



**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

November 22, 2020

PRELUDE Vivian Eaton  
WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised.  
**P: His holy mountain is the joy of all the earth.**  
L: We ponder your steadfast love, O God.  
**P: Walk among your people, that you may tell the next generation that this is God, our God forever and ever.**  
L: God will be our guide forever.  
**A: Help us to seek your guidance as we gather to worship you.**

SONG #3008 “Open the Eyes of My Heart” (Insert)

**OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)**

**Praised are You, O God, our loving Creator and Giver of all good gifts. Bless our church, strengthen our faith and grant us the spirit of Christian stewardship so that we may give generously of our time in worship and prayer, our talent, and our treasure to the spread of Your Kingdom here in our Church and throughout the community and the**

**world. This we ask through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.**

THE APOSTLE’S CREED (Insert)

SCRIPTURE Ephesians 1:18-23 (CEB)  
GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 25:34-40 (CEB)  
L: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

HYMN#367 “He Touched Me” (Insert)

MESSAGE: Stewardship Sermon Series (week 3)  
“The Joy of Generosity-First Fruit”  
Pastor Dave

**SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS**

(Text Pastor Dave at 244-600-0446)  
PRAYER FOR THE PEOPLE  
THE LORD’S PRAYER (Insert)

**OFFERING OURSELVES**

DOXOLOGY #95 (Insert)  
OFFERTORY PRAYER (In Unison)  
**All generous God, you poured yourself out in creation, were totally spent in Christ’s death on the cross, and continue to give yourself through the gift of your Holy Spirit to us. Give us generous hearts; that, in response to your Love, our lives may overflow in thanksgiving and generosity. We offer our gifts of time, talent and possessions to you as a true act of faith, to reflect our love for you and our neighbor. Help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

HYMN#545 “The Church’s One Foundation” (Insert)

**BENEDICTION**

You can do all things through God who strengthens you. Place your trust in God’s grace. Go now and serve the Lord.

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 Deerer, Sherri Miller, Susan Meyer, Burt Dauphin, Patti Thulen, Betty Speck, Beth Wickes, Suzanne Atherton, Kris Yingling, Lois Grove, Claire Winterburn, Nancy Emery, Dee Helle, Ancil Guilinger, Chris Falk, The Mayer family, The family of Joan Arb at her passing, Big Meadows nursing home.

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

West Carroll Schools, nursing homes in Carroll County, Please lift the victims of the wildfire and storm areas as well. Military Personnel and their families

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Birthdays and Anniversaries

#### November

23 Cody Hartman, Kara Lenhardt  
25 Carmen Holcomb, Martha White  
27 Deb Fosdick

### Calendar

Monday, November 23  
1pm Sewing Ladies  
Thursday, November 26  
Happy Thanksgiving!  
Friday, November 27  
Office Closed  
Sunday, November 29  
9am Sunday School  
10:15am Outdoor Worship  
Monday, November 30  
9am Body & Soul Yoga  
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: Lori Miller you are the counter for next week November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020. The verifier is Melinda Dykema. Thank you!
3. LAST WEEKS ATTENDANCE: 56
4. We are collecting gently used coats, hats, gloves, etc. here at the church for those in need. If you have something hanging around, please consider dropping it off for those less fortunate. Thank you!!
5. We will also be helping the Savanna Children's Fund again this year. Hoping to be able to help 20-25 kids this year. If you are interested in helping, let us know. Presents will be picked up on December 14<sup>th</sup>.
6. UMW is collecting food for both food pantries in Savanna. Items they need include: crackers, juice, egg noodles, canned pumpkin, sugar, flour, paper towels, toilet paper and canned vegetables. Please bring your donation to the church and we'll get it to them. You are welcome to leave it at the door and we will step out to grab it to maintain social distancing.
7. Attention Bell Ringers! Our days are Nov. 27 & 28 from 10am to 5pm. One hour shifts at the hardware store. Please let us know if you can help and what hour you prefer. Thank you!!
8. Drive-in service will continue thru December. November 29, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent with special music & drive-thru farewell party with donuts. Please come join us!



## First United Methodist Church Sunday, 10:15 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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