

Worship Service

** indicates that the people should stand, if able.

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE PEACE IN NEW WAYS

"Rule of Life"

Micah 6:1-8

PRELUDE, BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

****OPENING HYMN**

"Just A Closer Walk With Thee"

TFWS #2158

****THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: People of God, who do you come to worship?

People: We come to worship the one true God.

Leader: How will you worship?

People: Not with words alone, but by living lives of justice and love.

Leader: Come, you who belong to God. Come, you who are foolish in the eyes of the world.

People: Come and abide in God's tent and in God's heart, now and forever.

ALL: Amen

CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Joyce Stanley

Elaine Lucas

Jim Eklund

John Spanton

Joseph Lipichok

Carol Jones

Colleen Kimble

Camille McDonnell

Kayla Weirup

Jim Gillespie

Nathan Thompson

Larry & Connie McCurdy

The Friends & Family of Emmelia Miller

Lord,

We lift in prayer all these we have named. We also ask for your mercy for all those who are suffering. For those of us in war torn areas, Lord, bring us hope and reasons for joy. We lift up those who find themselves without housing, and those who are trying to help. Guide us toward policies that help all of us to thrive. Open our hearts to find understanding and cooperation instead of discord and polarization. Help us all as we make our way into the future as our country and our world deal with these and many other changes. Guide our leaders to careful LISTENING, accuracy in discernment of your will for our country, WISDOM in making their decisions, and to promote LOVE of one another in these days. Help us all to know the joy of doing good work together. For all of us suffering from grief, anxiety, depression, or suffering from abuse, and living in fear, sow among us faith in your purpose, to bring us to a future defined by HOPE. Give us a season of PEACE and the joys that come with it, our rock and our redeemer.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Micah 6:1-8

PRAISE SONG

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

#584

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*First United Methodist Church
201 North Court Street
Fairfield, IA 52556*

****Doxology**

****Offertory Prayer**

UMH #95

CHOIR ANTHEM

"I Surrender All"
-arr. Mauldin

-FUMC Choir

****GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 5:1-12

MESSAGE

-Pastor Al Coffin

BAPTISM & CONFIRMATION

Channing Countryman, Lucas Huff, Ryder Kness, Sydney Stremsterfer

HOLY COMMUNION

****CLOSING SONG**

"Be Thou My Vision"

#451

****BLESSING AND SENDING**

****SUNG BENEDICTION**

Serving You in Worship

Minister: Pastor Al Coffin

Youth Director: Elly Stremsterfer

Lay Leader: Jim Flinspach

Liturgist: Carrie Brownlee

Choir Director: Jim Edgeton

Organist/Pianists: LeAnne Edgeton, Emily McIntyre

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Weekly Radio Broadcast: 10:35 a.m. on 1570AM-KMCD
Prayer Link: Email or call the church office

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Reflection Questions

Micah 6:1-8; 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12

- **Ritual vs. Relationship:** The Israelites offered elaborate sacrifices, but God asked for a “humble walk.” Are there “religious routines” in your life that have become a substitute for actual transformation or service to others?
- **Loving Kindness (*Chesed*):** The Hebrew word for kindness here implies a loyal, covenantal love. How can you practice a “loyal love” toward someone in your life who is difficult to care for?
- **Redefining Success:** The Beatitudes bless the “poor in spirit” and the “meek” – qualities the world often ignores. In what ways is God calling you to value character traits that your culture or workplace might consider “weak”? Paul says the cross is foolishness to the world. Has there ever been a time when your faith led you to make a decision that seemed “illogical” or “foolish” to others, but felt right in the Spirit?
- **The Work of Peacemaking:** Methodism emphasizes being active “peacemakers” rather than just “peace-lovers.” Is there a conflict in your life or community where you are being called to step in and build a bridge?
- **Connectedness:** John Wesley famously said, “There is no holiness but social holiness.” How do these three scriptures together challenge the idea that faith is a “private matter” between you and God?

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Fairfield, Iowa



*Our Mission:
Knowing Christ
Sharing His Love
Helping Others
to Know Him*

*Sunday, February 1, 2026
10:35 a.m. In-Person,
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& Radio Broadcast*

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