



First United Methodist Church  
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Miller, SD 57362



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7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter                      May 16, 2021

*God, thank you for this day and the opportunities it offers  
to share your love with others. Amen.*

Welcome & Announcements:

Centering Song:                      "We Are God's People" #2220

\*Call to Worship:

One: Jesus Christ has ascended into the heavens and sits at your right hand while we are down here laboring doing the best that we can to survive.

**Many: God help us!**

One: We are keeping our heads above water, but (God forgive us) sometimes drowning seems to be an answer.

**Many: God help us!**

One: We keep our faith and trust in you in spite of how we are being treated.

**Many: God help us!**

One: We are abused, misused, and accused. For this reason, we understand more and more that this world is not our home and we are just strangers passing through the night.

**Many: God help us!**

**All: God, we are your children and we need you to help us so that our feet won't slip and our faith won't waver. We believe in you and trust in your Holy Word. Do it God! Do it today! God help us!**

Opening Prayer:

Fill us with your joy, O God, that our joy may be complete. Plant us like trees, Holy One, that the living waters of your mercy and

grace may flow like blood through our veins. Guide us in the paths of righteousness, Great Redeemer, that we may become one in your name, and that your people may prosper. Amen.

Psalm Reading:                      Psalm 1 #738

Offering:

\*Doxology:

\*Offertory Prayer:

Loving God of both comfort and challenge; we have been blessed to know the feeling of being surrounded in your loving arms like a child. Yet we also know that is not a place we can stay. You send us to be part of the world – with all its ugliness, anger, hate, deceit, and betrayals – but not of the world. You call us to give, so that love, compassion, and hope might be set loose. We are not giving as those who are of the world – expecting to receive in the transaction. We give instead out of gratitude for your loving heart, made known to us in Christ. Use us in this way, we pray in the blessed name of Christ, who by your love overcame death. Amen.

Children's Time

Hymn:                      "O Church of God, United" #547

Scripture Reading:                      John 17:6-19

Message:                      We Are Yours

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: Sacred the Body #2228

\*Benediction

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**Prayer List:**

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

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

Please pray for the Family of Norma Carr

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

**“God gave us eternal life,  
and this life is in his Son”.  
We gather to worship the Giver of life.  
Welcome!**



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