

Worship Service

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GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE PEACE IN NEW WAYS

PRELUDE, BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

****OPENING HYMN** *“In The Bleak Midwinter”* #221

****THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist – Wade Stremsterfer

Leader: Where have all the prophets gone?

People: They are all around us, sitting here in our midst..

Leader: What have they to teach us?

People: They teach us God’s ways, as they have always done.

Leader: In whose name do they speak?

People: They speak in God’s name, and in the name of Jesus Christ.

Leader: How will we know if they speak the truth?

ALL: The Spirit will lead us into truth, as it has always been. AMEN

CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

<i>Charlotte Lenhart</i>	<i>Dixie Hickenbottom</i>	<i>Carrie Brownlee</i>	<i>Ferne Lawson</i>
<i>Jim Eklund</i>	<i>Robert Snow</i>	<i>Jack Polonsky</i>	<i>Doris Bacher</i>
<i>Joseph Lipichok</i>	<i>Carol Jones</i>	<i>Mary Vehslage</i>	<i>Dick Eklund</i>
<i>Ruth Leazer</i>	<i>Irene Stagers</i>	<i>Dale Noe</i>	<i>Sharon Flinspach</i>
<i>Luann Davis</i>	<i>Rosalie Cochran Thompson</i>		
<i>The friends & family of Dixie Ruggles</i>	<i>The friends & family of Erma Johnson</i>		

Lord,
We lift in prayer all these we have named. We also ask for your mercy for all those who suffer both near and far. There is fighting in many parts of the world and at home. We lift up the people of Ukraine, Israel, and Palestine. There is discord and polarization at home. Everywhere there are those who are ill, as well as the friends and family who stand with them. People have suffered loss of friends and loved ones. Others have lost homes or peace of mind, either from violence, natural disasters, economic hardships, or accidents. For all those suffering from grief, anxiety, depression, or suffering from abuse, and living in fear, intercede for us, our rock and our redeemer.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING **Deuteronomy 18:15-20**

PRAISE SONG *“I Wonder as I Wander/This Wandering Day”*
“Come as You Are”

OFFERING
You can send your tithes, offerings and pledge cards to:
First United Methodist Church
201 North Court Street
Fairfield, IA 52556

****Doxology** UMH #95
****Offertory Prayer**

****GOSPEL LESSON** **Mark 1:21-28**

MESSAGE **-Pastor Al**

****CLOSING SONG** *“Amazing Grace (My Chains Are Gone)”*

****BLESSING AND SENDING**

****SUNG BENEDICTION**

Serving You in Worship

Minister: Pastor Al Coffin
Youth Director: Elly Stremsterfer
Lay Leader: Carrie Brownlee
Liturgist: Wade Stremsterfer
Choir Director: Jim Edgeton
Organist/Pianists: LeAnne Edgeton, Emily McIntyre
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CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website: fairfieldmethodistchurch.org

Weekly Radio Broadcast: 10:35 a.m. on 1570AM-KMCD

Prayer Link: Email or call the church office

Soup & Luncheon - \$10

- Monday, January 29th from 11:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.
 - Soup Options: Cheeseburger, Minestrone, Ham & Veggie Cheese
 - Pie Options: Cherry, Apple, Pecan, Chocolate

Reflection Questions for Next Week

Isaiah 40:21-31; 1 Cor 9:16-23; Mark 1:29-39

- Jesus healed Simon’s mother-in-law and she got up to serve. How has Jesus healed you for you to serve him?
- When have you had to search for Jesus? Where and how did you find him?
- Jesus’ mission required him to leave those who wanted him to stay. He was always on the move in Mark’s Gospel. How do we discern when to stay and when to move? When to keep serving in ways we currently serve and when to make a change?
- How do you balance prayer and contemplation with service and action? How are prayer and service connected?
- Imagine each scene in your mind’s eye. What do you notice? Who are you? What is God’s Word to you in this passage?
- Pray the headlines this week. Pull up a news website or look at the front page of your local paper. Pray for the people and places you read about there.

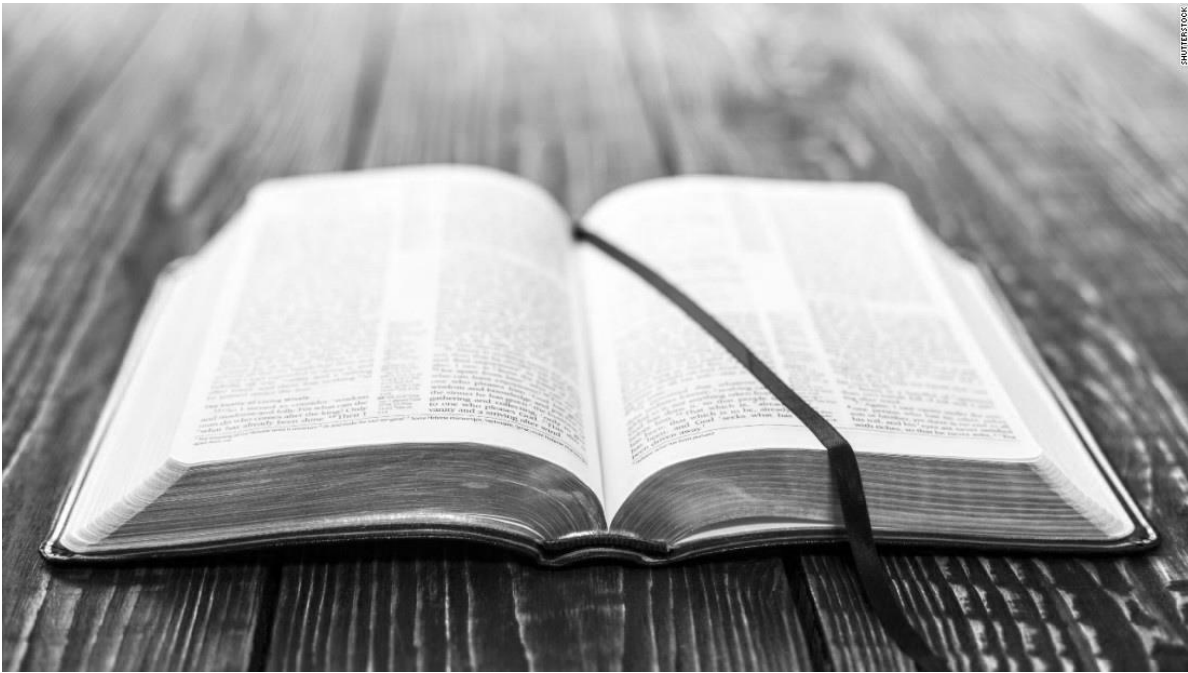
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*Our Mission:
Knowing Christ
Sharing His Love
Helping Others
to Know Him*

*Sunday, January 28, 2024
10:35 a.m. In-Person,
YouTube LIVE!
& Radio Broadcast*



Hearing assist devices are available in the sound room.