

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
February 9, 2025 – 10 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

We make disciple of Jesus Christ by following our
Pathway:

**Living our Faith, Nurturing Families, Serving our
Communities.**

*GREETING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING Susan Finger
"Children of the Heavenly Father"

*CALL TO WORSHIP DeWayne Landwehr

ONE: Great is the grace and glory of God.

ALL: **We give thanks with hearts of joy.**

ONE: Great is the strength and mercy of our Creator.

ALL: **We give thanks with hearts of hope.**

ONE: Great is the courage and hope of our Lord.

ALL: **We give thanks with hearts of faith.**

ONE: Great is the mercy and compassion of Jesus
Christ.

ALL: **We give thanks with hearts of love.**

*HYMN "Love Divine All Loves Excelling" #384

1. Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down;
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!
Jesus thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

2. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

3. Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

CHILDREN'S CHOIR

Directed by Abby Mercer

OFFERING TO GOD

CHILDREN'S MUSIC

Abby Mercer

OFFERTORY

Sanctuary Choir

"O for A Thousand Tongues to Sing"

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below; Praise
him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Abby Mercer

ANTHEM

"Abide With Me"

Sanctuary Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

DeWayne Landwehr

LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy
name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those
who trespass against us. And lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the
kingdom, and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.**

*HYMN "Maker in Whom We Live" #88

1. Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

3. Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.
No angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

GOSPEL

DeWayne Landwehr

John 3:5-17 (NLT)

*5 Jesus replied, "I assure you, no one can enter the
Kingdom of God without being born of water and the
Spirit. 6 Humans can reproduce only human life, but the
Holy Spirit gives birth to spiritual life. 7 So don't be
surprised when I say, 'You must be born again.' 8 The
wind blows wherever it wants. Just as you can hear the
wind but can't tell where it comes from or where it is
going, so you can't explain how people are born of the
Spirit." 9 "How are these things possible?" Nicodemus
asked. 10 Jesus replied, "You are a respected Jewish
teacher, and yet you don't understand these things? 11 I
assure you, we tell you what we know and have seen,
and yet you won't believe our testimony. 12 But if you
don't believe me when I tell you about earthly things,
how can you possibly believe if I tell you about heavenly
things? 13 No one has ever gone to heaven and returned.
But the Son of Man has come down from heaven. 14 And
as Moses lifted up the bronze snake on a pole in the
wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, 15 so
that everyone who believes in him will have eternal life.
16 "For this is how God loved the world: He gave his one
and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will
not perish but have eternal life. 17 God sent his Son into
the world not to judge the world, but to save the world
through him.

*OLD TESTAMENT

Psalm 138:1-6 (MSG)

1-3 Thank you! Everything in me says "Thank you!"
Angels listen as I sing my thanks. I kneel in worship
facing your holy temple and say it again: "Thank
you!" Thank you for your love, thank you for your
faithfulness; Most holy is your name, most holy is
your Word. The moment I called out, you stepped in;
you made my life large with strength. 4-6 When they
hear what you have to say, God, all earth's kings will
say "Thank you." They'll sing of what you've done:
"How great the glory of God!" And here's why: God,
high above, sees far below; no matter the distance,
he knows everything about us.

This is God's Word for God's people today.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Setting Our Sails

Rev. Boruff

*HYMN

"Are Ye Able, Said the Master" #530

1. "Are ye able," said the Master,
"to be crucified with me?"

"Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered,
"to the death we follow thee."

Refrain:

Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine.
Remold them, make us, like thee, divine.
Thy guiding radiance above us shall be
a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

3. Are ye able when the shadows
close around you with the sod,
to believe that spirit triumphs,
to commend your soul to God?
(Refrain)

4. Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity,
and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee.
(Refrain)

BENEDICTION

*MUSIC FOR SENDING

Susan Finger

Trumpet Tune on "St. Denio"

**Please stand as you are able.*

THANK YOU

for assisting in worship!

Worship Leaders: DeWayne Landwehr & Abby Mercer

Music: Sanctuary Choir

Sound Tech: Mark Murray

Visual Tech: Matt Stout

WELCOME

Welcome to worship on Sundays and all programs & ministries throughout the week!

Announcements

- **GUESTS:** Welcome! There is a gift bag for you at the Welcome Center. Glad you joined us and hope you will come again!
- **COMMUNITY CAFÉ:** 80 guests were serve last Sunday. It was a blessing to serve the community.
- **200 ENVELOPES/FAMILY MINISTRY FUNDRAISER: February 2-March 2** envelopes numbered 1-200 will be available in the narthex. People select an envelope with the amount of money they would like to donate and return the envelope filled with cash or a check. All of the money will go directly into a Family Ministry Fund. **CONFIRMATION:** Confirmation will kick-off on **February 9 (TODAY)** at 11:15 and will run to Confirmation Sunday on May 18. Students in 6th grade and up are eligible to participate.
- **JOY LUNCH:** JOY Lunches for 2025 kick-off on Friday, **February 21** with Steve Jackson, Historian as our presenter. Lunch will be from Lee's Chicken. Make a reservation in the church office by **February 19.**
- **LENTEN DEVOTIONAL:** Your thoughts, prayers, insights, articles, poem and art are needed for the Lenten Devotional to be distributed at the beginning of Lent. Deadline for material is **February 17.** Submit NOW!
- **2024 GIVING STATEMENTS** are available for pick up by the church office.

We give thanks for today's:

Ushers: Bill Kahle, Dorinda Cassidy, Richard Cassidy, Bob Ballenger

Greeters: Becky Ball, Kay McConnell, Kaylynn McConnell

Fellowship Time: Karen and Cliff Ambler

First United Methodist Staff:

Director of Music and Organist: Susan Finger

Pianist: Michele Murray

Finance: Gene Brueggen

Office Manager: Judy Whitney

Production Director: Matt Stout

Digital Communications: Matt & Erin Stout

Security: Richard Falkenberg

Sound Technicians: Jim Hudson, Richard Cassidy,

Mark Murray

Custodian: Eddie Stephens, Ann Bull

Weekly Schedule

Sun 2/09			
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	Confirmation Kick-off	North/South Parlor	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Food@First		Downtown
Mon 2/10			
1:00 pm	AARP	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	AA Big Book Study	East/West Parlor	Downtown
6:30 pm	Alpha Brass	Alpha Brass Room	Downtown
Tues 2/11			
9:00 am	Sew Group	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
10:00 am	Staff Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
4:15 pm	AACC Rehearsal	Sanctuary/Choir Room	Downtown
4:30 pm	AAYC Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
6:30 pm	Girl Scouts	Fellowship Hall	Downtown
Wed 2/12			
9:00 am	Energy Assistance Day	Door #2	Downtown
9:00 am	Helping Hands Pantry	Door #3	Downtown
3:00 pm	Coffee with Corinne		Facebook
5:00 pm	Exercise Class		Davis Park
6:00 pm	Bells	Bell Room	Downtown
6:00 pm	First Kids Club	Fireplace Room	Downtown
6:20 pm	Kids Choir Rehearsal	Younger Kids Room	Downtown
7:00 pm	Joyful Jazz Rehearsal	Sanctuary	Downtown
Thurs 2/13			
6:00 pm	Adapt Dinner	North/South Parlor	Downtown
6:00 pm	Staff Parish Committee Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
Fri 2/14			
9:00 am	Friday Bible Study	North/South Parlor	Downtown
12:00 pm	Downtown Devotion		Facebook
Sat 2/15			
8:00 am	Men's Breakfast		Primrose
10:00 am	AA Meeting	East/West Parlor	Downtown
Sun 2/16			
9:00 am	Trustees Meeting	Conference Room	Downtown
10:00 am	Worship	Sanctuary	Downtown
11:15 am	YA Gathering	Youth Room	Downtown
2:00 pm	Worship		Primrose
4:30 pm	Community Café	Fellowship Hall	Downtown



First United Methodist

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Pastor: Corinne Boruff
Director of Family Ministries: Ally Hall
Ministers: Congregation