

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church®

February 28, 2010

2nd Sunday in Lent

**Indicates you are invited to stand if you are comfortable doing so*

WELCOME

If you are a visitor with us today, we warmly say welcome. We invite you to join us at the rear of the sanctuary after worship for fellowship and refreshment.

Please take a moment and fill out the "Ritual of Friendship" pads at this time.

Please list all family members attending today, your address and phone number, and then pass the books back through the pews after everyone has signed, so you may greet and know those sitting with you.

PRELUDE

"Purify My Heart"
Jeff Nelson

The prelude is a time of centering – of transition from "getting here" to "being here". Please take the time to quiet your spirit. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of God in the community.

TRINITY CHIMES

KING'S KIDS

"The Donut Song"
By Robert C. Evans

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Here I Am to Worship"
"Here I am Lord"

PSALM READING (Psalm 27)

You, LORD, are the light that keeps me safe. I am not afraid of anyone. You protect me, and I have no fears. Brutal people may attack and try to kill me, but they will stumble. Fierce enemies may attack, but they will fall. Armies surround me, but I won't be afraid; war may break out, but I will trust you.

I ask only one thing, Lord: Let me live in your house every day of my life to see how wonderful you are and to pray in your temple.

In times of trouble, you will protect me. You will hide me in your tent and keep me safe on top of a mighty rock. You will defeat all of my enemies. Then I will celebrate as I enter your tent with animal sacrifices and songs of praise.

Please listen when I pray! Have pity. Answer my prayer. My heart tells me to pray. I am eager to see your face, so don't hide from me. I am your servant, and you have helped me. Don't turn from me in anger. You alone keep me safe. Don't reject or desert me. Even if my father and mother should desert me, you will take care of me.

Teach me to follow, LORD, and lead me on the right path because of my enemies. Don't let them do to me what they want. People tell lies about me and make terrible threats, but I know I will live to see how kind you are.

Trust the LORD! Be brave and strong and trust the LORD.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer

Let us pray for the people of this congregation...Lord, in your mercy

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Let us pray for those who suffer and those in trouble...Lord, in your mercy

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Let us pray for the concerns of this community...Lord, in your mercy

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Let us pray for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...Lord, in your mercy

HEAR OUR PRAYER

Let us pray together as Jesus taught his disciples...

The Lord's Prayer for All People

Our God, our creator, who is everywhere, holy be your names. May our new time come. May your will be done in this and in every time and place. Meet our needs each day, and forgive our failure to love, as we forgive this same failure in others. Save us in hard times, and lead us into the ways of love. For yours is the wholeness, and the power, and the loving forever. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be To the Father"
#70 UMH

KID'S MOMENT

Jennifer Peterson

The band will play "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

Philippians 3:17-4:1

***PREPARATION SONG**

"You Are My Hiding Place"

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 13:31-35

THE MESSAGE

"Christian Olympics"
Jennifer Peterson

PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING

The Offertory

"Blessed Assurance"
Arr. Bruce Greer

*The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
#95 Blue Hymnal

*The Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING SONG**

"Cry of My Heart"

***BENEDICTION**

"Go Now In Peace"
1st Time Band
2nd Time Congregational Round
As Directed

***POSTLUDE**

"Jesus Shall Reign"
John Hatton
Arr. Carol Tornquist

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Stick with me, friends. Keep track of those you see running this same course, headed for the same goal. There are many out there taking other paths, choosing other goals, and trying to get you to go along with them. I've warned you of them many times; sadly, I'm having to do it again. All they want is easy street. They hate Christ's Cross. But easy street is a dead-end street. Those who live there make their bellies their gods; belches are their praise; all they can think of is their appetites.

But there's far more to life for us. We're citizens of high heaven! We're waiting the arrival of the Savior, the Master, Jesus Christ, who will transform our earthly bodies into glorious bodies like his own. He'll make us beautiful and whole with the same powerful skill by which he is putting everything as it should be, under and around him.

My dear, dear friends! I love you so much. I do want the very best for you. You make me feel such joy, fill me with such pride. Don't waver. Stay on track, steady in God.

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Stephen Bibb Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
Diane Logan, Organist
Mike Richardson, Choirs Director
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
Children's Choirs Directors
Mary Heimbruch, Praise Band Director
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Here I Am To Worship

Verse 1:

Light of the world You stepped down into darkness;
Opened my eyes, let me see.
Beauty that made this heart adore You;
Hope of a life spent with You.

Chorus:

Here I am to worship, Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God.
You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.

Verse 2:

King of all days, Oh so highly exalted;
Glorious in heaven above.
Humbly You came to the earth You created;
All for love's sake became poor.

Chorus: 2X's

Bridge:

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
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To see my sin upon that cross.

Chorus

Here I Am, Lord

Verse 1

I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night, I will make the darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?

Chorus:

Here I am, Lord, Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me,
I will hold your people in my heart.

Verse 2

I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my people's pain.
Who will bear my light to them? They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?

Chorus

Jesus Loves Me

Verse 1

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong.
They are weak, but He is strong. Singin'

Na na _na na__na_ na na na (4X's)

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

Verse 2

Jesus loves me when I'm good,
When I do the things I should.
Jesus loves me when I'm bad,
Though it makes Him very sad. Singin'

Na na_nana__nana_nan na na (4X's)

Yes, Jesus loves me, Yes Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me, the Bible tells me so.

.Verse 3

Sing about His love, about His love sing about.
Sing about His love, about His love sing.
Sing about His love, about His love sing about,
Sing about His love, about His love sing.

(Na na's and repeated Chorus.)

You Are My Hiding Place

You are my hiding place,
You always fill my heart with songs of deliverance,
Whenever I am afraid
I will trust in you, I will trust in you,
Let the weak say,
"I am strong in the strength of the Lord.

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I will trust in You.

Cry of My Heart

Chorus

It is the cry of my heart, to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life. (Repeat)

Verse 1

Teach me Your holy ways, O Lord,
So I can walk in Your truth.
Teach me Your holy ways, O lord,
And make me wholly devoted to You.

Chorus (No repeat)

Verse 2

Open my eyes so I can see
The wonderful things that You do.
Open my heart up more and more,
And make it wholly devoted to You.

Chorus

It is the cry of my heart, to follow You.
It is the cry of my heart to be close to you.
It is the cry of my heart to follow
All of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life.
All of the days of my life.

Go Now in Peace (Round)

Go now in peace, go now in peace,
May the love of God surround you
Everywhere, everywhere you may go.

Luke 13:31-35

Just then some Pharisees came up and said, "Run for your life! Herod's on the hunt. He's out to kill you!"

Jesus said, "Tell that fox that I've no time for him right now. Today and tomorrow I'm busy clearing out the demons and healing the sick; the third day I'm wrapping things up. Besides, it's not proper for a prophet to come to the bad end outside Jerusalem.

Jerusalem, Jerusalem, killer of prophets, abuser of the messengers of God! How often I've longed to gather your children, gather your children like a hen, Her brood safe under her wings—but you refused and turned away! And now it's too late: You won't see me again until the day you say, "Blessed is he who comes in the name of God."

Pastor on Vacation

Rev. Steve will be on vacation for the next 2 weeks, traveling to California for a visit with two daughters and their families. Along the way there will be some pastoral visits with some who are in warmer areas, too. Today Jennifer Peterson will be our preacher and we'll have some youth participation. The following week, Rev. James Chesnutt will be the guest preacher and also preside at the Sacrament of Holy Communion. Come and be challenged in new ways, and welcome our

The Sunshine Singers will be presenting the 2010 music ministry, "God's Wondrous Love for Us," on Friday, March 19th at 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, March 20th at 2:00 pm at Decker Auditorium, Iowa Central Community College, One Triton Circle, in Fort Dodge. Please come and join us for this very spirited and heartfelt celebration as we lift up God's message of love for us, through his son, Jesus Christ!! No admission Charge — freewill offering.

A change of venue has been made for the Fort Dodge Choral Society's concert of Rossini's beautiful *Petite Messe Solennelle*. The new concert site will be **First United Methodist Church, 127 N. 10th Street** in Fort Dodge.

Disability Awareness Sunday Offering

This year there **will not be** the usual envelopes for collecting the offering during the Disabilities Awareness Sunday. The District Office is doing this in order to reduce costs of printing and postage use.

To direct your offering to the Disability Commission please place 'CMPD' or 'Disability' in the memo portion of your check. Your donation will allow us to continue to offer seed grant funds for the accessibility projects in our local churches and structures.

We are very grateful for your support in the past and hope it will continue in the future.

May God continue to bless you repeatedly with gusto!

Your brother in Christ, Rev. Jud Stover – Chair of
Commission In Ministry With Persons With
Disabilities (CMPD)



The Interfaith Forum's Lenten Services will be held again this year. A new design has been developed for this year. The Lenten Service will be held everyday during Holy Week at St. Mark's Episcopal Church at 1001 1st Avenue South at noon with a light lunch following. Please mark the week of March 29th on your calendar to attend the Lenten Services.

The flower chart for 2010 has been posted on the kiosk at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment and sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers or altar grains in honor of a loved one or special occasion in your life. We still have many Sundays available for you to donate flowers or grains!

The Iowa Central Community College Performing Arts Department will present their spring musical “**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**” on Thursday, March 4th, Friday, March 5th, and Saturday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Decker Auditorium on the Iowa Central campus. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting the Iowa Central Bookstore between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling 1-800-362-2793, ext 1081, online at www.iowacentral.edu or at the door the night of the performance.



The March/April Upper Rooms are available in the entrances to the church and at the church office. The cost of the Upper Room is:

.75 for small print
\$ 1.00 for large print

The Upper Room can also be found online at www.upperroom.org.

Mission Offering

Please remember that the Mission Offerings are now being collected every week so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to these wonderful missions throughout the month. February's offering will be given to the Lord's Cupboard as part of Souper Sunday. You can find a table in the back of the church to make your contribution at your convenience. Thank you to all who help with their monetary donations!

Next Sunday, March 7th First UMC will be celebrating Holy Communion during the worship service.

Laity Summit

Belmond UMC

Saturday, March 20, 2010

8:30-3:30

Empowering the Simple Rules

Keynote Speaker:

Craig Finnestad

This Laity Summit will empower local churches and members to discover, design and implement new, revised and reinvigorated ministries to reach seekers.

Noon meal and workshop packets are furnished free of charge to those who RSVP by 3/31/10. Please RSVP to Alanna Warren at the North Central District Office at 515-832-2784.

***Opportunities for Work, Witness and Fellowship
through First United Methodist Church***

<u>Sun, Feb 28</u>	Pastor Vacation	<u>Wed, Mar 3 Cont'd</u>	
8:45 am	Sunday School	5:30 pm	Confirmation
10:00 am	Worship	6:00 pm	Wesley Ringers
		7:00 pm	Chancel Choir
<u>Mon, Mar 1</u>	Pastor Vacation	<u>Thur, Mar 4</u>	Pastor Vacation
9:00 am	Pew Crew	9:30 am	Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm	Al-Anon	11:45 am	FD Ministerial
<u>Tues, Mar 2</u>	Pastor Vacation	<u>Fri, Mar 5</u>	Pastor Vacation
8:30 am	Women's Bible Study	1:30 am	Lord's Cupboard
9:30 am	Lord's Cupboard		
12:00 pm	AA	<u>Sat, Mar 6</u>	Pastor Vacation
1:30 pm	I-Cubs	2:00 pm	Girl Scouts
4:00 pm	Lord's Cupboard		
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	<u>Sun, Mar 7</u>	Pastor Vacation
6:30 pm	Disciple Group	8:45 am	Sunday School
<u>Wed, Mar 3</u>	Pastor Vacation	10:00 am	Worship
6:30 am	Men's Bible Study	5:45 pm	UMYF
1:30 pm	Teens for Tomorrow		
4:45 pm	Joyful Noise		
5:30 pm	King's Kids		

Greeters:
Tom & Marilyn Brainerd (East Door)
George & Dee Fawkes (West Door)
Gene & Janet Moeller (South Door)

Liturgist:
Youth of FUMC



Our mission
is to provide the people of the Fort Dodge area
opportunities for spiritual growth,
real friendships, and giving of themselves.