

FIRST UNITED
METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge

WELCOME!

May 5, 2024

Sixth Sunday of Easter



Order of Worship

Pastor Luke Fillmore

Liturgist: Jan Krass

Organist: Amaia Walsh | Accompanist: Liz Johnson

Welcome & Announcements

Passing of the Peace

Joys & Concerns

Centering Words

The Holy One's steadfast love and faithfulness are shared with all.

We are called to the greatest commandment: to abide in God's love and to love one another as God has loved us—not as servants, but as friends.

Prelude

Praeludium in C Major
J.S. Bach

Call to Worship

Sing to our God a new song, for God has done wondrous things.

The Holy One's might is not found in destruction,
but in steadfast love and constant faithfulness.

These gifts are not for us alone, they are for one and all.

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

Break forth into songs of praise. Let all creation praise the Lord.

Opening Prayer

God of Love, let your Holy Spirit come upon us—
into our hearts, into our minds, and into our souls.

Let your presence speak within us—in the languages we speak,
in the ways we live and have our being.

For we long to hear you, Gracious One, and to understand.

We pray that you would abide in us, that we may abide in you,
this day and all days. Amen.

Opening Hymn

Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
UMH #611 v. 1-4

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

*Please see page 3 in bulletin

1 John 5:1-6

Special Music

They'll Know We Are Christians
Arr. Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Hymn of Preparation

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now
UMH #608 v. 1-3

Confirmation

Joseph Petersen
Carter Swanson

Gospel Reading

*Please see page 3 in bulletin

John 15:9-17

Sermon

Love, Change, & Other Things

Communion Service

*Please see page 4 for response

Feel free to bring your offering forward

Excerpt from Pastorale in F
Bach

Closing Hymn

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
TFWS #2241 v. 1,2,4

Benediction

Postlude

Fantasie in C Major
J.S. Bach

Scripture Reading

1 John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. ² By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. ³ For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, ⁴ for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. ⁵ Who is it who conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

⁶ This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

Gospel Reading

John 15:9-17

⁹ As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. ¹⁰ If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹ I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you and that your joy may be complete.

¹² "This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³ No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. ¹⁴ You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵ I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing, but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. ¹⁶ You did not choose me, but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. ¹⁷ I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Communion Liturgy

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right...

... and so, with all those who have gone before us, all those who will come after us, and all of us gathered here, both near and far, we lift up our voices and praise your name, joining them in the unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, O God, and blessed is you Son Jesus Christ...

[Breaking of the Bread]

[Filling of the Cup]

... we offer ourselves as a holy and living sacrifice, together with Christ, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here...

... and now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us again pray the prayer that Christ has taught us:

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.

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 the 2024 confirmation class from Adyson Schanz.

Congrats!

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. Please register by May 10th. 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.

Meals on Wheels

Thank you to the following who helped deliver Meals on Wheels on April 24-26: Charlene Anderson, Scott Day and Stephanie Coble-Day, Liz Johnson, Marica Main, Dick and Deanna Rhiner, Carol Sieben, and Lana Waggoner.

The next opportunity to deliver meals will be July 3-5. If you would like to help, please contact Elizabeth Metier at jemetier1983@gmail.com.

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

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.

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!



Confirmation

CONGRATULATIONS!

Joseph Petersen
Carter Swanson

WISHING YOU ALL GOD'S BLESSINGS
ON YOUR CONFIRMATION DAY.

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!

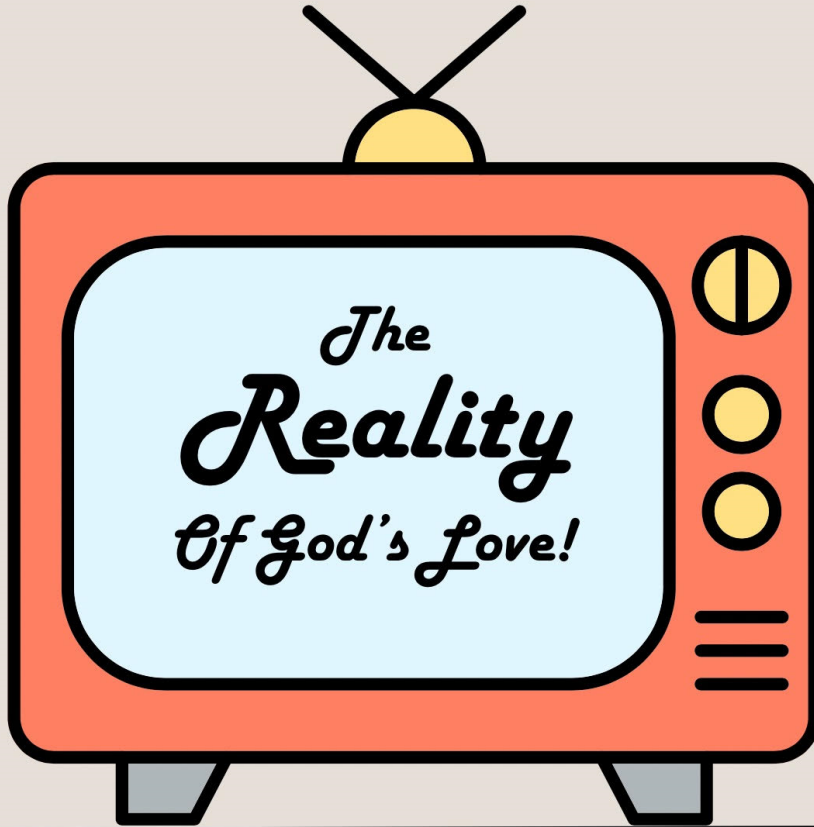
\$4 bags & large items 1/2 off on Saturday only

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(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 5

8:30 am: Sunday School
8:30 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal
9:45 am: Worship Service
Confirmation
After service: SPRC meeting

Monday, May 6

12:00 pm: Al-Anon

Wednesday, May 8

5:30 pm: Trustees Meeting
6:00 pm: Wesley Ringers

Thursday, May 9

6:00 pm: Girl Scouts

Saturday, May 11

5:30 pm: Manna Meal (Grace Lutheran)

Sunday, May 12

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

Prayer Requests

Michael Pavik
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 4-25-24 to 5-2-24:

\$2,991.27

Year-to-Date Giving:

\$137,166.63

Year-to-Date Expenses:

\$129,760.72

Income Over (Under) Expenses:

\$7,405.91

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*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.