

We Gather for Worship

*Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 3rd, 2026*

The Rev. Dr. Jill S. Bierwirth, Interim Pastor

*First Congregational United Church of Christ
255 W. 10th Street Dubuque, Iowa 52001*



The Prelude

Dena Stolze, Piano

The Ringing of the Bell

The Announcements and Welcome

Barb Pfeiler

(Following announcements, please greet your neighbor with “good morning”, then remain standing to sing.)

***The Opening Hymn #401**

“Here In This Place”

Congregation sings, standing

The First Scripture Reading

1 Peter 2:2-10

Barb Pfeiler

The Special Music

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Chancel Choir

The Second Scripture Reading

John 14:1-14

Barb Pfeiler

The Sermon

“The Way”

The Rev. Dr. Jill Bierwirth

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

The Rev. Dr. Jill Bierwirth

All who wish to know the love of Christ are welcome to receive communion. We receive communion by coming forward as the ushers invite you, to receive the bread in your hand and then drink your individual cup. We offer gluten and grain free bread.

The cup contains grape juice.

The Communion Music #520

“Taste and See”

The Concerns of the Congregation

The Rev. Dr. Jill Bierwirth

The Prayer Song #627	“I Love You Lord” (<i>refrain only</i>)	<i>Congregation sings, seated</i>
The Pastoral Prayer		The Rev. Dr. Jill Bierwirth
The Lord’s Prayer		<i>Congregation, seated</i>
<p>Holy God, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kin-dom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kin-dom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.</p>		
The Invitation to Generosity		The Rev. Dr. Jill Bierwirth
The Doxology #550	“Praise to the Lord” (<i>vs. 1</i>)	<i>Congregation sings, standing</i>
The Unison Prayer of Gratitude		<i>Congregation, seated</i>
<p>“Loving God, remind us of Your abundant grace and teach us to share our blessings willingly. Open our eyes to the needs of the world, and stir within us a desire to give sacrificially. May we be instruments of Your love and compassion, spreading hope and kindness in all we do. Help us to give with joyful hearts, trusting in Your provision. Amen.”</p>		
The Closing Hymn #64	“I Long for Your Commandments”	<i>Congregation sings, standing</i>
The Closing Blessing		The Rev. Dr. Jill Bierwirth
<p>ALL: Amen</p>		
Postlude		Dena Stolze, Piano

