

Worship Service

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

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE PEACE IN NEW WAYS

“Rule of Life”

PRELUDE, BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

****OPENING HYMN** *“Rise to Greet the Sun”* #678

****THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist – Sue Carr

Leader: In the midst of trouble and turmoil, God is our refuge.

People: God is our mighty fortress and shield.

Leader: In God’s strength we shall be healed.

People: In God’s love we shall witness the Good News.

Leader: Come, let us worship God, grateful for God’s wondrous power.

People: Open our hearts, Lord, that we might truly become bearers of peace and justice.

ALL: Amen

CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Joyce Stanley	Sue Baker	Rosalie Cochran Thompson	
Jim Eklund	John Spanton	Doug Marshall	Mary Vehslage
Joseph Lipichok	Carol Jones	Heather Brown	Yenifer Jimenez
Ruth Leazer	Irene Stagers	Colleen Kimble	Camille McDonnell
Ken Royar	Lynn Godwin	Darla Moylan	
Jeff Hartman	Chuck Espy	Larry & Connie McCurdy	
Josh & Amanda Hyde	The Friends & Family Jack Polonsky		

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. We want to lift up the homeless of Washington DC, whose only crime is being poor, as well as our troops who have been tasked with a job they did not sign up for. For all of us who are locked in discord and polarization, open our hearts to find understanding and cooperation. Help us all as we make our way into the future as our country and our world deal with many changes. Guide our leaders to careful LISTENING, accuracy in discernment of your will for our country, WISDOM in making their decisions, and to promote LOVE of one another through this process and beyond. Help us all 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 defined by HOPE. Give us a season of PEACE and the joys that come with it, our rock and our redeemer.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

We invite all students, teachers, associates and school workers to come up with or without their backpacks to be blessed for the upcoming school year.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Jeremiah 1:4-10

****PRAISE SONGS** *“From the Rising of the Sun”* FWS #2024
“Holy is the Lord”

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 Luke 13:10-17

MESSAGE -Pastor Al Coffin

****CLOSING SONG** *“Your Grace is Enough”*

**BLESSING AND SENDING

**SUNG BENEDICTION

Serving You in Worship

Minister: Pastor Al Coffin
Youth Director: Elly Stremsterfer
Lay Leader: Jim Flinspach
Liturgist: Sue Carr
Choir Director: Jim Edgeton
Organist/Pianists: LeAnne Edgeton, Emily McIntyre
Sound & Tech Team: Cole Boatright, Carrie Brownlee, Greg Dorrell, Sharon Flinspach, Ben Gardner, Frazer Jones, Gary Roth and Elly Stremsterfer

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

Prayer Link: Email or call the church office



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Reflection Questions

Jeremiah 1:4-10; Hebrews 12:18-29; Luke 13:10-17

- Who are those in our own time who are bent double and crippled by forces within and without? Do we notice them? How might we ease their burdens?
- Take a look at other stories of Jesus' healing on the sabbath. What similarities or differences do you notice?
- What religious rituals or rules do we prioritize above caring for people?
- Have you ever felt bent in half and unable to stand tall? What helped unburden you?
- Read John 8:2-10. Do you see any relationship between this story in John and the one for this Sunday from Luke?
- How can we observe the sabbath commandment in ways that are pleasing to God?

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Fairfield, Iowa

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

*Sunday, August 24, 2025
9:30 a.m. In-Person,
YouTube LIVE!
& Radio Broadcast*



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