

150th Anniversary Celebration

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 10, 2023

***Processional:** *God of Grace and God of Glory* 577

*Call to Worship

We come to hear the story of God's faithfulness to past generations.

But we also look to the future as well as the past.

The God who was with our ancestors is with us as well.

Then we can go forward in hope. Whatever else fails, God remains faithful.

Nothing can separate us from the love God! Praise be to God! (Ruth C. Duck)

*Invocation

**Open wide the window of our spirits, O Lord, and fill us full of light;
open wide the door of our hearts, that we may receive and entertain you
with all our powers of adoration and love. Amen.** (Adapted, 477)

Hymn of Praise: *Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee* 89

Children's Time

Remembering Who We Are

Special Music: *Old-Time Religion Medley* Chancel Choir

Litany of Prayer

Eternal and loving God, today we give thanks to you for your goodness

Through all the years of worship and witness in this place.

For your grace in calling us to be your people,

For your love revealed to us in Christ your Son,

For your gift of the Spirit and the joy of salvation:

We give you thanks, O God.

For those who established this congregation,

For their faith and vision, for their gifts and abilities:

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have been members of this congregation,

For those who have given freely of their time and money,

For those whose wisdom guided our congregation:

We give you thanks, O God.

For all who have preached and taught here;

For all who have confessed here that Jesus is Lord;

For all who today lead in worship, witness, and service:

We give you thanks, O God.

Remembering those Christians who have gone before us,

let us follow as they followed in the way, the truth,

and the life of Jesus Christ.

We dedicate ourselves anew to witness to Jesus Christ in the world.

Trusting that God will continue to speak God's love for all people

and that God will look to the Church today,

We dedicate ourselves anew to being the Church,

as we make bold to pray as our Lord has taught: (adapted, BOW 584)

The Lord's Prayer 895

Offerings of the People

Offertory

***Doxology** 95

*Prayer of Dedication

We thank you, God, for every gift of love, for everything that makes life worthwhile: for being able to laugh at ourselves and to cry with others; for gifts of sympathy and understanding; for the extraordinary courage of ordinary people; for signs of faith surrounding us and for all that adds enthusiasm and excitement to living.

And most of all we thank you for everything and everybody that speaks to us of Christ, who sets us a goal, keeps us at it, rescues us over and over, gives us hope. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

(Adapted, Iowa AC23)

*Benediction

Strong is the love embracing us, **and faithful our God from morning to night.**

Let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Almighty and merciful and God bless us and keep us. **Amen!**

***Hymn of Joy:** *We Are the Church* 475

Worship Ends | Service Begins

*Please stand in body or in spirit.

Announcements

You're Invited to lunch following worship (Family Life Center). Check out our newest history book & historical displays, too!

Thank you Thank you Thank you

- ♥ **To our history team** for making this day possible. They have been working for months, combing through all our documents and artifacts, compiling the new history book, and making the wonderful displays that tell the story of First United Methodist Church in Emmetsburg.
- ♥ To the ladies who made our fantastic lunch!
- ♥ To our speakers who shared some of story in worship
We are grateful for your dedication and service!

Coming Up

- ♦ **Mon, Sept 11:** Card Club, 12 pm (FLC East); Horizons, 1:30 pm (FLC)
- ♦ **Tues, Sept 12:** Card Club (FLC East), 12 pm; Bible Study (FLC), 1:30pm
- ♦ **Wed, Sept 13:** Coffee Time, 3 pm (Narthex)
- ♦ **Thurs, Sept 14:** Horizons, 1 pm (FLC); AA Meeting, 7:30 pm (FLC)
- ♦ **Fri, Sept 15:** Hope Haven, (FLC Kitchen) 12:30 pm
- ♦ **Sat, Sept 16:** Bake Sale, 8 am (FLC); ELF Lunch \$5, 11 am
- ♦ **Sun, Sept 17:** Worship, 10 am (Sanctuary)

Today's Worship Stewards

Organist: Rosemary Matthews
Liturgist: Sarah Frederick
AV: Duhn family
Acolytes: Nora & Liam Hokinson

Offering Counters: Tony Salas & Todd Ditch

Next Week

Rosemary Matthews
Michelle Kogel
Keaton Duhn & Anderson family
Steven Horseman
& Hunter Strohmman
Jamie Christensen & Jodi Ward

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Emmetsburg, Iowa



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Now God's using you, fitting you in brick by brick, stone by stone, with Christ Jesus as the cornerstone that holds all the parts together. We see it taking shape day after day—a holy temple built by God, all of us built into it, a temple in which God is quite at home.

Ephesians 2.20-21
(The Message)



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