

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

CONFESSION AND CREED FOR “BRIGHT SUNDAY”

-See insert

****OPENING HYMN**

“God Bless You, Merry Sinner”

****THE CALL TO WORSHIP**

-Sharon Flinspach

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

Leader: We come today like the disciples—a little confused and mostly hiding behind locked doors.

People: We come like Peter—occasionally putting our feet in our mouths but trying our best.

Leader: We come like Thomas—wanting to see the receipts before we believe the news.

People: God looks at our mess, our doubts, and our clueless assumptions, and says, "Peace be with you."

Leader: Let us worship the God who has the last laugh over the grave!

All: Let’s celebrate the Holy Joke of the Resurrection! AMEN!

CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

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| <i>Joyce Stanley</i> | <i>Elaine Lucas</i> | <i>Rosalie Cochran Thompson</i> | <i>Pat Centner</i> |
| <i>Jim Eklund</i> | <i>John Spanton</i> | <i>Doug Marshall</i> | <i>Michael Mertz</i> |
| <i>Joseph Lipichok</i> | <i>Carol Jones</i> | <i>Heather Brown</i> | <i>Kenny Nelson</i> |
| <i>Camille McDonnell</i> | <i>Lynn Godwin</i> | <i>Darla Moylan</i> | <i>Kayla Weirup</i> |
| <i>Jim Gillespie</i> | <i>Susan Chapin</i> | <i>Nathan Thompson</i> | |
| <i>Larry & Connie McCurdy</i> | | <i>Brandon Hyde & Family</i> | |
| <i>The Friends & Family of Andrew Angstead</i> | | <i>The Friends & Family of Zane Safrit</i> | |
| <i>The Friends & Family of Gwen Pedrick</i> | | <i>The Friends & Family of Cheryl Clement</i> | |

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

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 2:14a, 22-32

PRAISE SONGS

“Joy, Unspeakable Joy” – Holy Humor Edition

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**

John 20:19-31

MESSAGE

-Pastor Al Coffin

****CLOSING SONG**

“Praise the Lord” by Micah Tyler

****BLESSING AND SENDING**

****SUNG BENEDICTION**

Serving You in Worship

Minister: Pastor Al Coffin

Youth Director: Elly Stremsterfer

Lay Leader: Jim Flinspach

Liturgist: Sharon Flinspach

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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Weekly Radio Broadcast: 10:35 a.m. on 1570AM-KMCD

Prayer Link: Email or call the church office



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Reflection Questions

Acts 2:14-15, 22-32; John 20:19-31

- Peter starts his sermon in Acts by clarifying that the apostles aren't drunk because "it's only nine in the morning." Does our church ever radiate such joy and energy that the neighbors start wondering if we've had an early happy hour, or maybe that last night's party is still going?
- Jesus shows up in a locked room just to prove he's back. If you were Jesus, would you have been able to resist saying, "Three days! TA-DAAAAH!"
- The disciples were hiding behind locked doors for fear. How often do we treat our church buildings like "holy panic rooms" instead of the launchpads for joy they are meant to be? Is our church a soap opera set in a fortress, or a sitcom with a live audience?

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Fairfield, Iowa

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

Sunday, April 12, 2026

10:35 a.m. In-Person,

YouTube LIVE!

& Radio Broadcast



Hearing assist devices are available in the sound room.

HOLY HUMOR SUNDAY! GET READY TO LAUGH!