



November 2, 2025 10:00 a.m.

Twenty-First 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

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****PLEASE STAND IF YOU ARE ABLE***

PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CELEBRATIONS

***OPENING PRAYER**

***PASSING 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 #407** “How Firm A Foundation” (Verses 1 & 2)

CHILDREN’S LESSON

***HYMN** “Firm Foundation” Cody Carnes

Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now?
He won't, He won't

I've still got joy in chaos
I've got peace that makes no sense
So I won't be going under
I'm not held by my own strength
'Cause I've built my life on Jesus
He's never let me down
He's faithful in every season
So why would He fail now?

He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail

Rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through

Oh, rain came and wind blew
But my house was built on You
And I'm safe with You
I'm gonna make it through
Yeah, I'm gonna make it through
'Cause my house is built on you

Christ is my firm foundation
The rock on which I stand
When everything around me is shaken
I've never been more glad
That I put my faith in Jesus
'Cause He's never let me down
He's faithful through generations
So why would He fail now?

He won't, He won't
He won't fail, He won't fail
He won't

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19 1-10

Jesus entered Jericho and was passing through. A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. He wanted to see who Jesus was, but because he was short he could not see over the crowd. So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore-fig tree to see him, since Jesus was coming that way.

When Jesus reached the spot, he looked up and said to him, “Zacchaeus, come down immediately. I must stay at your house today.” So he came down at once and welcomed him gladly. All the people saw this and began to mutter, “He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.”

But Zacchaeus stood up and said to the Lord, “Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor, and if I have cheated anybody out of anything, I will pay back four times the amount.” Jesus said to him, “Today salvation has come to this house, because this man, too, is a son of Abraham. For the Son of Man came to seek and to save the lost.”

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

SERMON "Out On A Limb"

RECOGNITION OF THE SAINTS

HOLY COMMUNION

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.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

***HYMN #506** “What A Friend We Have In Jesus” (verse 1)

***BENEDICTION** “The Blessing” Carnes, Jobe

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.

***POSTLUDE**

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Organist—Pat Barglof
Liturgist—Jennie Handbury
Ushers— Linda and Keith Lamp, Bruce Cary
The Ministers of First UCC are its members
Assisted by Pastor Kerri Sandusky

CALENDAR

Tues.	Nov. 4	2 p.m.	Prairie Hills Worship
		6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wed.	Nov. 5	5:30 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group - 6th—8th
		6:15 p.m.	Dinner for all Radiate Youth
		6:45 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group - 9th—12th
Thurs.	Nov. 6	8:30 a.m.	Table Talk—First UCC
		10 a.m.	Caregivers Meeting
		5 p.m.	AA Meeting
		7 p.m.	Trustees
Fri.	Nov. 7	7:50 a.m.	First Friday Donuts
		5 p.m.	Confirmation to Temple Emanuel
Sat.	Nov. 8	8 a.m.	Church Clean up
Sun.	Nov. 9	9 a.m.	Sunday School: Pre K—5th
		9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		9 a.m.	Confirmation
		10 a.m.	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ We are **collecting non-perishable foods** for a Thanksgiving feast (corn, stuffing, green beans, cranberries, etc.). Please leave your items in the shopping cart in the entryway. We are partnering with Tipton Schools to prepare and distribute to families for the season. Thank you for your support.
- ◆ In preparation for the **pasta dinner fundraiser** on November 23, your help is needed! Would you be willing to donate a theme-based basket? Please sign up on the kiosk. Partner with others if you want. Some examples include: game night (games, snacks...) cooking (recipes, utensils..), barbecue (tools, apron..). Just donate the items, and we will put the basket together. Thank You!
- ◆ **Table Talk** will meet on November 6, at 8:30 a.m. at First UCC. Make sure to bring two dozen cookies for cookie plates for others.
- ◆ There will be a **Veteran's recognition** during worship on Nov. 9. If you would like to be a part of this or have a family member recognized, please submit picture and name to the office by Sun., Nov. 2.
- ◆ On Saturday, November 8, we will have a **church cleanup** from 8-10 a.m. We have lots to do for ANY age!
- ◆ Sunday, November 16, make sure to stay after worship for our annual **Spud Sunday lunch** to celebrate the dedication and service of our congregation. Come hungry!
- ◆ **Planned giving/Pledge cards and letters** were sent out this past week. Please prayerfully consider what you might give financially to First UCC in 2026. These financial commitments allow the Council to plan/modify the budget for the upcoming year. Please turn yours in by Sunday, November 16.
- ◆ To add to the Live Nativity/Beef Sunday Drive Thru, there will be **Trees of Light**. Gather your family, a group of people, or yourself and think of a theme to decorate your tree. Sign up and donate \$65 (by Nov. 21) which covers the cost of your live tree to be staked with electricity and then decorate your tree on Sunday, November 30.
- ◆ Save the date Sunday, Nov. 23, for the **Mission Trip Fundraiser** immediately following worship. There will be a delicious pasta bar meal with youth serving you. If you have questions, please contact Katie Kelly, Bobbie Lieser, or Pastor Kerri.
- ◆ The annual **Live Nativity and Beef Sundae** dinner is coming on December 13, from 5—6:30 p.m. Preparations are already beginning. Would you be willing to be in the cast? Help with some aspect of this special evening? Please check out the kiosk for ways you can help.

- ◆ Would you be **willing to make a pie(s)** for the Live Nativity meal on Saturday, December 13? We are asking for pumpkin, peach, apple or pecan pies to be baked (NOT CUT), and brought to Fellowship Hall on December 12. Please sign up on the kiosk for how many and what kind you are willing to donate. Thank You!
- ◆ **Bible Study** will take a break until Tuesday, November 18, when we will begin watching and discussing *The Chosen* season three at both sessions—10:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ On Sunday, November 23, the annual ecumenical **Thanksgiving service** will be held at First UMC at 6:30 p.m. Pastor Duane from Calvary Foursquare will deliver the message. This is a beautiful time to give thanks with the many churches who come together in Tipton to care for this community.

SERMON NOTES/TAKEAWAYS