

THE WEEK – Beginning May 15, 2022

**Today**

8:45 Worship  
9:00 “First Church on the Air”  
(KCOB Radio 95.9 FM/1280 AM)  
10:00 Park Centre Worship  
2:00 Accura East Worship

**Monday**

2:00 Bible Study (final)

**Tuesday**

Administrative Council Reports Due

**Wednesday**

9:00 Staff Mtg  
9:30 Mary Circle (PJ’s Deli)  
1:00 Miriam Circle (PJ’s Deli)  
5:30 Community Meal  
6:00 Jubilee Bell Rehearsal  
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

**Thursday**

9:30 Park Centre Study (final)

# First United Methodist Church

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

**May 15, 2022**

**Fifth Sunday of Easter**

**8:45 AM**

*Service of Praise and Worship*

**THE GATHERING**

Gathering Music

“Morning Has Broken”  
Jubilee Bells

S. Rodgers

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Wade Sheeler

Leader: Come, all who are thirsty,

**People: Says Jesus, our Lord.**

Leader: Come, all who are weak,

**People: Taste the living water that I shall give.**

Leader: Dip your hands in the stream,

**People: Refresh body and soul,**

Leader: Drink from it,

**People: Depend on it,**

Leader: For this water

**People: Will never run dry.**

**All: Come, all who are thirsty, says Jesus, our Lord.**

— John Birch, and posted on Faith and Worship, [faithandworship.com](http://faithandworship.com)

**PRAYERS AND PRAISE**

In Songs of Praise

“Step by Step” (x3)

O God you are my God

And I will ever praise you

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And I will ever praise you

*I will seek you in the morning  
And I will learn to walk in your ways  
And step by step you'll lead me  
And I will follow you all of my days*

AS A PART OF THEIR IOWA TOUR, missionaries to Africa University, Larry and Jane Kies, are holding an event in Newton at St Luke UMC, 501 E 19th St N, on Wednesday, May 25th at 7 PM. Jane, who is still an active missionary, and Larry, recently retired, will give an update on their mission and thank those that have supported their ministry. All are welcome to attend.

CONGRATULATIONS TO Madison Bagnall as she graduates from the University of Iowa Carver College of Medicine with her medical degree with distinctions in rural medicine and business. She has chosen internal medicine as her specialty and will complete her residency at Unity Point in Des Moines. Notes of praise may be sent to Madison at 1107 S 20th Ave W, Newton IA 50208.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **May 15th** – Jeremy Carpenter, Joy Osborn-Daniels; **18th** – Doug Carpenter; **21st** – Craig Althof, Judy Brisel, Courtney Dawson, Lana Wohlers

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **May 15th** – Michael & Sharon Allison, Harold & Betty Wright; **19th** – Dave & Sherrie Zellinger; **20th** – Steve & Judith Dailey

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith

Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling

Director of Music – Rachel Faidley

Custodian – Craig Holubar

Technical Engineers – Alan Stout, Projection;

Jerry Dawson, Sound; Koni Bunse, Videography

Administrative Assistant – Joy Osborn-Daniels

Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Mel Wilson

Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Rachel Faidley

Lay Leaders – Ron Carpenter and Sandy Davis

{Ending}  
And step by step you'll lead me  
And I will follow you all of my days

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"Make Us One" (The Faith We Sing #2224 x2)

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.  
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

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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 92 "For the Beauty of the Earth"

For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon, and stars of light;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's delight,  
For the mystic harmony linking sense to sound and sight;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thy church, that evermore lifteth holy hands above,  
Offering upon every shore her pure sacrifice of love;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine, to the world so freely given,  
For that great, great love of thine, peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise this our hymn of grateful praise.

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The Scripture Reading – John 13:31-35 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 102)

When he had gone out, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to

## 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...

### Those in Care Facilities...

Betty Ashby  
Pam Conklin  
Andy Jackson  
Marilyn Langmaid

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  
Mackenzie Eldred

Paul Frohardt  
Jody Gooch  
Wilma Grout  
Jill Hoffman  
Vicky Holmquist  
Joe Holubar

Jean Ibbotson  
Sylvie Miller  
Connie Myers  
Sally Rorabaugh  
Merna Rusk  
Rev. Janna Steed  
Theresa Stewart

**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.**

VAN ASSISTANT: Dave Drew; VAN DRIVER: Steve Calabro; VAN MAINTENANCE (May): Shawn McFarling

GREETERS: Tori Reynolds, north door; Dave & Pat Drew, south door; Patty Dykstra & Clayton Case, west door

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 97; Park Centre: 46; Total: 143

**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 SANCTUARY PEWS are now restocked! Please find offering envelopes for your convenience, sign the attendance pad, and feel free to place a prayer request in the offering plate each Sunday morning.

THE MISSION MARKET is now open. As produce will be slow in the beginning, wrapped baked goods and craft items are welcome! All money will go to mission efforts. As produce becomes available, you're welcome to bring those items as well. If you have any questions, please contact Mel Wilson during normal office hours.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT COMMUNITY MEALS are under way from 5:30 PM—6:30 PM in the church dining room. Sacred Heart and First Lutheran Churches rotate weeks of service with FUMC. This week, FUMC will serve chicken & noodles, mashed potatoes, rolls, cookies, 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.

NEXT WEEK IS Rural Life Sunday. Special envelopes will be in the bulletins for this collection which addresses the ongoing crisis occurring in rural areas of the nation and the world.

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.terrilynn.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.

the Jews so now I say to you, 'Where I am going, you cannot come.' I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

The Scripture Reading – Acts 1:1-18 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 110-111)

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now." So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers. In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, "Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry." (Now this man acquired a field with the reward of his wickedness; and falling headlong, he burst open in the middle and all his bowels gushed out.)

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 – Lord, as we reflect on eternity, our deepest hopes and longings are stirred. We've wept so many tears that we can't imagine a day when they'll be no more. We've known mourning and sorrow and pain for so long we can scarcely believe they'll be wiped away. And so we pray for faith, hope and love. Faith to believe you'll do what you've said you'll do. Hope to keep heart as we wait. And love to care well for those around us as we live out the priorities of your coming kingdom in the here and now. 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 148:13-14 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 148)

Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted; his glory is above earth and heaven. He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful, for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Love Unmeasured, Love of God" L. Larson & S. Boersma  
Chancel Choir

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

Dedication of Gifts

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

The Scripture Reading – Revelation 21:1-6 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 244)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away." And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life."

The Witness to the Word

"Heaven on Earth"

Pastor Paul Smith

**SENDING FORTH**

\*In Song 524 "Beams of Heaven as I Go"

Beams of heaven as I go, through the wilderness below,  
Guide my feet in peaceful ways, turn my midnights into days.

When in the darkness I would grope, faith always sees a star of hope,  
And soon from all life's grief and danger I shall be free someday.

{Chorus}

I do not know how long 'twill be, nor what the future holds for me,  
But this I know: if Jesus leads me, I shall get home someday.

Oftentimes my sky is clear, joy abounds without a tear;  
 Though a day so bright begun, clouds may hide tomorrow's sun.  
 There'll be a day that's always bright, a day that never yields to night,  
 And in its light the streets of glory I shall behold someday.

{Chorus}

Harder yet may be the fight; right may often yield to might;  
 Wickedness a while may reign; Satan's cause may seem to gain.  
 There is a God that rules above, with hand of power and heart of love;  
 If I am right, he'll fight my battle, I shall have peace someday.

{Chorus}

Burdens now may crush me down, disappointments all around;  
 Troubles speak in mournful sigh, sorrow through a tear-stained eye.  
 There is a world where pleasure reigns, no mourning soul shall roam its plains,  
 And to that land of peace and glory I want to go someday.

{Chorus}

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\*The Benediction

\*The Benediction Response 310 "He Lives" (Refrain Only)

He lives, he lives, Christ Jesus lives today!  
He walks with me and talks with me along life's narrow way.  
He lives, he lives, salvation to impart!  
You ask me how I know he lives? He lives within my heart.

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\*The Postlude

\*Those who are able are invited to stand.

Jean Ibbotson

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THE PSALMIST CALLS ALL CREATION — sun and water, trees and mountains, animals and people — to praise the Lord (Psalm 148). And so we shall. Welcome!

USHERS: Calvin Holmquist, Shawn McFarling, Greg Loder, Terry Ingledue

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Greg & Rhonda Loder and Diane Plumb