

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** *“For All The Saints”* #2283 FWS

****THE CALL TO WORSHIP** Liturgist – Carrie Brownlee

Leader: The Lord calls us to grow in faithfulness.

People: Take away our greed and selfishness, O Lord!

Leader: The Lord challenges us to serve others in loving ways!

People: Help us grow in our service and witness to your mercy and peace.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord who delights in our witness.

People: Let us praise God who is always with us.

ALL: Amen

CARES AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Please hold these people in your prayers:

Joyce Stanley	Sue Baker	Rosalie Cochran Thompson
Jim Eklund	John Spanton	Doug Marshall
Joseph Lipichok	Carol Jones	Heather Brown
Ruth Leazer	Irene Stagers	Colleen Kimble
Ken Royar	Lynn Godwin	Darla Moylan
Jeff Hartman	Chuck Espy	Larry & Connie McCurdy
Josh & Amanda Hyde	The Friends & Family Jack Polonsky	

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. May our energies be turned to planning for PEACE. For all of us who are locked in discord and polarization, open our hearts to find understanding and cooperation. Help us all as we make our way into the future as our country and our world deal with many 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 through this process and beyond. 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

Children will be collecting Quarters & More during this time.

****SPECIAL MUSIC** *“So Loved”*
performed by Tena Edlin, Carrol Hillis & Gary Roth

EPISTLE READING **Hebrews 11:29-12:2**

OFFERING *“Night song” by Gary Schocker*
Gary Roth-alto sax, LeAnne Edgeton-piano

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** **Luke 12:49-56**

MESSAGE **-Pastor Al Coffin**

****CLOSING SONG** *“I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light”* #206

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

CHURCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Website: fairfieldmethodistchurch.org

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

Prayer Link: Email or call the church office



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Reflection Questions

Hebrews 11:29-12:2; Luke 12:49-56

- How are we called to interpret the present time? Are there signs of Jesus' present and coming kingdom that we are missing? How do we know?
- How do we balance the emphasis on God's prevenient grace with our need to respond to it? When do we publicly profess our faith and commitment to Jesus Christ? What difference do those public professions make in our daily living?
- There is an urgency in this Luke passage. When have you felt an urgent need to make a decision to follow Jesus?
- Why does Jesus say he does not come to bring peace to earth? It seems to contradict many other parts of scripture? Is there a difference between the peace Christ brings and a false peace that we too often embrace?

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Fairfield, Iowa



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

*Sunday, August 17, 2025
9:30 a.m. In-Person,
YouTube LIVE!
& Radio Broadcast*



Hearing assist devices are available in the sound room.