

still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

SERMON "Walking the Walk... Sending"

OFFERTORY

Jessica Challis

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below, Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***HYMN** "I Can Hear My Savior Calling"

1 I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, I can hear my Savior calling, "Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

Refrain:

Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow, Where He leads me I will follow, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way.

2 I'll go with Him through the garden, I'll go with Him through the garden, I'll go with Him through the garden, I'll go with Him, with Him all the way. Refrain

4 He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, He will give me grace and glory, And go with me, with me all the way. Refrain

***BENEDICTION**

May the Lord be with you as you greet this day, and be in your heart as you go on your way.

Take the Peace of God to every place you're in; and may the Lord be with you until we meet again.

***POSTLUDE**

***All who are able may stand**



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!*

Seventh Sunday of Easter - Graduate Recognition Sunday

May 16, 2021

10:00 a.m.

www.firstucctipton.org
office@firstucctipton.org

Please be mindful of social distancing. There are "x's" on the floor to help maintain a six-foot distance.

Make sure to sit in pews with tape on the back. Also, please wait to be dismissed from the back of the church at the conclusion of the service.

We are not congregationally singing at this time. You are invited and encouraged to read the lyrics to the songs as they are played or hum along with the music.

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CELEBRATIONS

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (Jeremiah 29: 11-13)

All: For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart.

***HYMN** “Blessed Assurance”

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! Oh, what a foretaste of glory divine! Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long. This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

2. Perfect communion, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight. Angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest. I in my Savior am happy and bless'd, watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. Refrain

***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.

RECOGNITION OF OUR GRADUATES AND SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Graduate	Clay Kelly
Scholarship Recipients	Jessica Challis
	Melissa Jackson
	Clay Kelly

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy Lord, We ask that you look over all who are entering a new season in life. Please help all to seek you and to allow you to guide and direct their paths. Hold them closely and protect them. Help us to be Your Church around them. Your way is not about comfort, but about our character. Help us continue to be a called and sent people. We send those entering this new season with love, goodness, grace, and mercy. Help them to always know that we are their Church.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

LORD'S PRAYER

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

John 17: 6-19

“I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

“I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am

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Song Leaders Bruce Cary, Hobert Flory, John Mathias

THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday, May 17
Grapevine Newsletter Submissions Due

Wednesday, May 19
5:30 p.m. Youth Group
6:00 p.m. Cedar County Bicycle Coalition

Saturday, May 22
11:00 a.m. Shared Blessings Free Meal at Methodist Church

Sunday, May 23
10:00 a.m. Worship
11:00 a.m. 4th of July Float Organizational Meeting
6:30 p.m. Take a Walk on the Track

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◆ Tonight, Sunday, May 16, 6:30-7:30 p.m. we will meet at the track at the Tipton City Park to **"Take a Walk."** This will continue each Sunday, weather permitting. Everyone welcome!

◆ Tuesday evenings for six weeks, beginning May 18, you are welcome to participate in **Evenings of Discussion** from 6:30-7:30 p.m., in person or on Zoom. Please sign up on the kiosk at church or on Sign-Up Genius or calling the office 886-6361.

◆ Plan on coming to **Family Craft Night** on May 26, from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m. In the Fireside Room you can check out the craft you will make. All supplies will be furnished. Please sign up in the Fireside Room by May 19 to ensure enough supplies are on hand. You can also contact the office to sign up - 886-6361. If you have any questions, please call the office or see Sharon Hodgden.

◆ Sunday, May 23 at 11:15 a.m. you are welcome to join us for a meeting to help create a **First UCC float** for the Fourth of July parade.

◆ Plan to attend worship on Sunday, May 30 to honor our congregation's many **veterans** and widows of veterans.

◆ **Youth Group** (grades 5th-12th) meets every first, third, fourth & fifth Wednesdays of the month from 5:30-7:00 p.m. We eat together and have a time of study, activities and lots of fun. May schedules are outside the sanctuary. All 5th-12th graders are invited.

◆ In order to help support leadership development, new churches, youth ministry, and innovation in existing congregations, the UCC requests help with by their **Strengthen the Church Offering**. If you would like to offer support, please pick up one of the envelopes located outside the church sanctuary. By your generosity to this offering, you build up the Body of Christ.

◆ **Pilgrim Heights Camp** would love to have you join them for summer camp this year. They feature many different camps for children, youth, and families. This year's theme is: "Shine! Living as Children of God in a Restless World." More information is on the bulletin board. Registration forms are in the office.

Would you be willing to Adopt a Window for the parsonage? The cost is \$650 for a window. If you would like to help in this window adoption, please place your donation in the offering plate or drop it by the office sometime before May 31. You are welcome to purchase an entire window or make a donation toward a window. There are 19 total windows to be replaced, and nine have already been adopted – 10 to go! If you have any questions, stop by "the window" in the Fireside Room after the service or contact the office.