

said: “Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For whoever wants to save their life will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father’s glory with the holy angels.”

L: The Word of our Lord. **P:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON “Deny - Take - Follow ”

***HYMN** #199 vs. 1 & 2 “Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed ”

1. Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would God devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

Refrain:

At the cross, at the cross where I first found the light,
and the burden of my heart rolled away, It was there by faith
all my fears took flight, and now I am happy all the day.

2. Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!
Refrain

***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**



Welcome to First United Church of Christ

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

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
September 12, 2021
10:00 a.m.

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**Worship thru October 10 will be outside at the Tipton City Park.
Please bring your lawn chairs. In case of rain or cold temperatures, we
will be back in the sanctuary where masks are welcome (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

L: This day Jesus is calling to you.

P: Lord, help us to hear your call.

L: This is a time of decision.

P: Lord, help us to be strong and faithful.

L: Come, let us celebrate God's love.

P: Let us rejoice in the call of our Savior.

L: Teach us your ways, O Lord,

P: Help us to be closer to you.

***HYMN** #195 vs. 1 & 3 "The Old Rugged Cross"

1. On a hill far away stood an old rugged cross, the emblem of suffering and shame; And I love that old cross where the dearest and best for a world of lost sinners was slain. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

3. In that old rugged cross, which bore Love so divine, a wondrous beauty I see, For upon that old cross Jesus suffered and died to pardon and sanctify me. So I'll cherish the old rugged cross, till my trophies at last I lay down; I will cling to the old rugged cross, and exchange it someday for a crown.

*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

God of mercy and of hope, be with us this day. We have gathered here to learn of your will for us. Sometimes it is not easy for us to realize that if we are to follow Jesus we will have to make a total commitment to his ways. We will have to

actually put into practice the good news of compassionate love, and healing mercies. Our hearts are filled with situations concerning family and friends, concerning neighborhood and world. We seek your healing mercies for these situations. Help us to remember that the same healing mercy is offered to each one of us. Give us strength and courage. Amen.

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

Mark 8: 27-38

Jesus and his disciples went on to the villages around Caesarea Philippi. On the way he asked them, "Who do people say I am?"

They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets."

"But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Peter answered, "You are the Messiah."

Jesus warned them not to tell anyone about him.

He then began to teach them that the Son of Man must suffer many things and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests and the teachers of the law, and that he must be killed and after three days rise again. He spoke plainly about this, and Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him.

But when Jesus turned and looked at his disciples, he rebuked Peter. "Get behind me, Satan!" he said. "You do not have in mind the concerns of God, but merely human concerns."

Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and

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THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Sunday, September 12

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at the Park
- 10:00 a.m. Worship at the Park
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. "Take A Walk" on the Track

Monday, September 13

- Grapevine Newsletter Articles Due

Wednesday, September 15

- 8:30 a.m. Mary Circle at Tipton Family Restaurant

Thursday, September 16

- 10:00 a.m. Caregivers Support Group

Friday, September 17

- 7:00 p.m. Drive In Movie Night - *Soul*

Saturday, September 18

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

Sunday, September 19

- 9:00 a.m. Sunday School at the Park
- 10:00 a.m. Worship at the Park
- 5:00 p.m. Youth Group
- 6:30 p.m. "Take A Walk" on the Track

♦ **Brat Fest**, today at St. Paul's UCC, Wheatland. Serving 5:00-7:00 p.m. Serving brats, hot dogs, German potato salad, sauerkraut, coleslaw, desserts. Adults \$8; Children 12 & under \$5. Extra brat \$2; extra hot dog \$1. Dine in or carry out or delivery in Wheatland.

♦ **Mary Circle** will be meeting for breakfast at Tipton Family Restaurant on Wednesday, September 15, at 8:30 a.m. EVERYONE is invited to this dutch-treat breakfast.

♦ We care because you care. Beginning Thursday, September 16, at 10:00 a.m., we are offering a **Caregivers Support Group** which will meet monthly at the church (every third Thursday of the month). This group will provide a safe space for those who are providing care for others. If you have any questions, please talk to Nancy Hipple or Pastor Kerri.

♦ September 17 will be **Drive-In-Movie Night** at 7:00 p.m. in the parking lot. Please bring your vehicle, lawn chairs (if you want to sit outside), and anything you need to keep warm as we enjoy the PG-animated movie *Soul*. This recently released movie is about a middle-school band teacher named Joe whose life hasn't quite gone the way he expected. Over a series of events in helping another, he discovers what it means to have a soul. Popcorn and hot chocolate will be provided. Everyone is invited!

♦ **Outreach Committee** will meet on Tuesday, September 21, at 6:00 p.m. at the parsonage (514 E. 5th St.). Anyone who would like to help plan upcoming events is invited to attend.

♦ **Who are we? First UCC!** If you are interested in knowing more about the history of First UCC and how you might become a member, please plan to come to the Fireside Room on Sunday, September 26, at 11:30 a.m. This will be a great time to learn, to ask questions, and to find out what makes First UCC a "Family of Faith, Growing Closer to God." Everyone is invited.

♦ Help is needed for the **Sunday School** season. We need you to play games with the children, serve as a teacher assistant to Teresa Bohlmann and Amy Mente, or help wherever needed. If you would be willing to assist with Sunday School, please let the office know.

♦ Enjoy the musical sounds from the **Red Cedar Chamber** on Friday, September 24 at 7:00 p.m. in the church sanctuary. Red Cedar is requiring masks and social distancing. Everyone is invited. Invite your friends and neighbors.

♦ A six week **Bible Study** will begin Tuesday, September 28 at 10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m., which ever time is convenient for you. You may also join us through Zoom. Contact the office for the Zoom code.

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