

THE WEEK – Beginning May 8, 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**

2:00 Bible Study

**Tuesday**

6:30 Trustees Committee Mtg

**Wednesday**

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

**Thursday**

9:30 Park Centre Study

# 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 8, 2022**

**8:45 AM**

**Fourth Sunday of Easter**

*Service of Praise and Worship*

## THE GATHERING

Gathering Music

Welcome & Announcements

The Prelude

Jean Ibbotson

Call to Worship

Nina Robson

**Leader:** *Mothering is about love and peace and we honor those who live that out.*

**People:** **We pray to the Lord.**

**Leader:** *For our mothers, who give life and love, we show them reverence and love.*

**People:** **We pray to the Lord.**

**Leader:** *For mothers who have lost a child through death, we pray that their faith may give them hope.*

**People:** **We pray to the Lord.**

**Leader:** *For women, though without children of their own who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us.*

**People:** **We pray to the Lord.**

**Leader:** *For men who take on the task of nurturing.*

**People:** **We pray to the Lord.**

**Leader:** *For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to their children and have not sustained their families.*

**People:** **We pray to the Lord.**

**Leader:** *Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her children, so you watch over your Church and we thank you.*

**People:** **We pray to the Lord.**

**All:** **Bless all who mother. Let the example of their faith and love shine forth. We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen**

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.

THOSE CELEBRATING BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK: **May 8th** – Sue Bryan, Chris Crise, Jane Hollander, Bekah Swersie; **9th** – Tim Hutchins; **10th** – Dave Zellinger; **13th** – Diana Agan, Grace Russell, Logan Russell

THOSE CELEBRATING ANNIVERSARIES THIS WEEK: **May 8th** – Brent & Trisha Boyer; **12th** – Wayne & Linda Madison; **13th** – Jeff & Connie Carmichael

### OFFICIARY

Pastor – Paul Smith  
Financial Secretary – Dorothy McFarling  
Director of Music – Rachel Faidley  
Custodian – Kraig Holubar  
Technical Engineers – Christine Dawson, Projection;  
Tim Blount, Sound; Kenny Skinner-Havens, 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

## PRAYERS AND PRAISE

*In Songs of Praise*

*“Since Jesus Came into My Heart” (The Faith We Sing #2140, vs 1)  
What a wonderful change in my life has been wrought  
Since Jesus came into my heart!  
I have light in my soul for which long I had sought,  
Since Jesus came into my heart!*

*{Chorus}*

*Since Jesus came into my heart,  
Since Jesus came into my heart,  
Floods of joy o'er my soul  
Like the sea billows roll,  
Since Jesus came into my heart.*

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*“Precious Lord, Take My Hand” (UMH #474, vs 1)  
Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,  
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;  
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light:  
Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.*

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*“Lord Jesus Christ, Your Light Shines” (x2)  
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let not my doubts nor my darkness speak to me.  
Lord Jesus Christ, your light shines within us.  
Let my heart always welcome your love.*

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*\*Hymn of Praise 732 “Come, We That Love the Lord”  
Come, we that love the Lord, and let our joys be known;  
Join in a song with sweet accord, and thus surround the throne.*

*Let those refuse to sing who never knew our God;  
But children of the heavenly King may speak their joys abroad.*

*The hill of Zion yields a thousand sacred sweets  
Before we reach the heavenly fields, or walk the golden streets.*

*Then let our songs abound, and every tear be dry;  
We're marching through Emmanuel's ground, to fairer worlds on high.*

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*The Scripture Reading Acts 9:36-43 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 120)  
Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had*

## 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  
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.**

*SPECIAL THANKS TO Rev. Christine Pauley who is serving as our guest pastor at today's 8:45 AM service and Rev. Roger Swanson who is serving as our guest pastor at today's Park Centre worship service while Pastor Paul and Kathy enjoy a time of vacation.*

*ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK - 8:45: 97; Park Centre: 39; Total: 136*

*DONATION GIVING STATEMENTS (YEAR TO DATE) are available and can be picked up in the narthex. Please take a moment to pick up yours as this will save postage.*

***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 Edwin Miller from Loretta Miller and Nina Robson.*

*THE SANCTUARY PEWS are now re-stocked! 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 see Mel Wilson.*

*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, Sacred Heart will serve meatloaf, macaroni & cheese, carrots/celery, peach dessert, 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.*

*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.*

*washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.*

*The Scripture Reading – Revelation 7:9-17 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 235)  
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."*

*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 of Good Friday, God of Easter, God of all that was, and is, and will yet be: We know that you hold our lives in your hands – from conception to death and beyond. We yearn for the day when we will join the multitudes in heaven, giving honor and praise to you for your great, glorious love. Our grateful thanksgiving belongs with those who have gone before us, whose faithfulness was not easy, safe, or assured. Hold their fidelity before us as an example of the high calling to which we aspire as followers of your Son Jesus Christ. Help us to know that in life and in death, we are yours. We offer you these our prayers, in and through and under your mercy, who is our risen Lord 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

Rev. Larry Pauley

Offertory Scripture – Ruth 2:11 (NRSV – Pew Bibles OT page 231)

But Boaz answered her, "All that you have done for your **mother**-in-law since the death of your husband has been fully told me, and how you left your father and **mother** and your native land and came to a people that you did not know before."

In the Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory "Psalm to the Savior" P. Choplin  
Chancel Choir  
The Doxology 95 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Dedication of Gifts

**PROCLAIMING THE WORD**

The Scripture Reading – John 10:22-30 (NRSV – Pew Bibles NT page 98)  
At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one."

The Witness to the Word "We Are Neither Born Mothers or Disciples" Rev. Christine Pauley

Mother's Day Affirmation of Faith

**We affirm mothers, motherhood and all those who nurture others. We affirm all connections to those who nurture, as they serve as examples of nurturing and let others experience their nurturing. We affirm Godly mothers and nurturers, and all those who weave character within us and guide us in our moral development. We affirm all those who choose to nurture and not destroy. We affirm the faith of mothers and all who nurture. Amen**

**SENDING FORTH**

\*In Song "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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\*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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WELCOME TO WORSHIP! A special greeting today to moms, grandmas and mother-figures. The relationships that bless our lives are gifts of God's love. Alleluia!

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

OPENING & CLOSING CHURCH: Jim Marshall and Terry Ingledue

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

GREETERS: Cathy Springer, north door; Jim & Gina Marshall, south door; Sandy Davis, west door