

Living Our Faith

July 31, 2022 — 8:30 and 10:00 a.m. Worship Services

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost



Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

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Thought for the Day

"In our world, divide and conquer must become define and empower."

– Audre Lorde

Prelude *Sonata #1* J. Schmidt

Gathering Tolling of the Church Bell
Words of Welcome and Announcements
Please sign the Friendship Register located at the inside end of the pew and pass it to the person seated next to you.

*Sharing the Peace of Christ

*Call to Worship

Love that Never Ceases

Energy Who animates the Cosmos

Wellspring of Abundance-

You do not withhold, you do not hoard;

You break bread and there is enough.

Singular Love

Unending Hope

Mysterious Peace

We gather together, longing for You.

– enfolded.com

*Hymn #577 *God of Grace and God of Glory*

Opening Prayer

Almighty God, what a name to call you. Sometimes I hope it's true and other times I wonder if so, why are things the way they are? At times, my desire for control is overwhelming, and other times, I am so very thankful that the world isn't in my hands. Help me God. Help me hope. Help me question and challenge. Help me care for and tend to. Help me live in this anxious world with love in my heart. Let me not grow too weary or selfish or lonely. Shine brightly in and around me that I might know the beauty that exists even here, even now. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer Hymnal #895

A Moment for Children

Children are welcome to come forward or to gather around the screen at home to share in this special time with Pastor John. Afterwards, preschool through sixth graders may go with the Sunday school teachers. Children may be picked up in the second floor classrooms (rooms 212–218) following the service.

Community Prayers

*Reading of the Holy Scripture — Luke 12:13–21

Someone in the crowd said to him, “Teacher, tell my brother to divide the family inheritance with me.”¹⁴ But he said to him, “Friend, who set me to be a judge or arbitrator over you?”¹⁵ And he said to them, “Take care! Be on your guard against all kinds of greed, for one’s life does not consist in the abundance of possessions.”¹⁶ Then he told them a parable: “The land of a rich man produced abundantly.¹⁷ And he thought to himself, ‘What should I do, for I have no place to store my crops?’¹⁸ Then he said, ‘I will do this: I will pull down my barns and build larger ones, and there I will store all my grain and my goods.’¹⁹ And I will say to my soul, Soul, you have ample goods laid up for many years; relax, eat, drink, be merry.’²⁰ But God said to him, ‘You fool! This very night your life is being demanded of you. And the things you have prepared, whose will they be?’²¹ So it is with those who store up treasures for themselves but are not rich toward God.”

10:00 Special Music *This is My Song (Finlandia)* Jean Sibelius
Cassie and Emileigh Gallagher, duet

Sermon “Not for Me but for Us” Pastor Andi

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings
United Voices for Children Fifth Sunday Appeal

Offertory 8:30 *Moderato* G. Namdlo
10:00 *Sabbath Prayer, from Fiddler on the Roof* Jerry Bock
Michelle Waltmire, flute; Ted Waltmire, piano

***Doxology** Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn #2145** *I’ve Got Peace Like a River*
The Faith We Sing supplemental

*Benediction

Postlude *Praise* L. Smith

**The flowers in the sanctuary are in in honor of the
58th wedding anniversary of Don and Joanne Colby on August 1.**

*Please rise as you are able.

Bold text indicates congregational response. Hymnal refers to the red hymnal in the pew holders.

Hearing assistance devices are available at the back of the sanctuary from the ushers.

Please note that the 10:00 a.m. worship service is being recorded and livestreamed on YouTube.



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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK

United Voices for Children Fifth Sunday Appeal

Today is the Fifth Sunday Appeal to support United Voices for Children, a coalition of groups, congregations, agencies, and individuals in the Northern Illinois Conference of the UMC that speaks and acts on behalf of children, youth, and families in need. You may give online on our website at dgfumc.org/giving. Envelopes will be provided on a table at the entrance to the sanctuary. You may also mail your check to the church. Please designate in the memo line where you wish to give your gift(s). Thank you!

Vacation Bible School: A Food Truck Party! August 2 – 4; 9:00 a.m. to noon

Join us this week for Vacation Bible School (VBS) where we're looking forward to a journey together into a delicious world where we "taste and see that the Lord is good!" VBS is for children entering kindergarten through 6th grade. Registration is \$15 per child. Join us as we sing, play, dance, craft, and snack our way through VBS! Contact John Smoke at john@dgfumc.org or by phone at 630.968.7120, x204.

Retirement Celebration for Don Dunham Sunday, August 7; 11:00 a.m.

All are invited to celebrate the retirement of Don Dunham, our building supervisor, on Sunday, August 7 after the 10:00 a.m. worship service in the parlor. Please join the Staff Parish Relations Committee (SPRC) to thank Don and wish him well in this new chapter of his life!

Lunch Bunch Outing Wednesday, August 10 at 11:30 a.m.

All senior adults are welcome to join the Lunch Bunch group when they meet for lunch and fellowship at Harner's Bakery & Restaurant located at 10 W. State St. in North Aurora. To reserve your seat or organize a ride, call Bonnie Lehmann at 630.308.2259.

Assisting in Our Services Today

Music Kevin Zehme, Chapel Organist
Lay Reader 8:30 Pete Wildman
10:00 Mary Joyce Pickett
Community Prayers 10:00 Andrew Johnson
Audio-Visual 10:00 Jim Gracey, Tom Lykins

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 31

United Voices for Children Fifth Sunday Appeal

8:30 am – Worship Service – North Parking Lot
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 2 – Thursday, August 4

9:00 am – 12:00 pm – Vacation Bible School

Sunday, August 7

8:30 am – Worship Service – North Parking Lot
9:30 – 11:30 am – UMW Tree Coloring – Parlor
10:00 am – Worship Service – Sanctuary
11:00 am – Don Dunham Retirement Celebration

CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

School Supply Collection

We are collecting school items for those served by Kids Above All. The list of supplies especially needed are provided in a link in the *Happenings* e-newsletter. Bring donations by or on August 21 and place them in the cart in the lobby or in the parlor.

Fall Preschool Openings

The First United Methodist Preschool still has openings for this fall. There are openings currently in the morning 3-year-old class, but there are more openings in the 3- and 4-year-old afternoon classes. Those classes tend to be smaller, which allows for more one-on-one time between teachers and students. Classes meet on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. If you are looking for a preschool or know someone who is, please contact Nancy Bifulco at nancy@dgfumc.org or 630.968.7120 x215 for a tour or more information.

Update Your Contact Information

If you have not already informed the church office about changes to your address, phone, or email, please let us know by Monday, August 8. Contact Carolyn Donnelly by email at carolyn@dgfumc.org.