



**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.”*

9am Sunday Worship

September 27, 2020

PRELUDE

Vivian Eaton

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

UMW SPECIAL RECOGNITION

CALL TO WORSHIP Mary Irons (UMW President)

L: Come, let us bow before the holy God.

**P: Come, let us confess God's might.**

L: Come, let us feel God's mercy.

**P: Come, let us live in God's light.**

L: As God's people, we lift our voices in praise and thanks.

**A: Glory to you, gracious and loving God!**

HYMN#189 “Fairest Lord Jesus” (Insert)

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

**Gracious Lord, how shall we do your will today?  
Will it be in acts of praise, in gifts shared, in prayers  
lifted? Who will you lead us to serve? Help us trust  
you. Help us listen. Bless this community as we come  
together in worship. Encourage us, comfort us, unite  
us, make our joy complete. Send your Holy Spirit  
upon us as we open our hearts, minds, and souls to**

**you this morning! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE'S CREED (Insert)

SCRIPTURE: Philippians 2:3-11 (CEB)

Deeann Kramer (UMW Vice President)

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:23-32 (CEB)

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#2152 “Change My Heart, O God” (X2, Insert)

MESSAGE: “Change Your Hearts and Lives”

Pastor Dave

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Text Pastor Dave at 244-600-0446)

PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Insert)

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)

OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)

**God of abundance, you fill us with good things; you  
satisfy our thirst; you meet our every need. From  
your rock, our blessings flow. Accept what we give in  
return: our hearts, our hands, our gifts, and our love.  
Use them to answer the cries of a world in need. In  
Jesus' name, Amen.**

HYMN#467 “Trust and Obey” (Insert)

BENEDICTION

May you go forth with humble hearts, ready to  
serve your neighbor and a world in need. Bring  
God's healing words of love and forgiveness.  
Know the power of mercy and grace in your life,  
and use those wonderful gifts to serve God by  
serving the people. Go in peace. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Vivian Eaton

You can also find our pre-recorded  
online service on [our Church Website.](#)

**In Our Prayers**

Suzie Berg, Judy Dunn, Cindy,  
Emilee Derrer, Sherri Miller, Susan Meyer,  
Harper Christian, Burt Dauphin,  
Patty Thulen, Betty Speck, Paul Mayer,  
Beth Wickes, Suzanne Atherton, Charlie White,  
Big Meadows nursing home.

Our shut-ins: Glen Brunner, John Hamm,  
Dorothy Taylor, Frank Grove, Paul Brunner,  
Sylvia Reuterfors, Bill & Letty Weidman.

Please lift the victims of the  
wildfires and storm areas as well.  
Military Personnel and their families

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### October

1 Emily Mills  
2 Allen Hoffman

### Calendar

Monday, September 28

9am Body & Soul Yoga  
1pm Sewing Ladies

Thursday, October 1

9am Body & Soul Yoga  
9am Bible Study  
2pm Nominations Mtg

Sunday, October 4

9am Outdoor Worship (Communion)  
10am Sunday School

Monday, October 5

9am Body & Soul Yoga  
12-5 WC Food Pantry  
1pm Sewing Ladies

1. 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.
2. Friendly reminder: Charlene and Paula Mayer you are the counters for next week October 4<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The verifier is Melinda Dykema. Thank you!
3. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 74
4. There is a SCAM going around that says it is from Pastor Dave, asking for gift cards. DO NOT buy gifts cards and return these calls, emails or texts with the information! Contact Pastor Dave if you have any questions. Again, this is a SCAM that the conference is aware of.
5. Emilee Derrer will be celebrating a birthday on Tuesday, September 29<sup>th</sup>. Please consider sending a small card/note in the mail. Her leukemia battle is raging strong and we want to support her the best we can.  
Emilee Ann Derrer  
322 W. Benton Street  
Mt Carroll, IL 61053
6. The UMW's "bake less" bake sale is today to raise funds for their pledge to missions. Look for the special envelope in the bulletin. Their pledge to missions is \$1800.00 this year. They are currently at \$700. Their main fundraisers have all been canceled this year. So, let us all come together to help them in the best way we can during all this. Thank you!



## First United Methodist Church Sunday, 9:00 am

*“You shall love the Lord your God  
with all your heart, and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,  
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”  
--Jesus Christ*

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