

Worship Service

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

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS & SHARING THE PEACE IN NEW WAYS

“Rule of Life”

PRELUDE, BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

****OPENING HYMN** *“God of Grace and God of Mercy”* #577

****THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist –Jon Funkhouser

Leader: God said, “Let there be light.”

People: And there was light.

Leader: Jesus said, “I am the light of the world.”

People: And the light shone in the darkness.

Leader: Jesus said, “You are the light of the world.”

People: And the light shall not be quenched.

ALL: Amen

CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Joyce Stanley	Elaine Lucas	Rosalie Cochran Thompson	Pat Centner
Jim Eklund	John Spanton	Doug Marshall	Butch Bloomquist
Joseph Lipichok	Carol Jones	Heather Brown	Yenifer Jimenez
Colleen Kimble	Camille McDonnell	Lynn Godwin	Darla Moylan
Kayla Weirup	Jim Gillespie	Cheryl Clement	
Nathan Thompson	Larry & Connie McCurdy	Bob Boyer	
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 **Isaiah 58:1-9a**

PRAISE SONGS *“10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord)”*
“You Are My King (Amazing Love)”

STEWARDSHIP MOMENT

OFFERING

You can send your tithes, offerings and pledge cards to:

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

****Doxology** UMH #95

****Offertory Prayer**

****GOSPEL LESSON** **Matthew 5:13-20**

MESSAGE -Pastor Al Coffin

****CLOSING SONG** *“This is Amazing Grace”*

****BLESSING AND SENDING**

****SUNG BENEDICTION**

Serving You in Worship

Minister: Pastor Al Coffin
Youth Director: Elly Stremsterfer
Lay Leader: Jim Flinspach
Liturgist: Jon Funkhouser
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

Isaiah 58:1-9a; 1 Corinthians 2:1-12; Matthew 5:13-20

- Isaiah 58:9: How can you transition from mere religious ritual to the active, compassionate response God requires?
- 1 Corinthians 2:12: How does the Holy Spirit help you distinguish between the values of the “world” and the “free gifts” given by God?
- Matthew 5:13: If you are the “salt of the earth,” in what specific areas of your community are you currently preserving goodness or adding flavor?
- Matthew 5:14-16: Is your “light” hidden by fear or burnout, and how can your local church community help you shine brighter?
- Matthew 5:19: Which “least commandment” do you find most difficult to uphold in your daily interactions?
- The Synthesis: How do these three passages together call you to manifest a “faith working through love” in your neighborhood this week?

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

*Sunday, February 8, 2026
10:35 a.m. In-Person,
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