

God, saying, "So then, even to Gentiles God has granted repentance that leads to life."

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Pure Motives"

MUSICAL MEDITATION

***HYMN #393**

"Blessed Be the Tie That Binds"

***BENEDICTION** "Praise God From Whom All Blessing Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

***POSTLUDE**

***All who are able may stand**

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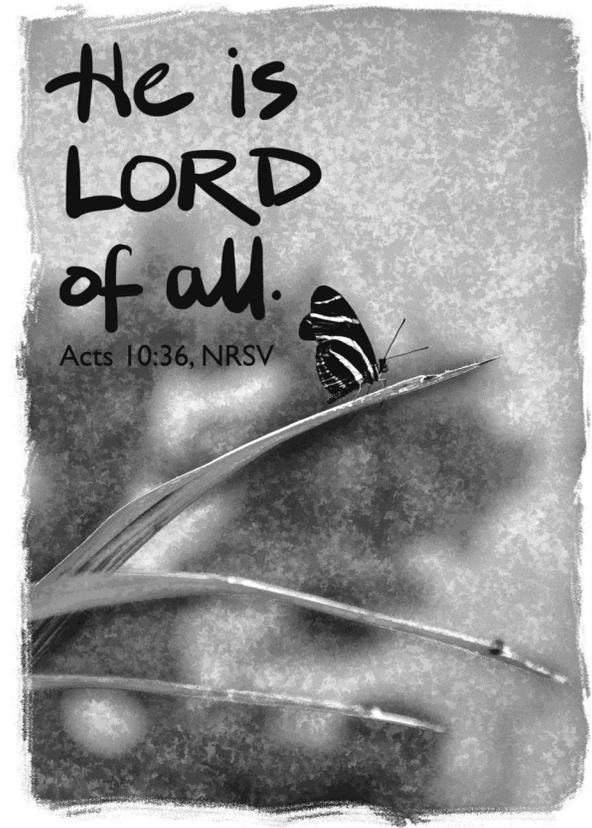
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Welcome to First United Church of Christ

600 Mulberry St., Tipton, IA (563) 886-6361

*We are pleased that you have decided
to worship with us today!*

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 15, 2022

10:00 a.m.

www.firstucctipton.org
office@firstucctipton.org

Hearing assistance is available; ask an usher for a receiver.

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CELEBRATIONS

OPENING PRAYER

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Jesus reminded the disciples

P: Love one another as I have loved you.

L: Jesus taught and witnessed to God's love

P: Love one another as I have loved you.

L: Jesus encourages us to love each other with tenderness, compassion, and hope.

P: Let us love one another as Christ loved us.

*HYMN #400 "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

*PASSING THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you **P: And also with you!**

*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end, Amen. Amen.

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Forgive us when we turn from you, judge one another, or put ourselves above others. Open our hearts to your healing love; we ask this in Christ's Name.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

L: In Your Mercy, **P: Lord, hear our prayer.**

Let us pray together the prayer our Lord taught us:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 11: 1-18

The apostles and the believers throughout Judea heard that the Gentiles also had received the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him and said, "You went into the house of uncircumcised men and ate with them."

Starting from the beginning, Peter told them the whole story: "I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. I saw something like a large sheet being let down from heaven by its four corners, and it came down to where I was. I looked into it and saw four-footed animals of the earth, wild beasts, reptiles and birds. Then I heard a voice telling me, 'Get up, Peter. Kill and eat.' "I replied, 'Surely not, Lord! Nothing impure or unclean has ever entered my mouth.'

"The voice spoke from heaven a second time, 'Do not call anything impure that God has made clean.' This happened three times, and then it was all pulled up to heaven again.

"Right then three men who had been sent to me from Caesarea stopped at the house where I was staying. The Spirit told me to have no hesitation about going with them. These six brothers also went with me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen an angel appear in his house and say, 'Send to Joppa for Simon who is called Peter. He will bring you a message through which you and all your household will be saved.'

"As I began to speak, the Holy Spirit came on them as he had come on us at the beginning. Then I remembered what the Lord had said: 'John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit.' So if God gave them the same gift he gave us who believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I to think that I could stand in God's way?"

When they heard this, they had no further objections and praised

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15

10:00 a.m. Worship

5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, May 16

Grapevine Newsletter Submissions Due

10:00 a.m. High School Choir Practice

Tuesday, May 17

6:30 p.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, May 18

10:00 a.m. Mary Circle

Thursday, May 19

10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group

Saturday, May 21

9:00 a.m. Food Pantry at Foursquare Church

Sunday, May 22

10:00 a.m. Worship with Graduation Recognition

3:00 p.m. Youth to Play Station Trampoline Park

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♦ **Who Are We? First UCC** - Today, there will be a gathering for anyone who would like to learn about First UCC and church membership. We will meet at 11:30. Anyone is welcome to attend.

♦ We will celebrate and recognize those **graduating** this year on Sunday, May 22 during worship. If you know of someone who will be graduating this year, this can be a graduation from any high school, college, trade school, or wherever one may be graduating from, please let the office know today to be included in the service.

♦ **Bible study** begins on Tuesday, May 17 at 6:30 p.m. We will meet for one hour in the Fireside Room through June 7. Please bring your questions and curiosity. Our study will focus on the creation of the Bible and how it came to be.

♦ **Mary's Circle** will meet at 10 a.m. on May 18 for the annual planning meeting and salad lunch at the church. We will be discussing ways to pay for the greeting cards, a new name and next year's schedule. Plus, we will be signing cards. If you are able, please bring a salad to share for lunch. Everyone is welcome to join us. Hope to see you there.

♦ All youth grades 6th-12th are invited to **The Play Station Trampoline Park** on Sunday, May 22, from 3:00 - 8:00 p.m. Dinner will be included in our time together. Please fill out a permission slip from the kiosk in Fireside Room if you would like to come. The youth group will take a break until June 29 when we head to Central Park in Amber, Iowa to enjoy water and a cookout. Then July 27, we will head to the Four Mounds Ropes Course in Dubuque.

♦ Register for the **Women's Retreat - "Facing Fears, Letting Love Live."** The retreat will be June 11 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Cost is \$10 to First UCC (memo: retreat) which will cover materials and a boxed lunch from Subway. It will be a day of learning, laughing, and reflection.

♦ The community **Vacation Bible School (VBS)** will be held July 5-8 from 5:30-8:00 p.m. at First UCC. This year's theme is "HayDay." Registration forms are outside of the Sanctuary or in your email.

♦ All kindergarten thru 12th graders are invited to attend **summer camp** at Pilgrim Heights Camp! There are also camps for a child and an adult to attend together. First UCC has money to assist in paying for camp. Everyone is eligible for funds. For more information, check the weekly news in your email or the bulletin board.

♦ Would you like to help make the First UCC **4th of July parade float**? Please sign up on the kiosk in the Fireside Room or use the SignUp Genius link in the weekly news in your email.

♦ Wednesday, June 8, from 6:00-7:30 p.m., will be **Game Night** for all ages. Dinner will be ham and cheese sandwiches, chips, and ice cream.