

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.
The people of the United Methodist Church®

March 14, 2010

4th Sunday in Lent
One Great Hour of Sharing

**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

"Thine Is the Glory"
Steven Scott

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

JOYFUL NOISE

"My Life Is In You Lord"

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 32)**

Leader: Blessed are those whose transgression is forgiven. Whose sin is covered.

PEOPLE: BLESSED ARE THOSE WHOM THE LORD DOES NOT HOLD GUILTY, AND IN WHOSE SPIRIT THERE IS NO DECEIT.

Leader: I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord;" then you forgave the guilt of my sin.

PEOPLE: THEREFORE, LET THOSE WHO ARE GODLY OFFER PRAYER TO YOU; AT A TIME OF DISTRESS, THE RUSH OF GREAT WATERS SHALL NOT REACH THEM.

Leader: Many are the pangs of the wicked; but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord.

PEOPLE: BE GLAD IN THE LORD, AND REJOICE, O RIGHTEOUS; SHOUT FOR JOY ALL YOU UPRIGHT IN HEART!

***OPENING HYMN**

"This is a Day of New Beginnings"
#383 Blue Hymnal

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer
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 for ever. Amen.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be To the Father"
#70 UMH

KID'S MOMENT

The congregation sings "Where Children Belong" (p.2233) as the children come forward. Ushers collect the "Ritual Friendship Pads" at this time.

"Where Children Belong"

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

CHANCEL CHOIR

"My Lips Will Praise You"
Arr. Wolaver

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

2nd Corinthians 5: 16-21

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Sunday's Palms Are Wednesday's Ashes"
#2138 Black Hymnal

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Luke 5: 1-3, 11b-32

THE MESSAGE

"New Life—Old Feelings"
Rev. Stephen J. Bibb

PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING

The Offertory

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
Franz Schubert

*The Doxology

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

*The Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

"We Walk by Faith"
#2197 Black Hymnal

***THE PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"I Sing the Mighty Power of God"
David Paxton

2 Corinthians 5: 16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Stephen Bibb Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
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Mike Richardson, Choirs Director
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
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Luke 15: 1-3, 11b-32

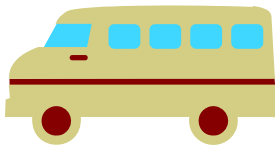
Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to him. And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them." So he told them this parable:

¹¹ "There was a man who had two sons. The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate. "Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.'"

The additional flowers on the alter today are from the family of Rolland Jacobs. Rollie passed away on Wednesday, March 3rd and his Memorial Service was held at 1st United Methodist Church on Tuesday, March 9th. Please hold Mina, and her children, Steve and Janelle, and their families in your thoughts and prayers in this time of loss.



There will be no bus service to Friendship Haven on Sunday, March 28th, as the youth will be using the bus for the Young Christian's Weekend in Branson, Missouri. Please keep this group of young people and chaperones in your prayers for safe travels and also that the hearts of all attending will be open to the Spirit.



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.

One of the speakers will be Jennifer Peterson speaking about Sidewalk Sunday School.

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.

The Sonshine 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 p.m. at Decker Auditorium, Iowa Central Community College, One Triton Circle, in Fort Dodge. Please come and join them for this very spirited and heartfelt celebration as they lift up God's message of love for us, through his son, Jesus Christ!!



Discovery Gang Easter Cookie Delivery!!!

On Wednesday, March 31, we will be holding our annual Discovery Gang Easter Cookie Delivery. Once again we are asking for donations of undecorated cookies from the congregation. Our middle school youth will then decorate and deliver the cookies to local agencies and businesses on this afternoon. The locations we deliver cookies to are always happy to see our youth walk in armed with their cookies. Don't bake? We are always in need of decorating supplies or plates as well! Also, prayers for nice weather are always appreciated. Please have cookies or other supplies to the church by noon on March 31.



Thank you again for helping make this annual service project possible!!

The Interfaith Forum's Lenten Services will be held again this year. A new format 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 members of Fort Dodge Choral Society wish to express our gratitude to the members and staff of 1st United Methodist Church for graciously letting us use the beautiful sanctuary, organ and pianos in our February performance. This was a "last minute" request and we appreciate your hospitality. We were so pleased with the result and are thankful for having such a wonderful venue in which to perform.

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. March's offering will be given to the Heifer Project. 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!

Community Christian School of Fort Dodge is celebrating Christian School Awareness Week by hosting an all-school open house and Kindergarten Round-up on Monday, March 15th from 9:00-11:00 am. Please join them at 3058 10th Avenue North for more information, school tours and an opportunity to meet the teachers and students of CCS. Call 573-3011 for more details.

JULIA-LYDIA CIRCLE **WILL** BE MEETING ON MARCH 24TH AT 9:30 AM IN THE CARD ROOM, #465, 4TH FLOOR OF WEST FRIENDSHIP HAVEN. THIS IS A CHANGE FROM WHAT WAS IN THE MARCH CHIMES.



Altar Flowers today

are given

in loving memory of

Homer Porter from

Doris Porter

and family

The Ashlar Lodge will once again be offering their All You Can Eat Breakfast on Sunday, March 21st. Serving will be from 9:00 am to 12:30 pm at the Masonic Temple at 1021 1st Avenue North. Funds from this month's breakfast will be used to aid the earthquake victims of Haiti. Cost for the breakfast is \$5.00 for adults and \$3.00 for youth 12 and under.

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!

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

Sun, Mar 14

**Jen– School for Lay
Ministry**

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
5:45 pm UMYF

Wed, Mar 17 Cont'd

6:00 pm Wesley Ringers
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Mon, Mar 15

9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon
6:00 pm Finance Committee
7:00 pm Trustees

Thurs, Mar 18

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm Interfaith Forum
2:00 pm Food Divide
7:00 pm SPRC

Tues, Mar 16

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
5:30 pm Extended Staff Meeting
6:30 pm Disciple Group
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Fri, Mar 19

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Mar 21

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
5:45 pm HS Study Group

Wed, Mar 17

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

Greeters:

Jane Gibb (East Door)
Tom & Marilyn Brainerd (West Door)
Marv Hulse (South Door)

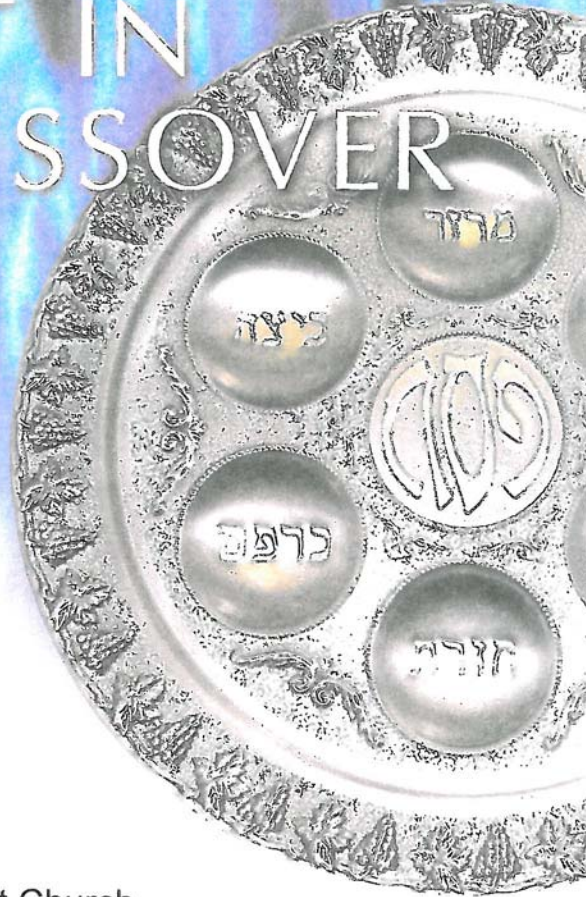
Liturgist:

Scott Johnston



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

CHRIST IN THE PASSOVER



First United Methodist Church
Wednesday, March 24th at 7:00 PM
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Changes in itinerary may occur. Please call ahead for any schedule changes.



Lily Order Form

Please fill out the order from **completely** and include payment with your order.

Make checks out to **First UMC**, noting that it is for lilies.

Your order will bless our sanctuary on Easter Sunday. You may take your lily home after the Easter service.

Please print

From: _____

Number of Plants Ordered: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Phone Number (in case of questions) _____

In Memory of: _____

OR

In Honor of: _____

We will be taking orders through April 5.

Cost is \$12.00 for each plant

**Thanks to Becker Florist
for providing lilies at a Fundraiser price!**