



September 14, 2025 10:00 a.m.
Fourteenth 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: Let us enter the presence of our God with a renewed heart and a right spirit.

P: Have mercy on us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

L: Let us speak, hear, and embrace truth and the wisdom of God.

P: Strengthen and empower us, O God, according to your steadfast love.

L: Let us hear joy and gladness. Restore our crushed spirits.

P: Revive us again. O God, according to your steadfast love.

***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 # 449** “Softly and Tenderly” Verses 1 and 4

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

Holy God, you seek us when we are lost. You do not turn away from anyone. Help us to recognize the belovedness of every human being and all your creation. Give us courage and curiosity to engage with those that others would ignore or isolate. Let us rejoice on earth as you rejoice in heaven as we seek the lost.

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 #459 “Come, O Fount of Every Blessing” Verses 1 and 3

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 15: 1-10

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

SERMON "Lost and Found"

*HYMN "Reckless Love" Cory Asbury 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 - Pat Barglof
Liturgist - Jennie Handbury
Greeters - Linda Jacobsen, Rusty & Jody Schroeder
Ushers - Jim Clark and Jeff Meier
Ministers of First UCC are its members
Assisting them is Rev. Kerri Sandusky

THIS WEEK’S CHURCH CALENDAR

Monday	Sept. 15	Church Office Closed—Carpet Cleaning	
		Grapevine Newsletter Articles Due	
Tuesday	Sept. 16	10 a.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Bible Study
		6:30 p.m.	Scouts
Wednesday	Sept. 17	9 a.m.	Women’s Fellowship
Thursday	Sept. 18	12 p.m.	Tipton Ministerial Association
		5 p.m.	AA Meeting
		6:30 p.m.	It Takes A Village
Saturday	Sept. 20	9 a.m.	Bread of Life Food Pantry
		2 p.m.	Community Cruise and Chow
Sunday	Sept. 21	9 a.m.	Sunday School—Pre K—5th grade
		9 a.m.	Adult Sunday School
		9 a.m.	Confirmation
		10 a.m.	Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ◆ Come and explore prophecies of the Old Testament at this session of **Bible Study** each Tuesday at 10 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- ◆ If you would like to **help with Sunday School** for the children, please contact the office. We always need assistance. Youth helpers are also needed (6th—12th graders).
- ◆ **Radiate Youth Group** begins Wednesday, September 24. The schedule will be:

5:30—6:15 p.m.	6th—8th grade with leaders Jared and Whitney Gehrs
6:15—6:45 p.m.	Dinner for all grades
6:45—7:30 p.m.	9th—12 grade with leaders Katie Kelly and Bobbie Lieser

Pastor Kerri will be assisting both groups. If you would like to provide a **meal for the youth**, please sign up on the kiosk or contact the office.
- ◆ **It Takes A Village** will meet on September 18, starting at 6:30 p.m. at the home of Whitney and Jared Gehrs, 545 East 4th Street, Tipton. Childcare is available at First UCC during this time.
- ◆ The **Community Cruise** will be Saturday, September 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.
- ◆ 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.
- ◆ **Confirmation** begins Sunday, September 21. Please let Pastor Kerri know if your child/children will be participating by September 17.
- ◆ **Red Cedar Chamber Music** will perform on Friday night, September 26, at First UCC starting at 7 p.m.
- ◆ Want to learn about the history of First UCC and what it means to be a member? **“Who Are We? First UCC!”** meets on Sunday, September 28 after worship in the meeting room.

SPECIAL MUSIC “Reckless Love” Cory Asbury Bethel Music

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the 99
And I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it, still You give yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending reckless love of God

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up
Coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down
Coming after me

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