

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge

WELCOME!

April 7, 2024

Second Sunday of Easter



Order of Worship

Liturgist: Kati Swanson

Organist: Amaia Walsh | Accompanist: Liz Johnson

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Joys & Concerns

Centering Words

The risen Christ comes to us and says, “Peace be with you.”

May we lay down the worries of our lives to welcome the peace of Christ.

Prelude

Fairest Lord Jesus
Hermann Schroeder

Call to Worship

It is good for God’s people to gather together in unity.

We are here at the invitation of God.

In this place, God’s love and grace flow into our lives.

In this place, God’s blessings abound.

Praise be to God!

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Opening Prayer

Holy One, we gather with grateful hearts
to remember the blessings of your light and love
as they flow through our lives each day.

In this moment, open our hearts to your Holy Spirit.

Open our minds to the truths of your story.

Open our hands to welcome the risen Christ among us.

And open our eyes to your glory—

a glory reflected in the faces around us.

In the name of the risen Christ, we pray. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Christ Is Alive
UMH #318 v. 1,3,5

Prayers of the People

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 forever. Amen.

Kid's Moment

Congregation sings, *Where Children Belong*, (TFWS #2233) as the children come forward.

Scripture Reading

Genesis 2: 8-15
Psalm 126
1 Corinthians 3: 4-9
*See pages 3 & 4 in bulletin

Special Music

God So Loved the World
Joseph Martin
Chancel Choir

Offering

Now All the Woods Are Sleeping
J.S. Bach

Doxology

UMH #95

Hymn of Preparation

All Who Love and Serve Your City
UMH #433 v. 1,2,5

Gospel Reading

John 20: 11-18
*See page 4 in bulletin

Sermon

Courage to Renew
Adyson Schanz

Closing Hymn

Let There Be Peace on Earth
UMH #431

Benediction

Postlude

Toccata in E Minor
Johann Pachelbel

Scripture Readings

Genesis 2: 8-15

⁸ And the LORD God planted a garden in Eden, in the east, and there he put the man whom he had formed. ⁹ Out of the ground the LORD God made to grow every tree that is pleasant to the sight and good for food, the tree of life also in the midst of the garden, and the tree of the knowledge of good and evil.

¹⁰ A river flows out of Eden to water the garden, and from there it divides and becomes four branches. ¹¹ The name of the first is Pishon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Havilah, where there is gold, ¹² and the gold of that land is good; bdellium and onyx stone are there. ¹³ The name of the second river is Gihon; it is the one that flows around the whole land of Cush. ¹⁴ The name of the third river is Tigris, which flows east of Assyria. And the fourth river is the Euphrates. ¹⁵ The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to till it and keep it.

Psalm 126

When the LORD restored the fortunes of Zion,
we were like those who dream.

² Then our mouth was filled with laughter
and our tongue with shouts of joy;
then it was said among the nations,
“The LORD has done great things for them.”

³ The LORD has done great things for us,
and we rejoiced.

⁴ Restore our fortunes, O LORD,
like the watercourses in the Negeb.

⁵ May those who sow in tears
reap with shouts of joy.

⁶ Those who go out weeping,
bearing the seed for sowing,
shall come home with shouts of joy,
carrying their sheaves.

1 Corinthians 3: 4-9

⁴ For when one says, “I belong to Paul,” and another, “I belong to Apollos,” are you not all too human?

⁵ What then is Apollos? What is Paul? Servants through whom you came to believe, as the Lord assigned to each. ⁶ I planted, Apollos watered, but God gave the growth. ⁷ So neither the one who plants nor the one who waters is anything, but only God who gives the growth. ⁸ The one who plants and the one who waters have one purpose, and each will receive wages according to their own labor. ⁹ For we are God’s coworkers, working together; you are God’s field, God’s building.

Gospel Reading

John 20: 11-18

¹¹ But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb, ¹² and she saw two angels in white sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. ¹³ They said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping?” She said to them, “They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.” ¹⁴ When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. ¹⁵ Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.” ¹⁶ Jesus said to her, “Mary!” She turned and said to him in Hebrew, “Rabbouni!” (which means Teacher). ¹⁷ Jesus said to her, “Do not touch me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, ‘I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.’ ” ¹⁸ Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, “I have seen the Lord,” and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Announcements

Al-Anon Meetings

The Al-Anon Family Groups are a fellowship of relatives and friends of alcoholics who share their experience, strength, and hope, in order to solve their common problems. They believe alcoholism is a family illness and that changed attitudes can aid recovery. Their purpose is to help family of alcoholics. There is no cost to attend and the group meets each Monday at noon in the church.

Altar Flowers

Today's altar flowers are from Jane Gibb with thanks for her four siblings.

If you would like to place flowers on the altar in memory of a loved one or in celebration of a special event (birthday, anniversary, etc.) please sign up on the schedule posted in the back of church. After you pick a date, simply contact Becker Florist in town to purchase your flowers and they will deliver them directly to the church for you.

Commitment Forms

Forget to turn your 2024 pledge/commitment form in? Not a problem! You can still turn your commitment form into the office. Extra forms are found in the back of the church, inside the bulletin, or in the church office. The commitment that comes from pledging is another spiritual tool that helps us become better Christians. We invite you to consider continuing to support the work of God through our church. We are grateful for your support!

Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry

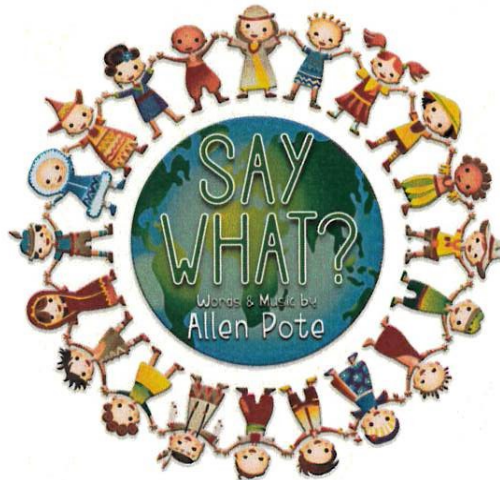
Our church will be having another challenge throughout April Our goal is to collect 100 boxes of cereal for The Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry. Donations can be dropped off at the church office or placed in the shopping cart in the back of church.

Radio Broadcast

Thank you to Sue Murphy for sponsoring today's radio broadcast. If you would like to donate to the cost of a Sunday broadcast (\$100), please drop a check in the offering plate or the mail earmarked for radio broadcast.

Technical Support Team

Many thanks to our members who make it possible for livestreaming church services each week. These tasks include recording, checking sound, controlling the cameras, and much more! Thanks to Charlene Anderson, Dave and Lori Beekman, Scott Johnston, Elizabeth Metier, Brent Meyer, Cody Peterson, Jim Stephenson, and Jeremy Swanson.



The Story of the Tower of Babel
Leading to Pentecost

From composer and lyricist Allen Pote, “In Genesis 11 and Acts 2 we read about two events where languages helped fulfill God’s purpose. When the people of Babel built the tower, they were led by the human spirit and ended up in confusion, scattered over the earth and speaking different languages. At Pentecost, people from many nations, speaking different languages, were led by the Holy Spirit; and even in their diversity, they were united.”

Please join **The King’s Kids and Joyful Noise Choirs**
and their parents as we share a brand-new musical:

Say What?

Sunday, April 14, 2024
During 9:45am worship

FILLING STATION

Join us for a **homemade meal, fellowship, and contemporary worship service**. Meal starts at 5:00 pm. Service to follow at 6:15 pm.

Menu:

APRIL 3

Pancakes
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage
Bacon
Fresh Fruit



APRIL 17

Pulled Pork Sliders
Fries
Beans
Ice Cream Sundaes

RSVP

Contact the church office at 515-576-7586 to RSVP for the meal. Meal is \$6 per person or \$18 per family.



FORT DODGE FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Mission Trip Fundraiser

T-Shirt Order Form



Profits from this sale will go towards this summer's mission trip to Colorado. Orders due by **Sunday, April 28** after service. If you have any questions about the order or if you wish to join the mission trip, please contact Adyson at adyson@firstumcfid.org.

Name: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

YOUTH SIZES- \$18 EACH

MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____ X-LARGE _____

ADULT SIZES- \$20 EACH

SMALL _____ MEDIUM _____ LARGE _____

X-LARGE _____ XX-LARGE _____ 3-XL (+\$2) _____

TOTAL:

\$ _____

PAYMENT METHOD

Checks can be made out to First UMC with 'Mission Trip Shirts' in the memo

Cash

Thank You!



First United Methodist Church 2024 Commitment Card

*The mission of the United Methodist Church is to make
disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.*

Name _____

Address _____ City/State/Zip code _____

Phone _____

Email _____

_____ **Yes! I/We will support the church in 2024.**

Choose one:

\$ _____ weekly for 52 weeks

\$ _____ semi-monthly (1st & 3rd Monday)

\$ _____ monthly for 12 months

\$ _____ as follows: _____

Payment method (*choose one*):

_____ Cash

_____ Check

_____ Direct Deposit

*If you would like to begin using direct deposit, please contact the office.

You may change your commitment anytime by notifying the church office. If you have any questions about this form, please contact the office.

Please return this form to the office. Thank you for your support!

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, April 7

8:30 am: Sunday School
8:30 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Worship Service
(Youth Ministry Sunday)
10:45 am: Spring Musical Rehearsal
11:00 am: Wesley Ringers Rehearsal

Monday, April 8

12:00 pm: Al-Anon

Wednesday, April 10

4:45 pm: Joyful Noise
5:00 pm: Musical Rehearsal (Parents)
5:15 pm: Middle School Youth Group
5:30 pm: King's Kids
7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Live
7:00 pm: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Thursday, April 11

5:30 pm: Ad Council Meeting
6:00 pm: Girl Scouts

Saturday, April 13

5:00 pm: Final Musical Rehearsal
5:00 pm: Manna Meal (1st Covenant)

Sunday, April 14

8:30 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: Worship Service
Spring Musical

Prayer Requests

Bob Bargman
Betty Niceswanger
Miller Sanchez
Harriet Adams
Nancy Scharf
David Crouse
Donna Pearson
Mary Lou Fibiker
Nursing home residents
Men & women serving our country



Financials

Giving from 3-26-24 to 4-4-24:

\$22,418.33

Year-to-Date Giving:

\$122,279.36

Year-to-Date Expenses:

\$100,990.42

Income Over (Under) Expenses:

\$21,288.94

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Maintenance: Jordan Harvey

*The mission of First United Methodist Church is to love, grow,
and serve in Jesus Christ.*

Loving: Loving God and neighbors in all we say, do and live.

Growing: Growing in faith through worship, prayer, and study of God's word.

Serving: Serving others and sharing God's message.