

Worship Service

*** indicates that the people should stand, if able.*

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE PEACE

PRELUDE, BRINGING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

**OPENING HYMN

“Come Down, O Love Divine”

#475

**THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist –Carrie Brownlee

Leader: Come, rest your spirits in the Lord.

People: We come, hungering and thirsting for God’s word.

Leader: This is a place of peace and hope, where all may be fed and healed.

People: Bring us to the time of healing.

Leader: Come, place your trust in God who is always near you.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, to hear your word and feel your presence.

AMEN

CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Charlotte Lenhart

Ferne Lawson

Rosalie Cochran Thompson

Jim Eklund

Jack Polonsky

Carl Bloom

Joe Phipps

Joseph Lipichok

Carol Jones

Mary Vehslage

Dick Eklund

Ruth Leazer

Irene Stagers

Colleen Kimble

Phil Countryman

Gloria Countryman

Janet Nash

Ken Royar

Lynn Godwin

Bettye Brown

Lord,

We lift in prayer all these we have named. We also ask for your mercy for all those who are suffering. For those of us in war torn areas, Lord, bring us hope and reasons for joy. May our energies be turned to planning for PEACE. For all of us who are locked in discord and polarization, open our hearts to find understanding and cooperation. Help us to know the joy of doing good work together. For all of us suffering from grief, anxiety, depression, or suffering from abuse, and living in fear, sow among us faith in your purpose, to bring us to a future define by HOPE. Give us a season of PEACE and the joys that come with it, our rock and our redeemer.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

2 Samuel 11:1-15

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SONGS OF PRAISE

“Open The Eyes of My Heart”

“One Thing Remains (Your Love Never Fails)”

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First United Methodist Church

201 North Court Street

Fairfield, IA 52556

Doxology

UMH #95

**Offertory Prayer

**GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:1-21

MESSAGE

-Pastor Al

CLOSING SONG

“This Is Amazing Grace”

**BLESSING AND SENDING

**SUNG BENEDICTION

Serving You in Worship

Minister: Pastor Al Coffin

Youth Director: Elly Stremsterfer

Lay Leader: Carrie Brownlee

Liturgist: Carrie Brownlee

Choir Director: Jim Edgeton

Song Leader: Fred Hucke

Organist/Pianists: LeAnne Edgeton, Emily McIntyre

Sound & Tech Team: Cole Boatright, Carrie Brownlee, Greg Dorrell, Sharon Flinspach, Frazer Jones, and Gary Roth

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Fairfield First United Methodist Church

Website: fairfieldmethodistchurch.org

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

Prayer Link: Email or call the church office

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Sermon Reflection Questions

2 Samuel 11:1-15; Ephesians 3:14-21; John 6:1-21

- Carefully read all the accounts of the feeding of the 5,000 in the other three gospels. What differences do you notice? Are they significant?
- What is the connection between the feeding of the 5,000 and Jesus walking on water? Why are these two stories put side by side?
- In John's gospel, the feeding of the 5,000 is one of Jesus' signs and the story points back to the wedding at Cana and forward to the resurrection appearance of Jesus eating breakfast on the beach with his disciples. Read each of these accounts. What common threads do you notice?
- Consider each person, named and unnamed, in the 2 Samuel reading and the reading from John. What can you learn from each person in each story?
- How is Jesus' test of Philip different from the Pharisees' tests of Jesus?
- When have you experienced God doing more than you could ask or imagine?

First United Methodist Church

Fairfield, Iowa



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

*Sunday, July 28, 2024
9:30 a.m. In-Person,
YouTube LIVE!
& Radio Broadcast*



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