

Please check with a volunteer in the sound booth if you would like a hearing device to use during our worship service. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please visit with one of our greeters if you need assistance. We encourage those present to sign one of the attendance logs. Attendance logs are located in the narthex near the sanctuary entrance, by the elevator entrance, and in the choir room.

**TODAY’S WORSHIP STEWARDS**

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Lay Reader . . . . .	Joyce Colombo
Organist/Director of Music . . . . .	Scott Blankenbaker
Accompanist . . . . .	Lisa Nelson
Visuals . . . . .	Jim Bissig
Sound . . . . .	Marcy Tempus
Greeters . . . . .	Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
Coffee Hour . . . . .	Mark Austin

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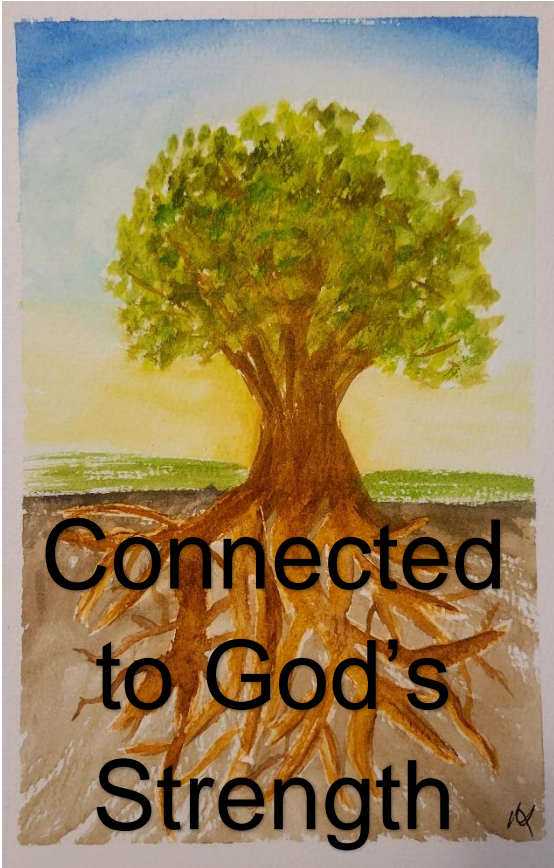
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**Worship Services**  
**Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary or Facebook**  
**Sunday 11:00 a.m. – Radio Broadcast on KCMR 97.9 FM**

**First United Methodist Church**

**“A Christian faith community to further God’s kingdom.”**

**August 4, 2024**



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Prelude Scott Blankenbaker

"Be Thou My Vision"

Welcome  
Announcements

Call to Worship  
(based on Psalm 47)

One: Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud songs of joy.

**All: For the LORD, the Most High, is awesome,  
a great king over all the earth.**

One: God has gone up with a shout,  
the LORD with the sound of a trumpet.

**All: Sing praises to God, sing praises;  
sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

One: For God is the king of all the earth;  
sing praises with a psalm.

**All: God is king over the nations;  
God sits on his holy throne.**

- [https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-prayer\\_20.html](https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2011/05/call-to-worship-prayer_20.html)

Hymn #512  
"Stand by Me"

Moment of Meditation  
Be still and Know God is God Psalm 46:10

Opening Prayer

Special Music Anders Haglund  
"Then Shall the Righteous Shine Forth" – F. Mendelssohn

Wondering with Pastor Mel

Invitation to the offering  
Offering Prayer (in unison)

**God of boundless love, in this sacred moment of giving, we come before you, recognizing your unwavering compassion and tender mercy. As we offer our gifts, we also lift our hearts in prayer for all who are burdened with pain and uncertainty. May your healing touch reach those in need and may your love bring comfort and strength to troubled hearts. We entrust our prayers to you, knowing that you hear and respond with boundless grace. Amen.**

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/worship-with-rejoicing/twelfth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/twelfth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-offertory-prayer>

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading Judges 16

Hymn #396  
"O Jesus I Have Promised"

Sermon Reverend Melanie Greengo  
"Connected to God's Strength"

Hymn #2164  
"Sanctuary" (sing through twice)

Holy Communion

Invitation  
Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**Confession and Pardon.**

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we**

**pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Leader: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life.

When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through your prophets, who looked for that day when justice shall roll down like waters and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream,

when nation shall not lift up sword against nation,  
neither shall they learn war anymore.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the names of the Lord, Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor,  
to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your

Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanks-giving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes again and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and forever. Amen

Breaking the Bread  
Receiving of Elements.

Lord's Prayer

Hymn

"Take My Life and Let It Be"

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Benediction

Postlude

Scott Blankenbaker

"Lord Jesus Christ, Turn to Us Now" – G. Bohm

## August 4<sup>th</sup> – August 10<sup>th</sup>



### Sunday, August 4<sup>th</sup>

Communion  
 9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
 9:30 am Food Bank Collection - Narthex  
 10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB  
 11:30 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM  
 1:00 pm Spirit-Filled Trails

### Monday, August 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Turquoise Table  
 12:30 pm Card Writing – Nursery 2

### Tuesday, August 6<sup>th</sup>

6:30 pm Staff Parish Relations Committee  
 – Fireside Room

### Wednesday, August 7<sup>st</sup>

2:00 pm Music Moments, Facebook  
 5:15 pm Beyond Praise - Sanctuary

### Thursday, August 8<sup>th</sup>

No UMW Meeting  
 4 pm Missions – Upper Room

### Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>

No Church Events

### Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup>

No Church Events



Well, summer is almost over – but why not celebrate? Come join us for our “That’s a Wrap!” gathering on Wednesday, August 21st from 5-7 p.m. and help us wrap up summer with some fun.

We will be serving wrap sandwiches, chips, lemonade, and a dessert at 5 pm. Then at 6 p.m. we will have the pleasure of hearing local musicians Bob Grant and Sid Bohls play us some good ol’ gospel music – vocals and guitar. Bring your own lawn chairs, bug spray and be ready for a good time. This will be outside on the front lawn of the church.

(Free will offering/no charge) All are welcome to attend! RSVP for food purposes – call the church office or sign up sheet in the Narthex.

– Lori Elbermawy, Christian Administrator

#### SPECIAL MUSIC

There are still a couple of open Sundays (August 25 & Sept. 1) to be filled during the summer months. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing your/their gifts, we would love to have that worship enhancement. Please contact Scott Blankenbaker for more information.

Changes are coming to the website! Visit us at [masoncityfirst.com](http://masoncityfirst.com) for live news updates, digital versions of the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, a calendar of events, prayer chain request submission form, and more!

#### Mason City Elementary School Mission Project

For the month of August, the congregation is invited to join our United Women in Faith in a Mason City Elementary School Mission Project. We have learned there is a need right here in our own community for several things. Financial Gifts are also welcome with a memo note of "school project".

New socks (boys and girls)  
 New underwear (boys and girls) - sizes 6 to 12  
 Toiletries - e.g. child's toothbrush, soap, shampoo

Items may be placed in the labeled grocery cart in the entry. Thank you for your donations and supporting local children!

Beth Alverson

#### Prayer Chain

Please call the church office at 641-423-4905 to submit a request to the confidential prayer chain. Call Rev. Melanie Greengo at 641-781-0264 if there is an emergency and need for pastoral care outside of office hours.





## Best Wishes

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day! Congratulations to the following couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

### August 5<sup>th</sup>

Warren & Lyla Hamand

### August 6<sup>th</sup>

Holly & Jesse Byre  
Brian & Mary Snell

### August 8<sup>th</sup>

Jason & Patti Eden

### August 9<sup>th</sup>

Emily Halfpap & Todd Anderson  
Kellie and Erik Hogan  
Jan & Harold Schipper

### August 10<sup>th</sup>

MacKenzie & Jared Peterson



## Sunday, August 11<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall  
10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB  
11 am Compassionate Care – Upper Room  
11:30 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM  
1:00 pm Spirit Filled Trails, Parking Lot

## Monday, August 12<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Turquoise Table

## Tuesday, August 13<sup>th</sup>

5:30 pm Trustees Meeting – Fireside Room

## Wednesday, August 14<sup>th</sup>

2:00 pm Music Moments, Facebook  
7:00 pm Private Event – Fireside Room

## Thursday, August 15<sup>th</sup>

No Church Events

## Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>

No Church Events

## Saturday, August 17<sup>th</sup>

No Church Events

### First UMC T-shirts

The new First United Methodist Church t-shirts are now available! We will be taking orders until August 15th, and the sign-up sheet as well as the design mock-up are at the back of the sanctuary.

Prices start at \$18.50 for adult S-XL with prices going up slightly for larger sizes. Our intention behind the shirts is to be able to volunteer in the community as a cohesive unit, embracing the love and kindness of Mason City First.

Please place checks written to FUMC memo line: *T-shirts* in the offering plate, as well as putting cash in an envelope from the pew with your name and marked *T-shirts* in the offering plate. Or stop by the office and drop off cash/check. Please remember to fill out the sign up sheet with your name(s) and size(s) as well! Thank you everyone!

- Lori Elbermaw

### First UMC Women

The Swaledale UMC Women are inviting First UMC women to their Tea Luncheon on August 10<sup>th</sup> at 2 p.m. Their special guest will be Becky Litterer who will be discussing plants and spiritual gardening. Please RSVP to Linda Fessler at 641-998-2921 by August 5<sup>th</sup>.

### Supper Club

Supper Club will meet at Pasta Bella on August 22 at 5:15 pm. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the Sanctuary by Sunday, August 18 so we have a head count.



### Radio Ministry Sponsors

11:30 a.m. Sunday – KCMR 97.9 FM

This Sunday's radio broadcast  
does not have a sponsor.

Sign up to sponsor a radio broadcast by  
sending an email to  
[office@masoncityfirstumc.org](mailto:office@masoncityfirstumc.org)  
or calling 641-423-4905.

Cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!

Available Radio Dates:

8/11, 9/1, 9/8, 9/15

Do you have something for us to put in the next bulletin or newsletter? Write it up and send it to the church office at [office@masoncityfirstumc.org](mailto:office@masoncityfirstumc.org).