, the God of Elijah?" When he had struck the water, the water was parted to the one side and to the other, and Elisha went over.

The Scripture Reading – Luke 9:51-62 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 66)

When the days drew near for him to be taken up, he set his face to go to Jerusalem. And he sent

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  
Jane Kies

Those Protecting Us  
Law Enforcement  
Firefighters  
EMTs

Those Who Mourn...

The family of Paul Ross  
The family of Joe Holubar (Kraig Holubar's father)

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  
Dori Byers  
Steve Dailey  
Martie DeBoef  
Cash Dickerson  
Nick Dreyer  
Mackenzie Eldred

Paul Frohardt  
Jody Gooch  
Wilma Grout  
Jill Hoffman  
Vicky Holmquist  
Jean Ibbotson  
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.

THE MISSION MARKET is now open in the narthex. As produce becomes available, you're welcome to share items and/or wrapped baked goods and craft items as well! All money will go to mission efforts. If you have any questions, please contact Mel Wilson.

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

DURING JUNE, JULY, AND 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.

WE WILL BE OFFERING training on our AED, Automated External Defibrillator, after worship today. This training is open to everyone, but especially for the ushers. Learning how to use this equipment is not that hard and it can save someone's life!

THERE WILL BE A SPECIAL CHARGE CONFERENCE, a special meeting of the FUMC Administrative Council, on Tuesday, June 28th at 7 PM in the church dining room. The stated purpose is: "After receiving the final review from the church's attorney, the Trustees are seeking permission to sign an underground utility easement in our north parking lot with Interstate Power and Light Company and with Mahaska Communications." They will be using an underground tunnel boring machine. There will be a detailed map available.

BEGINNING NEXT SUNDAY, JULY 3RD, FUMC will resume Sunday morning fellowship time in the church dining room immediately following worship. It has been some time since we've been able to socialize with one another and this is a most welcome return!

messengers ahead of him. On their way they entered a village of the Samaritans to make ready for him; but they did not receive him, because his face was set toward Jerusalem. When his disciples James and John saw it, they said, "Lord, do you want us to command fire to come down from heaven and consume them?" But he turned and rebuked them. Then they went on to another village. As they were going along the road, someone said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." And Jesus said to him, "Foxes have holes, and birds of the air have nests; but the Son of Man has nowhere to lay his head." To another he said, "Follow me." But he said, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." But Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead; but as for you, go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but let me first say farewell to those at my home." Jesus said to him, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for the kingdom of God."

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 – God, today we simply come in gratitude. We are thankful for this beautiful place to gather in your name, for here we are challenged, encouraged and reminded of who you are and what you have done. We have been blessed with the fruit of your Spirit. We are thankful for the love, patience, kindness and gentleness of your Spirit. Continue your transforming work whereby we who have been loved will love; we with whom you have been patient will show patience; we to whom kindness has been shown will be kind; and we with whom you have been gentle will be gentle ourselves with all people. For all of this and more, we are so very grateful. 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 77:13-15 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 508)

Your way, O God, is holy. What god is so great as our God? You are the God who works wonders;  
you have displayed your might among the peoples. With your strong arm you redeemed your  
people, the descendants of Jacob and Joseph.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Draw the Circle Wide"

M. Miller

Video Presentation

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

O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee  
That where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be.  
And Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.

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Dedication of Gifts

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – Galatians 5:1, 13-25 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 179)  
For freedom Christ has set us free. Stand firm, therefore, and do not submit again to a yoke of slavery.

For you were called to freedom, brothers and sisters; only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for self-indulgence, but through love become slaves to one another. For the whole law is summed up in a single commandment, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." If, however, you bite and devour one another, take care that you are not consumed by one another. Live by the Spirit, I say, and do not gratify the desires of the flesh. For what the flesh desires is opposed to the Spirit, and what the Spirit desires is opposed to the flesh; for these are opposed to each other, to prevent you from doing what you want. But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not subject to the law. Now the works of the flesh are obvious: fornication, impurity, licentiousness, idolatry, sorcery, enmities, strife, jealousy, anger, quarrels, dissensions, factions, envy, drunkenness, carousing, and things like these. I am warning you, as I warned you before: those who do such things will not inherit the kingdom of God. By contrast, the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against such things. And those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. If we live by the Spirit, let us also be guided by the Spirit.

The Witness to the Word

"Fruit Is Not Only for Us to Consume"

Pastor Paul Smith

### SENDING FORTH

\*In Song 396 "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;  
Be thou forever near me, my Master and my friend.

I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,  
Nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me feel thee near me! The world is ever near;  
I see the sights that dazzle, the tempting sounds I hear;  
My foes are ever near me, around me and within;  
But Jesus, draw thou nearer, and shield my soul from sin.

O let me hear thee speaking in accents clear and still,  
Above the storms of passion, the murmurs of self-will.  
O speak to reassure me, to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen, thou guardian of my soul.

\*The Benediction

\*The Benediction Response 2241 "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"  
(The Faith We Sing, verse 4 only)

Now let us go to serve in peace, the gospel to proclaim.  
God's Spirit has empowered us; we go in Jesus' name.

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\*The Postlude

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

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AS WE GATHER FOR WORSHIP, I welcome you — and please turn and welcome one another —  
in the name of Jesus Christ.

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

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Dave Drew

VAN ASSISTANT: Dave Drew; VAN DRIVER: Steve Calabro; VAN MAINTENANCE (June): Greg Loder

GREETERS: Marilyn Tish, north door; Kathy Carpenter, south door; Bill & Barb Ward, west door

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 93; Park Centre: 43; Total: 136

**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 the Robson family.

THE JULY MESSENGER can be picked up on the table in the narthex or the church office during regular business hours.

NEXT SUNDAY is Home Mission Sunday. The Food Pantry's request for the month of July from our church is peanut butter and jelly. You can place your donations in the wicker baskets at the church entrances next Sunday morning. Thank you!