

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge

WELCOME!

May 12, 2024

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Order of Worship

Pastor Luke Fillmore
Liturgist: Scott Johnston
Organist: Amaia Walsh

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Joys & Concerns

Centering Words

Why stare at the heavens to find God?
Look within, for God's Spirit is there.
Look around, for Christ's disciples are all around.

Prelude

Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel
Arr. by Anna Laura Page
Wesley Ringers

Call to Worship

Clap your hands and sing for joy!
Christ is in our midst and in our lives.
Clap your hands and sing for joy!
Christ calls us to worship and praise.
Let's worship together.

Opening Prayer

Risen Christ, be present in our lives and in our worship.
Help us recognize and celebrate your presence.
Grant us the power of your Holy Spirit,
that we may answer the call to be your disciples
and bring your message of love to the world.
Amen.

Opening Hymn

The Day of Resurrection
UMH #303
v. 1-3

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.

Teacher Appreciation

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

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Hymn of Preparation

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

UMH #420

v. 1-3

Offering

Prelude in E Minor

J.S. Bach

Doxology

UMH #95

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

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Sermon

Jerusalem, and Beyond

Closing Hymn

Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service

UMH #581

v. 1-4

Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia in C Major

J.S. Bach

Scripture Reading

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus began to do and teach² until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.³ After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.⁴ While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem but to wait there for the promise of the Father. “This,” he said, “is what you have heard from me;⁵ for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.”

⁶ So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?”⁷ He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority.⁸ But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.”⁹ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight.¹⁰ While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them.¹¹ They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.”

Gospel Reading

Luke 24:44-53

⁴⁴ Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.”⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.

⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.⁴⁹ And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised, so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

⁵⁰ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them.⁵¹ While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.⁵² And they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy,⁵³ and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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TEACHER APPRECIATION

Thank you to our Sunday School Teachers.

Lori Beekman

Lyndsey Bennett

Lori Branderhorst

Nick Cochran

Taytum Davidson

Alec Schanz

Jim Stephenson



WE APPRECIATE YOU!

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 in honor of Mother's Day from the Beekman Family. Happy Mother's Day!

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.

Lay Speaking Class

A lay speaking class on preaching is scheduled for Saturday, May 18 from 9:00 am to 4:00 pm at Fort Dodge First United Methodist Church. This class will be taught by Pastor Luke Fillmore. Contact the office for the link.

Please purchase and read the book from Upper Room or Cokesbury - Pew to Pulpit, Clifton F. Guthrie (ISBN 13: 9780687066605 (ebook), or ISBN 10: 0687066603).

It is hoped that at the end of the class you will have a sermon in your back pocket to use at the last minute. There will be a free will offering for lunch or bring your own. For more information, please contact Pastor Luke.

Lord's Cupboard Community Pantry

Our church will be having another challenge throughout May. Our goal is to collect 100 bottles of ketchup or mustard 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. Also, they are running very low on plastic sacks. If you have any extras at home, they appreciate any extra sacks.

Radio Broadcast

Thank you to Betty Niceswanger 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.

Rummage Sale

Do not forget to drop off your donations to the church for our Rummage Sale scheduled for June 6-8. Donations can be dropped off anytime from now until Monday, June 3. Examples of items to donate for the sale include: household goods, small appliances, home décor, furniture, tools, toys, sports items, towels and bedding, jewelry, clothing (please donate only seasonal items), handbags, gifts, artwork, books, music, and more! Please do not donate older or non-working electronics as they have limited interest. Feel free to help spread the word to your friends and family too! Funds raised from our sale help support local, state, and international missions. Interested in helping? Volunteers are needed to help before, during, and after the sale. Also, lunch will be served each day (Monday-Thursday) as we prepare for the sale. Please contact one of the Rummage Sale Coordinators if you can help: Pat Bennett (515-570-4368), Jody Donahe (515-408-1061), Dori Snow (515-408-3115), Cheryl Trunnell (515-570-3509) Phyllis Wilson (515-570-2502)

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.

Vashti Circle

Vashti Circle will meet on Thursday, May 16 at 1:30 pm in the Gathering Room.

Worship Service Time Change

This coming summer our Sunday worship service will have a small time change! Starting June 16th we will be moving our services to 9:30 am to help provide ample transit time for our organist, Amaia, between First UMC and First Congregational. This small change should allow us to worship in joy and peace, as well as to better take advantage of the summer daylight hours. If you have any questions please reach out to either Pastor Luke or Dave Beekman (Ad. Council Chair); thank you for your faithfulness and we look forward to worshipping with you!



HAPPY
Mother's Day



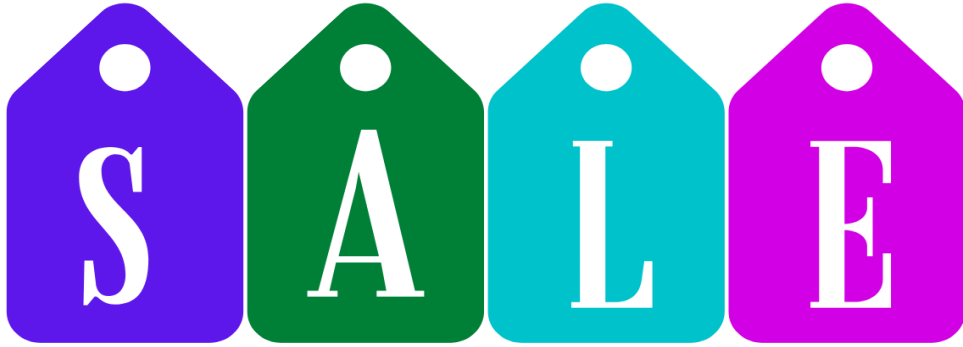
**She is clothed in strength and dignity,
and she laughs without fear of the future.**

**When she speaks, her words are wise,
and she gives instructions with kindness.**

Proverbs 31:25-26

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RUMMAGE



Thursday, June 6: Noon to 5:00 pm
Friday, June 7: 9:00 am to 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 8: 9:00 am to Noon

- Clothes • Shoes • Furniture • Books • Tools
- Toys • Holiday Decor • Dishes • Antiques
- Kitchen Appliances • Sporting Goods • Much More!

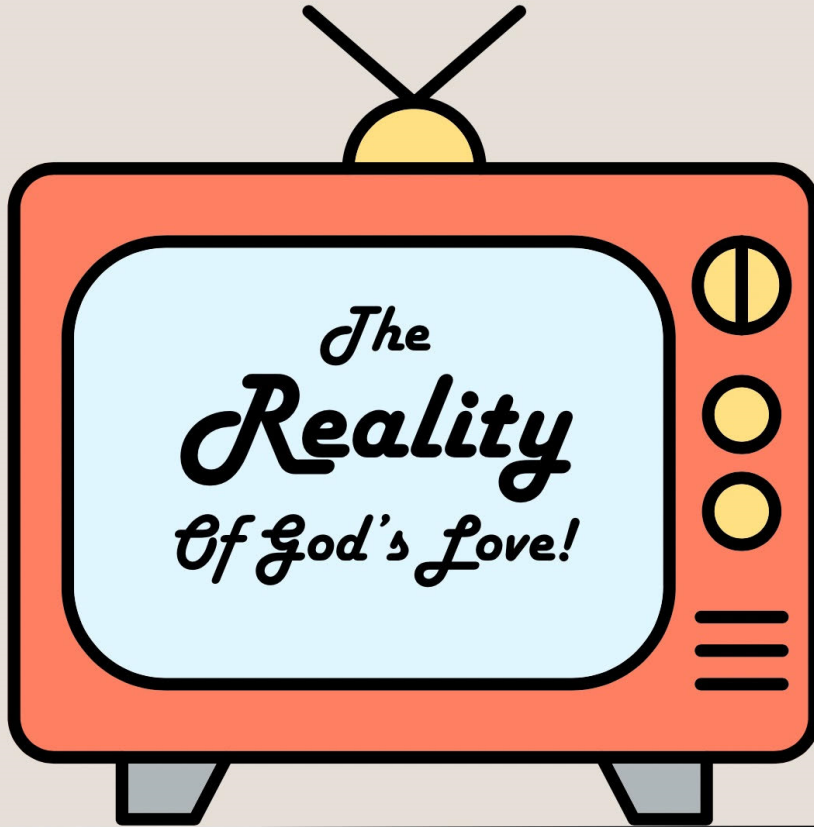
\$4 bags & large items 1/2 off on Saturday only

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1002 1st Avenue North
Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501
(enter through west doors or elevator)

All are invited!

Proceeds from the sale support local, state,
national, and international missions.

Family Ministry Presents:



Save the Dates!

June 15 - Family Feud

June 22 - Survivor

July 13 - Master Chef

July 22 - First UMC's
Got Talent

Details!

The theme for our summer programming is "The Reality of God's Love"! Each event will be based on a popular reality game show!

These are events for the entire family and all ages!
More Details to come!

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, May 12

8:30 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: Worship Service
Teacher Appreciation
Last Day of Sunday School &
Children's Chapel

Happy Mother's Day!

Monday, May 13

12:00 pm: Al-Anon
5:30 pm: Ad Council Meeting

Tuesday, May 14

5:30 pm: Worship Committee Meeting

Wednesday, May 15

7:00 pm: Wesley Ringers

Thursday, May 16

1:30 pm: Vashti Circle
6:00 pm: Girl Scouts

Saturday, May 18

9:00 am: Lay Speaker Class

Sunday, May 19

8:30 am: Sunday School
9:45 am: Worship Service
6:00 pm: Stage Door Auditions

Prayer Requests

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



Financials

Giving from 5-3-24 to 5-9-24:

\$6,588.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

\$143,754.63

Year-to-Date Expenses:

\$140,324.08

Income Over (Under) Expenses:

\$3,430.55

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Organist: Amaia Walsh

Financial Officer: Danelle Willer

Nursery Assistants: Lyndsey Bennett & Ella Champagne

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.