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**Sermon Theme:**

In the early church there were people called hypocrites, just as Jesus called the Jewish leaders hypocrites. The problem is not with belief, it is with the contrast between what we say we believe and how we treat other people. We are fallible, we are weak, and we make mistakes like every human. Those outside the Christian faith can detect favoritism a mile away and it often keeps them out of church altogether. We must deal with this up front, **First** acknowledging our natural tendencies to speak only to people we know and favor those we like. **Second,** we must reach out to strangers and make them genuine friends, offering grace, hope, and peace through Christ with no strings attached. **Third,** we can value the newcomer in our fellowship as the most important person in the room. This kind of favoritism revives the gospel message and regains the trust of those who have fallen away from following God. People are seeking the genuine article of faith.



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***“ Working Together with All to Connect to God’s Love”***

**First United Methodist Church of Horseheads**

**September 8, 2024**

**Greeting and Announcements**

{as this service begins, please use the white prayer cards on the pew-back in

front of you if you want something read aloud from the pulpit. During our first

hymn, the Ushers will collect cards to be read aloud.}

**Prelude:**  Amazing Grace arr. by John Innes

**\*Call to Worship** (from Psalm 125)

**\*Hymn:** In Christ there is no East or West #548 UMH

**\*Unison Prayer:**

L. Those who trust in the Lord are like Mount Zion, which

cannot be moved but abides forever.

**P. As the mountains surround Jerusalem, so the Lord**

**surrounds His people forever.**

L. Do good, Oh Lord, to those who are good, to people

whose hearts are right.

**P. But to those who turn aside to their own crooked ways,**

**the Lord will lead evildoers away!**

**All: The peace of the Lord be upon Israel!**

Lord, we pray that you would help us be genuine in our faith.

What we say we believe needs to align with our actions but

too often, we fail both as individual followers and as a

collective voice in the world. Forgive our double-minded

ways. Restore our reputation as people who can be trusted

to live according to your Word. Convict us of our own sin

before we think to confront others about their sin. And lead

us closer to holiness without which, no one will see the Lord.

In the name and spirit of Christ our Savior, Amen.

**Joys and Concerns**

**Silent Prayer**

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord’s Prayer** (on screen) p.#895

**Gift of Music** Seek Ye First arr. by Gail Smith

**Young Disciples Time**

**Scripture: Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23** p.#604

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

***People: Thanks be to God!***

**\*Hymn:** Change My Heart, O God #2152 FWS

**Scripture:** **James 2:1-10, 17** p#229

Leader: The word of God for the people of God

*People: Thanks be to God!*

**Sermon: Reviving the Gospel**

**Offering**

**Offertory Music:** Saved, Satisfied, Our Great Savior arr, Elmo Mercer

**Doxology**

**\*Hymn:** O Lord, My Church and Home Combine #695 UMH

**\*Benediction**

**Postlude:** Only A Sinner     Daniel B. Towner

[Please feel free to be seated and enjoy the Postlude}

\*indicates please stand, if able

UMH = red hymnal FWS =   black songbook

**Announcements September 8, 2024**

Welcome to Worship today! If you are new with us, please stop by the visitor’s table just outside the sanctuary. There is a gift bag there for you!

This week’s Coffee Hour brought to you by the Worship Committee

**Sunday School:** 10:45, Sunday School, Chapel-grades k-8, Room 18-Jr. High Class, Room 21-Parent Class, Large Conference Room-Adult Sunday School class.

**Sept. 9th:** 10am, Empathy Book Study, Room 12

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**Sept. 10th:** 7pm, Trustee Meeting, Room 11

**Karren’s Clothing Cupboard:**  October signup sheet is now in the entranceway. You never work alone and there is good fellowship. Karren’s Clothing Cupboard is looking for men’s small & medium size shirts and pants and children’s clothing in season. Thank you for all your support and all you do.

Karren’s Clothing Cupboard will be closed Oct. 1 and 3 as most of us help with the rummage sale.

**Too old for the lullaby room and learning to sit through the church service?** This might be your child.  Maybe your child would enjoy Children’s Church.  Leaving before the scriptures and going to Fellowship Hall will provide children ages 4-8 a time of age-appropriate lessons, stories, and activities.  Tara Miller, acknowledging the need, approached Jan Przybylski offering to help restart this program.  Now we need volunteers to help set up a schedule to cover this time during the service.  If you are interested, please contact Pastor Jeff, Tara, or Jan P. Additionally, Sarah Woodard in the lullaby Room is also in need of a second person to help each week to fulfill the Safe Sanctuary requirements.

       
  
  