

THE WEEK – Beginning May 22, 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

Newsletter Deadline
6:30 S/PPRC Mtg

Wednesday

9:00 Staff Mtg
1:00 Senior Council Mtg
2:00 Park Centre Circle
5:30 Community Meal
7:00 Chancel Choir Rehearsal

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **May 22nd** – Leah Hunter, Julie Kain, Gavin Urias; **23rd** – Carlos Heatherly, Matt Milligan; **24th** – Hunter Hartgrave; **25th** – Jim Marshall, Ryan Newel, Abby Poulson, Ben Rae; **27th** – Larry Milburn, Ann Straight

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **May 24th** – Jeff & Linelle Eldred, Ed & Bonnie Logan; **25th** – Matt & Sandy Scotton; **27th** – Tom & Paula Meade, II

OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley
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Marv Bunse, Sound; Karter Prellwitz-Liebhart, Videography

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Coordinator of Lay Ministries – Mel Wilson
Organist – Jean Ibbotson; Park Centre Pianist – Rachel Faidley
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.”**

**May 22, 2022
8:45 AM**

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Service of Praise and Worship

THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Rhonda Loder

Leader: *We come here drawn by the power of God’s love.*

People: We have come to hear the Good News.

Leader: *And to find and celebrate new life.*

**People: We have come remembering the words of Jesus,
“Peace I give to you.”**

Leader: *We are thankful for the words of Jesus and remember
how he said,*

**People: “Do not let your hearts be troubled, and neither let
them be afraid.”**

**All: This is the peace we live in and the promise we
celebrate here in this time of worship.**

PRAYERS AND PRAISE

In Songs of Praise

“We Will Follow” (x2)

*We will follow, we will follow Jesus. We will follow, we will follow him.
We will follow, we will follow Jesus. Wherever he leads us we will follow.*

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“There’s Something About That Name” (UMH #171)

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! There’s just something about that name!

Master, Savior, Jesus! Like the fragrance after the rain.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus! Let all heaven and earth proclaim:

Kings and kingdoms will all pass away, but there’s something about that name!

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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 157 "Jesus Shall Reign" (vs 1, 3 & 5)*

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;

His kingdom spread from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song;

And infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;

Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud amen!

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The Scripture Reading – John 14:23-29 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 103)

Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. I have said these things to you while I am still with you. But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur you may believe."

The Scripture Reading – Revelation 21:10, 22-22:5 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 244, 245)

And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God.

I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory in to it. Its gates will never be shut by day – and there will be no night there. People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life. Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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

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
Joe Holubar
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 FINAL WEDNESDAY NIGHT meal is available from 5:30 PM – 6:30 PM with First Lutheran Church serving ham salad sandwiches, 3-bean salad, chips, cookies, and beverages. All meals are open to the public and everyone is welcome.

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.terri.lynn.com> and order directly. Shipping remains free for orders over \$30 through the online store. Thanks to all for your continued support.

ARE YOU AVAILABLE TO HELP get others to church on Sunday mornings? We are in need of van drivers and van assistants willing to rotate times of service. Drivers must have a D3 license (no test required) and a clean driving record for 2+ years. A sign-up sheet is at the Welcome Center.

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.

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.

THE MONDAY AFTERNOON BIBLE STUDY, "Men and Women of the Bible," will take a summer recess. They will reconvene on Monday, September 12th at 2 PM with the instructions the apostles were given. Everyone is welcome.

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 – Companion God, we hear the pain of our world and pray—for all for whom this new day is the beginning of life; for all who face new ventures and challenges; for the people engulfed by loneliness, despair or grief; for all who feel cast off from your presence; for all who are walled in by circumstance and whose lives are exhausted; for all this day who will find their rest in you. In your mercy, journey with all whom we name in word and silence...By the presence of your Spirit of mystery and grace encourage us in the days ahead so that we can go faithfully as sisters and brothers of the risen One.

~ Adapted from *Uniting in Worship 2* and publications of the Iona Community and written by Jeff Shrowder.

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 67:1-3 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 500)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth, your saving power among all nations.
Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "One God, One People, One Voice"

L. Shackley

Chancel Choir

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

Dedication of Gifts

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

The Scripture Reading – Acts 16:9-15 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT pages 127-128)

During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, "Come over to Macedonia and help us." When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. On the Sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered there. A certain woman named Lydia, a worshiper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, "If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home." And she prevailed upon us.

The Witness to the Word

"Choosing Faith over Fear"

Pastor Paul Smith

SENDING FORTH

*In Song 512 "Stand By Me "

When the storms of life are raging, stand by me;
When the storms of life are raging, stand by me.
When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,
Thou who rulest wind and water, stand by me.

In the midst of tribulation, stand by me;
In the midst of tribulation, stand by me.
When the host of hell assail, and my strength begins to fail,
Thou who never lost a battle, stand by me.

In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me;
In the midst of faults and failures, stand by me.
When I've done the best I can, and my friends misunderstand,
Thou who knowest all about me, stand by me.

In the midst of persecution, stand by me;
In the midst of persecution, stand by me.
When my foes in war array undertake to stop my way,
Thou who saved Paul and Silas, stand by me.

When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me;
When I'm growing old and feeble, stand by me.
When my life becomes a burden, and I'm nearing chilly Jordan,
O thou Lily of the Valley, stand by me.

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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

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: Jim Marshall and Dave Drew

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

GREETERS: Sue & Tracy Gienger, north door; Deb Bagnall, south door; Val & Phyllis Olson, west door

ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 86; Park Centre: 36; Total: 122

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 in memory of Matthew and Carter from Bill & Marcilee Yeager.

SPECIAL ENVELOPES are in today's bulletins for Rural Life Sunday. This special offering celebrates the rural heritage of The United Methodist Church and recognizes the ongoing crisis occurring in rural areas of the nation and the world today. Your support is greatly appreciated.

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.