



**First United Methodist Church**

Welcome! We're glad that you are here.  
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;  
all who are lonely and need companionship;  
all who want sheltering love, all who sin  
and need a Savior; and whosoever will  
—we open wide our doors and say,  
“Come; let us worship together.”

10:15am Sunday Worship May 9, 2021

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton

**WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Lighting of the Candles in Honor of Mother’s Day  
“God’s Helpers”

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.  
**P:** **By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lives and died, that God’s love might be made plain among us.**  
**L:** Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or speech but in deed and truth.  
**P:** **Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.**  
**A:** **This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.**

HYMN#121 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”  
(Insert or Screen)

**OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**O God, all the ends of the earth marvel at your deeds of power; we feel your presence as growth returning to the countryside; we rejoice as we remember your faithfulness and steadfast love revealed in the risen Christ. Surround us with that faithfulness and steadfast love. Fill us with generosity and courage so that we may be called your friends and go forth to befriend your world. In Jesus’ name. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert or Screen)

SCRIPTURE Psalm 98:1-4 (CEB)

**GOSPEL LESSON John 15:9-17 (CEB) (Please Rise)**

**L:** This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**P:** **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#400 “Come, Thou Font of Every Blessing”  
(Insert or Screen)

MESSAGE: “Love Each Other” Pastor Dave

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

(Text Pastor Dave at 224-600-0446)

**PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE**

THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert or Screen)

**OFFERING OURSELVES**

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert or Screen)

**OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)**

**God of love, we have known of your caring since we were babies in our mother’s arms. We have been told the stories of your love, and we have sung songs about your love. These things bring us comfort. What challenges us is the command of Jesus, “As I have loved you, so you should love one another” – not just those who think as we do, pray as we do, and look the way that we do. Help us, through our giving, our living and our loving, to live up to the challenge of loving as you would have us love. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.**

HYMN#526 “What a Friend We Have In Jesus”  
(Insert or Screen)

**BENEDICTION**

Go now, and bear fruit for God, fruit that will last. As Christ has loved you, so love one another, and abide always in God is love, that your joy may be complete.

POSTLUDE Vivian Eaton

Happy Mother’s Day!

You can also find our pre-recorded online service on our Church Website.

We welcome all visitors to our Worship time today.  
We are glad you are here.  
Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors  
We are the people of the United Methodist Church.

**In Our Prayers**

Judy Dunn, Emilee Deerer, Susan Meyer,  
Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes,  
Claire Winterburn, Billy David, Dee Helle, Chris Falk,  
Patty Nevills, Jodi French, Libby, Dawn Barber,  
Kathy Hamilton, Alice Riffe, Robert Hill,  
Bob Grissinger, Matthew Foltz, Keith Brown,  
Janis Wilt, Mike Johnson, Judy Law, Jackie Walker,  
Wallace, Don Kramer.  
Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm,  
Dorothy Taylor, Paul Brunner, Sylvia Reuterfors,  
Bill & Letty Weidman.  
Our country & government/West Carroll Schools

**Birthdays and Anniversaries**

May  
9 – Bob & LaVona Grissinger 1966  
10 – Rodney Clemens, Letty Weidman  
11-Florence Bevins-Powell  
12 – Cody Johnson  
14 – Courtney Johnson  
15 – Joe & Bituin Michaels 2004  
16 – Charlene Mayer

**Calendar**

Monday, May 10  
9am Body & Soul Yoga  
1pm Sewing Ladies  
Tuesday, May 11  
4 pm Finance Committee  
Wednesday, May 12  
Church Office Closed  
Thursday, May 13  
9am Bible Study  
9am Body & Soul Yoga  
Sunday, May 16  
9am Trustees  
9am Sunday School  
10:15am Worship  
11am Ad Council

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Friendly reminder: Lori Miller, you are the counter(s) for May 16th. The verifier is Sharon Guilinger. Thank you!  
LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 21 Inside, 42 Outside

Worship helpers for May 16<sup>th</sup> service:

Inside: Liturgist – LaVona Grissinger, Acolyte – Jiho Yim, Usher – Bob Grissinger, Bulletins – Jackie Walker, Ann Larsen, Temps – LaVona Grissinger, Attendance – Mary Irons, Audio – Chris Falk

Outside: Molly Andersen, Pam Darrow, Susan Michelle Jepsen

Food Pantry/Blessing Basket Items Needed:

Food Pantry – Juice, egg noodles & cake mix.

Blessing basket – Paper towels, lightbulbs & dish soap.



Is there a graduate in your family? Please contact Shari with the name and future plans of your graduate to be honored during Worship on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Call the office @ 815-273-2345 or email office @firstumcsavanna.org.



Worship summer schedule to begin on May 30<sup>th</sup>.  
9:30 am worship and will be having  
outside service only through Labor Day weekend.

The Great River Outreach Mission Center is looking for people to be trained to help run Classy Closet, the new low-cost, high quality clothing store opening soon at 415 Main St, Savanna. They hope to have a number of volunteers ready to work 2-3 hrs each week when Classy Closet opens in early June. If you are interested please contact Pastor Dave.

Correction to location for Soul Sister's get together on May 19. Will met at Manny's in Savanna at 12 pm. RSVP or for more information, contact Linda Jachino at 815-541-4760.



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Sunday, 10:15 am  
May 9, 2021

### **Vision 2021 – “Love God!”**

Inward Focused Ministry during the Pandemic  
(to build up strong and vital church)  
Strong in Worship, Strong in Fellowship, Strong in Resources

*“Be strong and courageous;  
do not be frightened or dismayed,  
for the Lord your God is with you  
wherever you go  
(Joshua 1:9)*

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