

SERMON

“What Does Your Sign Say?”

MUSICAL MEDITATION

DOXOLOGY

***HYMN #293**

“Sweet, Sweet Spirit”

***BENEDICTION**

“Revive Us Again”

We praise Thee, O God! for the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus who died, and is now gone above.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory, Hallelujah! Amen
Hallelujah, Thine the glory, revive us again.

***All who are able may stand**

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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!*

**Twenty-Fifth Sunday after Pentecost
Thank you, Veterans!
November 14, 2021
10:00 a.m.**

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**Masks are welcome, but not required.
Please also be mindful of social distancing.**

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

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, AND CELEBRATIONS

OPENING PRAYER

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (from Psalm 16)

L: Keep me safe, my God, for in you I take refuge.

P: Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure

L: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.

P: I keep my eyes always on the Lord. With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.

***HYMN** #584 "I Am the Light of the World"

***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.

"TRIBUTE TO THE ARMED FORCES MEDLEY"

Bruce Cary, Hobert Flory, Larry Hanon, and Tiffany Meinert

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Gracious Lord, We thank you for the people you have placed in our lives who show us who you are. As we celebrate in worship today, help us to focus on your promise to us – eternal life. Forgive us when we put limits on our love and devotion to you. Instead of fully trusting, we ask for signs of your presence. Help us to know that you are with us always – you were, are, and will be. May that be enough for us.

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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Daniel 12: 1-3

At that time Michael, the great prince who protects your people, will arise. There will be a time of distress such as has not happened from the beginning of nations until then. But at that time your people—everyone whose name is found written in the book—will be delivered. Multitudes who sleep in the dust of the earth will awake: some to everlasting life, others to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise will shine like the brightness of the heavens, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever.

CHILDREN'S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 13: 1-8

As Jesus was leaving the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher! What massive stones! What magnificent buildings!"

"Do you see all these great buildings?" replied Jesus. "Not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down."

As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will these things happen? And what will be the sign that they are all about to be fulfilled?"

Jesus said to them: "Watch out that no one deceives you. Many will come in my name, claiming, 'I am he,' and will deceive many. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places, and famines. These are the beginning of birth pains.

L: The Word of our Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, November 14

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 11:00 a.m. Spud Sunday
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group

Monday, November 15

- Grapevine Newsletter Submissions Due

Wednesday, November 17

- 8:30 a.m. Mary Circle at Family Restaurant
- 10:00 a.m. Women's Fellowship Executive Board Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Confirmation Class

Thursday, November 18

- 10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group Meeting
- 6:30 p.m. Outreach Committee Meeting

Saturday, November 20

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

Sunday, November 21

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary and Online
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Service at First UCC

♦ **Sunday School** is every Sunday at 9:00 a.m. for all preschool through 7th graders. Bring some friends to this super fun and learning time!

♦ **Youth Group is TONIGHT** from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. All 5th through 12th grades invited.

♦ Please turn in your **2022 Estimated Giving cards** as soon as you can. These help the deacons prepare next year's budget.

♦ Everyone is invited to **Spud Sunday** today, November 14 after worship. The purpose of the meal is to celebrate and to give thanks for all that has been given to First UCC!

♦ **Mary Circle** will meet for "dutch" breakfast at Tipton Family Restaurant on Wednesday, November 17 at 8:30 a.m. All are welcome.

♦ An **Ecumenical Thanksgiving service** will be next Sunday, November 21, at 6:00 p.m. at First UCC with the theme of "Unity." Pastor Scott Meyer (Peace Church, Bennett), Mary Barnum (St. Mary's Catholic Church), Pastor Jay Amundsen (First United Methodist), Pastor Cynthia Ryssemus, Rich Achenbach, and AJ Williams (Calvary Foursquare), Pastor Jamie Reising (Trinity Lutheran), and Pastor Kerri Sandusky (First UCC) will be leading worship. If you would like to participate in the community choir, arrive early at 5:00 p.m. that night.

♦ We are collecting food to create **Thanksgiving food boxes**. Please bring canned goods of corn, dressing, cranberries, yams, etc. for a Thanksgiving feast. This collection will run through November 21.

♦ **Caregivers Support Group** will meet the first and third Thursdays every month at 10:00 a.m. in the Fireside Room. This group provides a safe space for those who are providing care for others. If you have any questions, please talk to Nancy Hipple or Pastor Kerri.

♦ Save the Dates:

- Friday, December 3 - Holiday Coffee
- Saturday, December 11 - Live Nativity and Drive-Thru Beef Sundae Dinner
- Friday, December 24 - 6:30 & 11:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Services
- Sunday, December 26 - Wear Your Ugly Sweater and Leftover Cookie Share

♦ Youth Group Activities:

- November 14 - Help after worship with Spud Sunday and "regular" meeting at 5:00 p.m. in Youth Room
- November 21 - Make cookies, attend 6:00 p.m. Thanksgiving service, and serve cookies afterwards
- November 28 - Board game night