

The Way of Jesus: Generosity, Justice, and Service A 7-Week Sermon Series (Fall 2025)

September 7

Scripture: Matthew 25:31–40

Sermon Title: Generosity of Spirit

Synopsis: This sermon explores the meaning of welcome. Welcome is more than allowing people to enter; it is about acceptance, inclusion, and making room at the table—even when it requires giving up one’s own seat.

September 14

Scripture: Litany with Micah 6:8 (refrain); Leviticus 23:22; Deuteronomy 14:28–29; Deuteronomy 15:1; Deuteronomy 15:7–8; Isaiah 58:6–7

Sermon Title: Generosity and Justice

Synopsis: This sermon examines the foundations of justice rooted in the Judeo-Christian tradition and highlights how a commitment to justice is deeply connected to generosity and openness.

September 21

Scripture: Luke 12:13–21; Luke 21:1–4

Sermon Title: Jesus and Generosity

Synopsis: This sermon explores how Jesus taught and embodied generosity, inviting reflection on how those practices shape faithful living today.

September 28

Scripture: Luke 18:18–25

Sermon Title: What Are We To Do?

Synopsis: Alongside the man in this story, this sermon invites the congregation to wrestle with the question, “What are we to do?” as the series on generosity in the way of Jesus and justice concludes.

October 5

Scripture: Luke 17:7–10

Sermon Title: Are You Ready to Serve?

Synopsis: This sermon reflects on obedience and servanthood—not for recognition, but as a faithful response to God’s call. On World Communion Sunday, it also considers humility, shared humanity, and connection across the global church.

October 12

Scripture: Acts 6:1–7

Sermon Title: Where Are You Needed?

Synopsis: Observed during the Week of Ministry in the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ), this sermon emphasizes that ministry is not limited to clergy but is a shared calling for all, using each person’s gifts for the good of the whole.

October 19

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10

Sermon Title: Building Beloved Community: A Place for Play and Laughter

Synopsis: For Children’s Sabbath, this sermon focuses on beloved community, emphasizing joy, creativity, and the importance of making space for children and their voices in the life of the church.

This sermon series was created by Rev. Jill Cameron Michel and used in worship at First Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) Iowa City/Coralville. Jill has served as Senior Pastor since June 2017, after nearly 25 years of serving Disciples congregations. She was raised in Eastern Iowa and is a graduate of Culver-Stockton College and Lexington Theological Seminary. Rev. Cameron Michel is the 2025-2026 Chair of the Board of Stewards for the Center for Faith & Giving.