

First United Methodist Church
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GOD HEARS US

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WELCOME TO WORSHIP

LIGHTING THE ALTAR CANDLES MUSIC TO PREPARE US FOR WORSHIP

Sue Koepe, Musician

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME

† SHARING OUR GATHERING WORDS

Karen Sagi, Liturgist

We often think that God is 'out there' somewhere, distant and uncaring.

But God hears our hearts, God sees our struggles, God walks with us as we try to be faithful disciples.

Let us come to the One who is as close as the very breath we take in this moment.

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OPENING SONG “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” # 452

PASTORAL PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

PRAYING IN SONG “In the Garden” # 314

INVITATION TO GIVE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Psalm 77: 1-9 (NIV); Exodus 2: 23-25 (NIV)

Karen Sagi, Liturgist

MESSAGE “Together: God Hears US” Pastor Cheri

HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

† **CLOSING SONG**

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

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† **BENEDICTION & SENDING FORTH**

MUSIC AFTER WORSHIP

Sue Koeppel, Musician

(† denotes a time to stand as you are able)

Today’s Media Servants:

Computer: Ken Nowak

Sound Board: Ken Nowak

Camera: Jodi Spurling

Downstairs Hospitality:

Jon Stewart

Flowers:

Given by Joanne Hohlman in honor of Carole Evelyn

Hohlman (1/1933 - 2/2022)

Greeters:

Front Jim and Joan Brooke

Side Jon Stewart

**Ottawa First-Faith Inspired Relationships;
Serving & Transforming the world**

MISSION STATEMENT

Ottawa First United Methodist Church strives to foster relationships with Jesus Christ; reaching out to ALL through His teachings, grace and love.

Staff:

Pastor: Rev. Cheri Stewart
Office Manager: Erin Vandervelde
Choir Director: Traci Leemhuis
Musicians: Sue Koepp, Sarah Sharp
Media: Debbie Dixon, PJ Fulkerson, Lorrie McCallister, John Meyers, Ken Nowak, Ann Russell, Jodi Spurling
Prayer Chain: Joanne McCallister (815) 434-6944
Hospitality: Lori Kline, Linda Asta

Office Hours:

MTF from 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Pastor Cheri's Office Hours

MT from 9-11 a.m.
Other times by appointment

Week at a Glance:

Today Worship 9
Tuesday 5/3 Fix It Squad 9-11,
Bible Study 10, Choir Practice 6:30
Sunday 5/8 Worship 9

Attendance Last Week:**Prayer Concerns:**

Our World Leaders
Interim Bishop John Hopkins
DS Supt. Brian Gilbert
Pastor Cheri & Jon
Pastor Seamus
Marc Desranleau
Jo Olsen
Ottawa PADS Shelter
Bill Clayton
Debbie Dixon
Beth Snyder
Barb Frey
Mark Nilles
Fred Woltering
Dylan Taylor
Bang Wool
Esther Sommer
Ina Raub
Linda Krepps

Roger Thomas, Jr.
Danielle
Art Mason
Odin
Ron A.
Joy Clark
Zander Houk
Van and Mary Williams
Nancy Leemhuis
Muriel Desranleau
Leah Dolder
Logan Sommer
Linda Zuhlke
Nancy Stisser
Jarrett Papineau
Cole Stalker
Kraig Duggan
Marleen Tellefson
Kristen

Long-Term Prayers:

Sheila Hynd
Ken Geiger, Jr.
Pat Acuff
Korie
Selena Meyers
Judy Claus

PVL:

Maxine Twait
Pat Wagner
Joe Erickson

Prayers for Our Service Men & Women:

-Josh Papineau is in the U.S. Army stationed in Hawaii.
-SFC Johnathan Oberholz is back home working.
-PFC Timothy Lingle, U.S. Army stationed in Romania.
-MMFN Nicholas Fletcher, US Navy on board the USS Washington.