



**October 12, 2025 10:00 a.m.**  
**Eighteenth 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:** I love you, Lord, and I lift my voice;

**P:** To worship you, oh my soul rejoice!

**L:** Take joy, my King, in what you hear,

**P:** May it be a sweet, sweet sound in your ear.

### **\*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 # 355** “God the Spirit, Guide and Guardian” Verses 1 and 4

## **CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER**

**Gracious Jesus, We come together to thank you for your patience  
and forgiveness. Please continue to move us where we are needed,  
build us where we are failing, and grow us where we need faithful-  
ness. May our lives mirror the image we were created to be.**

## **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**

**\*HYMN #456** “More Love to You, O Christ” Verses 1 and 3

CHILDREN’S LESSON

SCRIPTURE READING      2 Timothy 1: 1-14

Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, in keeping with the promise of life that is in Christ Jesus, To Timothy, my dear son: Grace, mercy and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. I thank God, whom I serve, as my ancestors did, with a clear conscience, as night and day I constantly remember you in my prayers. Recalling your tears, I long to see you, so that I may be filled with joy. I am reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also.

For this reason I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For the Spirit God gave us does not make us timid, but gives us power, love and self-discipline. So do not be ashamed of the testimony about our Lord or of me his prisoner. Rather, join with me in suffering for the gospel, by the power of God. He has saved us and called us to a holy life—not because of anything we have done but because of his own purpose and grace. This grace was given us in Christ Jesus before the beginning of time, but it has now been revealed through the appearing of our Savior, Christ Jesus, who has destroyed death and has brought life and immortality to light through the gospel. And of this gospel I was appointed a herald and an apostle and a teacher. That is why I am suffering as I am. Yet this is no cause for shame, because I know whom I have believed, and am convinced that he is able to guard what I have entrusted to him until that day.

What you heard from me, keep as the pattern of sound teaching, with faith and love in Christ Jesus. Guard the good deposit that was entrusted to you—guard it with the help of the Holy Spirit who lives in us.

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

SERMON      "Faith is Caught More Than It Is Taught"

\*HYMN      "The Blessing"      Carnes, Job      (See Insert)

\*POSTLUDE

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP TODAY

Organist - Pat Barglof  
Liturgist - Deb Schwitzer  
Greeters - Wayne & Bonnie Deerberg and Shelly Winekauf  
Ushers—Lora Zaruba  
Ministers of First UCC are its members  
Assisting them is Rev. Kerri Sandusky

THIS WEEK’S CHURCH CALENDAR

Tues.	Oct. 14	10 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
Wed.	Oct. 15	9 a.m.	Women’s Fellowship Meeting
		5:30 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group - 6th—8th
		6:15 p.m.	Dinner for all Radiate Youth
		6:20 p.m.	Mission Trip Information Meeting
		6:45 p.m.	Radiate Youth Group - 9th—12th
Thurs.	Oct. 16	12 p.m.	Tipton Ministerial Association
		5 p.m.	AA Meeting
Sat.	Oct. 18	6 p.m.	Bread of Life Food Pantry
Sun.	Oct. 19	9 a.m.	Sunday School: Pre K—5th
		9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		9 a.m.	Confirmation
		10 a.m.	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ♦ **Radiate Youth Group** meets on Wednesday nights. If you would like to provide a **meal for the youth**, please sign up on the kiosk or contact the office. You can also use SignUp Genius on the weekly news email.
- ♦ Do you receive the weekly **First UCC News email**? If not, make sure to let the office know your email address so that you can receive timely information each week. You can also sign up on the "Contact" page of the First UCC website (firstucctipton.org). Thanks!
- ♦ Are you curious as to when you are scheduled for **Sunday Worship Coffee and Refreshments**. Be sure to refer to the 2025—2026 Women’s Fellowship booklet which was mailed out the end of August.
- ♦ There will be an informational meeting about the **spring mission trip to St. Louis** on Wednesday, Oct. 15, at 6:20 p.m. in Fellowship Hall while the youth eat dinner. The trip will be March 13 (after school dismissal) - March 16 (evening). More details to come.
- ♦ It **Takes A Village** has been rescheduled for October 30. If you would like to meet other parents, please enjoy this time together at the home of Jared and Whitney Gehrs from 6:30—7:30 p.m. There is a devotional, prayer, and a time of discussion. Childcare is available at the church.
- ♦ The **Annual Pumpkinfest** is Saturday, Oct. 25, from 4—5:30 p.m. At the Cedar County Courthouse front lawn. We would LOVE to see you there! This free ecumenical celebration will have inflatables, pumpkin decorating, pumpkin cookie decorating, hotdogs, s’mores, and more. If you would like to help, please check out the signup sheets on the kiosk.
- ♦ Sunday, October 26, following worship will be the **annual Town Hall meeting** to get your questions answered regarding projected 2026 for the church. We appreciate your attendance.

## “THE BLESSING”

Carnes and 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  
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And give you peace

Amen, Amen, Amen  
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May His favor be upon you  
And a thousand generations  
And your family and your children  
And their children and their children

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And a thousand generations  
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And their children and their children

May His presence go before you  
And behind you and beside you,  
All around you and within you  
He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening  
In your coming, and your going,  
In your weeping and rejoicing

He is for you, He is for you  
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## ***SERMON NOTES/TAKEAWAYS***