

# 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

*Bells Prelude*

*“Living Hope”*

*-FUMC Bell Choir*

*-by Johnson & Wickham*

## \*\*OPENING HYMN

*“More Precious Than Silver” 2xs through*

*TFWS #2065*

## \*\*THE CALL TO WORSHIP

**Leader:** Sometimes good things are right in front of us, and we don't see them.

**People:** Our fears and our prejudices blind us.

**Leader:** Open your eyes this day to see the goodness of the Lord.

**People:** Open our hearts, gracious God, to receive your blessings.

**Leader:** Hallelujah!

**People:** Hallelujah! 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*

*Steve Lamb*

*Joseph Lipichok*

*Carol Jones*

*Heather Brown*

*Kenny Nelson*

*Camille McDonnell*

*Lynn Godwin*

*Darla Moylan*

*Kayla Weirup*

*Jim Gillespie*

*Susan Chapin*

*Nathan Thompson*

*Shirley Thompson*

*Mary Helen Leathers*

*Larry & Connie McCurdy*

*Brandon Hyde & Family*

*The Friends & Family of Gwen Pedrick*

*The Friends & Family of Cheryl Clement*

Lord,

We lift in prayer all these we have named. We also ask for your mercy for all who are suffering. We find ourselves, once again, at war. We lift up all those who are praying for peace. Guide us toward policies that lead to peaceful solutions. Open our hearts to seek understanding and common ground instead of discord and division. Help us all as we make our way into an uncertain future as our country and our world deal with the consequences of decisions that have already been made. Guide our leaders to seek wise counsel, to make decisions that promote the common welfare and LOVE of one another. Guide us to seek out good work that we can do together. For all of us suffering from grief, anxiety, depression, or suffering from abuse, or 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

## ACTS READING

**Acts 2:14a, 36-41**

## \*\*PRAISE SONG

*“Open My Eyes, That I May See”*

*#454*

## 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

## CHOIR ANTHEM

*“One Day Soon, We'll See Jesus”*

*-FUMC Choir*

*-by Mary McDonald*

## \*\*GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:13-35

## MESSAGE

-Pastor Al Coffin

## \*\*CLOSING SONG

*“Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”*

*#133*

## \*\*BLESSING AND SENDING

## \*\*SUNG BENEDICTION

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### Serving You in Worship

**Minister:** Pastor Al Coffin

**Youth Director:** Elly Stremsterfer

**Lay Leader:** Jim Flinspach

**Liturgist:** Marcia Gaines

**Choir Director:** Jim Edgeton

**Organist/Pianists:** LeAnne Edgeton, Emily McIntyre

**Sound & Tech Team:** Cole Boatright, Carrie Brownlee, Greg Dorrell, Sharon Flinspach, Ben Gardner, Frazer Jones, Gary Roth and Elly Stremsterfer

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**Prayer Link:** Email or call the church office



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### Reflection Questions

Acts 2:14a, 36-41; Luke 24:13-35

- In the Emmaus story, the eyes of the two men on the road were "kept from recognizing him" until the breaking of the bread.
  - Where in your life right now might Jesus be walking beside you unrecognized? What "distractions" or griefs might be keeping your eyes from seeing Him?
- The disciples realized after Jesus had departed from them that their hearts burned within them while He spoke.
  - When was the last time you felt a "burning heart" – a sense of deep resonance, truth, or peace – while engaging with Scripture or a community of faith? What was God saying to you in that moment?
- In Luke, the disciples were retreating from Jerusalem in disappointment; in Acts, Peter and the disciples were standing boldly in the heart of Jerusalem.
  - What transformed their fear into boldness? How can you move from a place of "retreat" in your spiritual life to a place of confident witness?

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

*Sunday, April 19, 2026*

*10:35 a.m.*

*In-Person &  
YouTube LIVE!*



*Hearing assist devices are available in the sound room.*