



**August 24, 2025 10:00 a.m.**

**Tenth Sunday after Pentecost**

**Welcome to First United Church of Christ**

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*We are pleased that you have decided to worship with us today!*

*Hearing assistance is available; ask an usher for a receiver.*

*The offering plate is located on the small table outside of the sanctuary*

*You are welcome to give using this QR code.*



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***\*THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND***

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CELEBRATIONS**

**OPENING PRAYER**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

**L:** Though storms rage around me, I will clothe myself with the whole armor of God.

**P: I will fasten the belt of truth about my waist.**

**L:** I will place strength and determination as my shoes to aid me in my ministry and mission for God.

**P: I will take up the shield of faith with which I shall defend against evil ways.**

**L:** I will pray diligently at all times, offering prayers and supplication to God.

**P: The helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit will accompany me on my journey.**

**L:** Be strong in the Lord who provides for your every need.

**P: I place my confidence and trust in God always.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**L:** The peace of Christ be with you, **P:** And also with you!

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. World  
without end, Amen, Amen.**

**\*HYMN # 465** “Teach Me, O Lord, Your Holy Way”

**CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**God of power and might, Thank You for all you provide. Help us  
to wear our shields of faith boldly.**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**L:** In Your Mercy,

**P:** Lord, hear our prayer.

## LORD'S PRAYER

**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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen**

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

**\*HYMN** "Standing on the Promises" See Insert

**SCRIPTURE READING** Ephesians 6: 10—20

**L:** The Word of our Lord **P:** **Thanks be to God**

**SERMON** "Taking Up The Shield"

**\*HYMN** "Rescue" by Lauren Daigle See Insert

**\*BENEDICTION** "The Blessing" Carnes, Job

**The Lord bless you, and keep you: make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord turn His face toward you and give you peace. Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen, Amen, Amen. Amen.**

**\*POSTLUDE**

## ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Organist—Deb Schwitzer

Liturgist - Darren Miller

Greeters - Aaron & Katie Kelly, Bill & Shirley Pinegar, Alice Whitlatch

Ushers - Pam Behning & Bill Schwitzer

Ministers of First UCC are its members

Assisting them is Rev. Kerri Sandusky

## THIS WEEK'S CHURCH CALENDAR

Tuesday	August 26	9 a.m.	Women's Fellowship Meeting
		10 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wednesday	August 27	4:30 p.m.	Loaves & Fishes
Thursday	August 28	9 a.m.	Cedar County Consortium
		5 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sunday	August 31	10 a.m.	Worship Service
		11:30 a.m.	Confirmation Class Meeting

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Thank You** to all who donated and helped with the Back to School Bash and Dance.
- ♦ **Thank You** to everyone who donated pies and their time for Heritage Day!
- ♦ Ever wondered how the Old Testament relates to Jesus Christ? How did the disciples know Jesus was the Messiah? What Old Testament prophecies did Jesus fulfill? Come and explore these questions and more at this eight-week session of **Bible Study** at both 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join in the discussion.
- ♦ The **Community Cruise** will be Saturday, Sept. 20 at 2 p.m. This will be a progressive meal with neighboring UCC churches. Would you like to help? See Pastor Kerri or call the office.
- ♦ There will be a parent/student informational meeting on Sunday, Aug. 31 after worship in the Youth Room for all interested in the **2025-26 Confirmation Class**. All students in 7th grade or older who have not been confirmed are invited to these classes at First UCC. Confirmation is the act of publicly "confirming" our faith in Jesus Christ as our Savior. If you would like to know more, please plan to attend this meeting.
- ♦ Want to encourage high school students and hand out donuts? The first **First Friday** is September 5 at 8 a.m. in the First UCC parking lot. Everyone is welcome to come!
- ♦ The **Iowa Walk to End Hydrocephalus** is Saturday, September 20 at 9 a.m. at St. Morrison Park in Coralville. Please see the Kiosk for more information.

## “STANDING ON THE PROMISES”

Standing on the promises of Christ my King,  
Thro’ eternal ages let His praises ring;  
Glory in the highest, I will shout and sing,

Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, Standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises that cannot fail,  
When the howling storms of doubt and fear assail,  
By the living Word of God I shall prevail,

Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, Standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises of Christ the Lord,  
Bound to Him eternally by love’s strong cord,  
Over-coming daily with the Spirit’s sword,

Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, Standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

Standing on the promises I cannot fall,  
List’ning every moment to the Spirit’s call  
Resting in my Savior as my all in all,

Standing on the promises of God.  
Standing, Standing, Standing on the promises of God my Savior;  
Standing, standing, I’m standing on the promises of God.

## HYMN: "Rescue" Lauren Daigle

You are not hidden  
There's never been a moment you were forgotten  
You are not hopeless  
Though you have been broken, your innocence stolen

I hear you whisper underneath your breath  
I hear your SOS, your SOS

I will send out an army to find you  
In the middle of the darkest night  
It's true, I will rescue you

There is no distance  
That cannot be covered over and over  
You're not defenseless  
I'll be your shelter, I'll be your armor

I hear you whisper underneath your breath  
I hear your SOS, your SOS

I will send out an army to find you  
In the middle of the darkest night  
It's true, I will rescue you  
I will never stop marching to reach you  
In the middle of the hardest fight  
It's true, I will rescue you

I hear the whisper underneath your breath  
I hear you whisper you have nothing left

I will send out an army to find you  
In the middle of the darkest night  
It's true, I will rescue you  
I will never stop marching to reach you  
In the middle of the hardest fight  
It's true, I will rescue you

Oh, I will rescue you