



First United Methodist Church
610 E 4th Avenue
Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel Collin Otteson, Organist
6th Sunday of Easter May 9, 2021

*Dear Jesus, you wanted to shelter Jerusalem like a
mother hen would her chicks.
Shelter me always under your loving wings. Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Song: "Bind Us Together" #2226

*Call to Worship:

One: See what love has been given to us, that we should be called children of God.

Many: By this we know love, that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, and lived and died, that God's love might be made plain among us.

One: Therefore, beloved, let us not love in word or in speech but in deed and in truth.

Many: Because we love one another, we know that we have passed from death into life.

All: This is the victory that overcomes the world, through Jesus our risen Christ. Amen.

Opening Prayer:

Lord, we are gathered here today as one body, because you chose to call us your friends. We come from all walks of life. We have had our share of good days and bad days. In the world's eye, we aren't good enough or worthy enough to have this bond; but in your sight, we are exactly who you need. Despite all the drama, we made it here to worship and praise your name. May the love we experience today in worship restore us, revive us, refresh us. God, use our broken selves as tools of hope and love

on this day. Lord, we love you. Thank you for loving us and calling us your friends. It's in your name, we pray. Amen.

Psalm Reading: Psalm 98 #818

Offering:

*Doxology:

*Offertory Prayer:

God of unimaginable love, we have known of your caring since we were babes in arms. We have been told the stories of your love, and we have sung songs about your love. These things bring us comfort. What challenges us is the command of Jesus, "As I have loved you, so you should love one another" – not just those who think as we do, pray as we do, and look the way that we do. Help us, through our giving, our living and our loving, to live up to the challenge of loving as you would have us love. In the name of our risen Savior, we pray. Amen.

Cradle Rocking

Hymn: "To God Be the Glory" #98

Scripture Reading: John 15:9-17

Message: No Greater Love

Joys & Concerns

Silent Prayer

Pastoral 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 trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Hymn: "How Can We Name a Love" #111

*Benediction

In these days of "social distancing" we need to be intentional in our care for one another. Remember to pray for each other. Also phone calls and greeting cards can mean so much for those who are shut in.



Prayer List:

Ida Moser – LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Virginia Burgher - Dorothy Fawcett - Violet Moncur - Don & Eleanor Steptoe (MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

Others: Merle Bertsch - Norma Carr – Steve Danburg Rita & Aaron Ellsworth – Steve Ellsworth - Arlette Heitzman Del & Doris Jury – Jim Keeter, Sr. - Gene & Ila Norton Rick Norton – Lloyd Schwartz - Doris Slunicka Doug Testerman - Carol Winsell

PLEASE contact the church or the Pastor to add or remove names from prayer list or to request a call from Pastor Teresa.

Welcome to worship, as we praise the God who calls forth love in all relationships.



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