



First United Methodist Church  
610 E 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue  
Miller, SD 57362



Pastor Teresa Whetsel                      Collin Otteson, Organist  
Ordinary Time                                      August 9, 2020

*Lord, I seek you and your strength.  
May I sense your presence in worship today.*

## Welcome & Announcements

\*Praise Song:                                      "Come Away With Me"

### Opening Prayer:

In the chaotic turbulence of our lives, O God, you come to us as on the seething, heaving of the sea. Call us to come to you, O God, so that we may in our striving to be faithful to you. Help us to keep our eyes upon the Lord, as we come unto your presence, laden with all of life's burdens and joys. Amen.

Scripture Reading:                                      Romans 10:5-15

### Offering

### \*Doxology

### Offertory Prayer:

Forgiving God, the first offering you ask for is the giving of ourselves, loving you and others boldly, refusing to let our fear of the storms around us keep us from taking risks. Forgive us for times when you have called us to leave our places of comfort, and we've ignored the call. Forgive us when our giving has not grown beyond our safety zone, but you blessed our gifts and us anyway. For those times when we dared to put our foot outside the boat and then sank up to our knees, thank you for not taking your hand away. For all this, we give thanks in the holy name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Gospel Reading:                                      Matthew 14:22-33

Message                                      The Word is Near You

Joys/Concerns

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.

\*Closing Hymn:                                      "Stand by Me"

\*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 – LaVerne Phillips - Gerald & LaVerta Palmer (Huron) / Violet Moncur (CV) / Virginia Burgher—Dorothy Fawcett – Don & Eleanor Steptoe (MGSC) /Helen Dalton (TX)

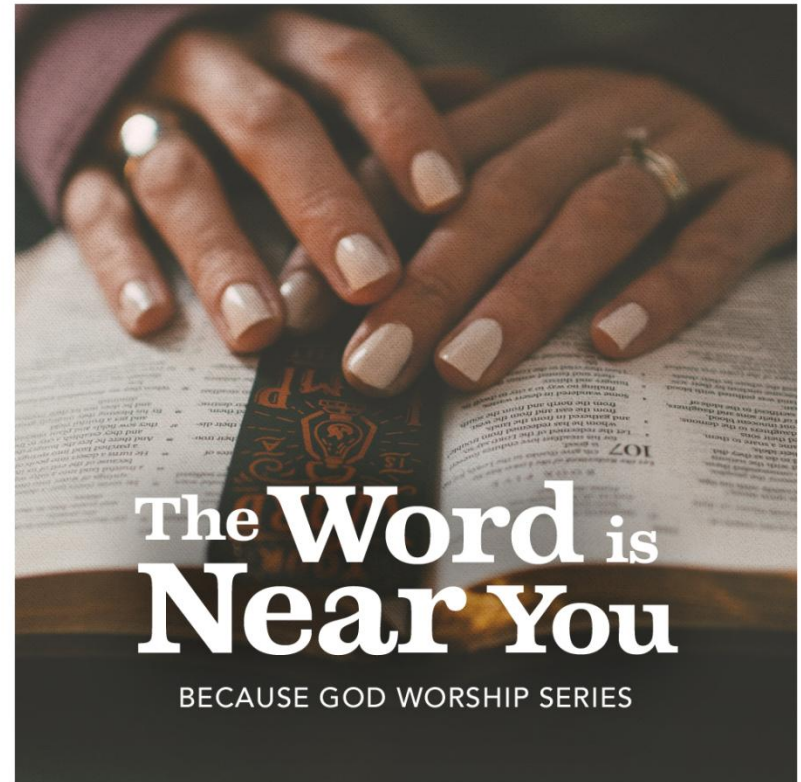
**Others:** Hazel Apley – Merle Bertsch- Norma Carr – Darlene Cox -Rita & Aaron Ellsworth –Steve Ellsworth - DeAnn Hargens- Arlette Heitzman - Terri Henson – Truman Patrick Howard – Kelsey Hunter—Del & Doris Jury—Jim Keeter, Sr. Wilber Lerew – Gene & Ila Norton –Rick Norton - Lloyd Schwartz – Doug Testerman – Amber VanDerWerff – Del VanZee

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

**Our church is open for in-person worship.** We have protocol in place to do our best to keep one another safe: seating will be socially distanced, we encourage the use of hand sanitizer, and wearing masks. If you desire not to wear a mask, you will be asked to sit in the fellowship hall. If you are not yet comfortable being in groups, please know the worship service will be live-streamed for you to worship from home. If you worship from home you will need to print off or pick up your bulletin at the church prior to Sunday.

**Feeding SD Food Pantry Truck** will be here Tuesday, Aug 11. The drive through distribution will begin at approximately 11:00 a.m. Pass the word.

**Welcome to worship  
as we gather in the name of  
our heavenly Father, Jesus our Savior  
and the life-giving Spirit.  
Amen.**



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