



EASTER SUNDAY

Christ is risen!

March 31, 2024

Fort Dodge
First United Methodist Church

Order of Worship

Pastor Luke Fillmore
Liturgist: Scott Johnston
Organist: Amaia Walsh | Accompanist: Liz Johnson

Prelude

The Holy City
Alec Pendry

Welcome & Greeting

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
UMH #302 v. 1, 3, 5, 6

Opening Prayer

God, just as you raised Jesus from the dead,
you offer us new and transformed lives in the risen Christ.
We rejoice and give thanks for this good news,
which has been handed down to us from generation to generation.
May we, too, be witnesses of Jesus, who you anointed with the
Holy Spirit to bring blessings of mercy and healing.
May we be witnesses of Jesus' suffering and death,
and how he meets us in the broken places of our lives.
Most of all, may we be witnesses of the resurrection,
sharing your promise of forgiveness and grace with all people.
This is your doing, O God.
It is marvelous in our eyes. Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9
*See page 3 in bulletin

Kid's Moment

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

Special Music

The Easter Song
Allen Pote
Chancel Choir

New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-43
*See pages 3-4 in bulletin

Special Music

Risen! Christ Is Risen!
Lloyd Larson
Chancel Choir

Offertory

Organ Solo
Amaia Walsh

Doxology

UMH #95

Gospel Reading

John 20:1-10
*See page 4 in bulletin

Sermon

New Life

Holy Communion

*See page 5 in bulletin

Closing Hymn

Up from the Grave He Arose
UMH #322 v. 1-3

Benediction

Postlude

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Brass Soloists

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
“See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.”

New Testament Lesson

Acts 10:34-43

³⁴ Then Peter began to speak to them: “I truly understand that God shows no partiality, ³⁵ but in every people anyone who fears him and practices righteousness is acceptable to him. ³⁶ You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. ³⁷ That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: ³⁸ how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. ³⁹ We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree, ⁴⁰ but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, ⁴¹ not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses and

who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. ⁴² He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. ⁴³ All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.”

Gospel

John 20:1-10

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. ² So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, “They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.” ³ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. ⁴ The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. ⁵ He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. ⁶ Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, ⁷ and the cloth that had been on Jesus’s head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. ⁸ Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed, ⁹ for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. ¹⁰ Then the disciples returned to their homes.

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

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. Also, they can always use extra plastic sacks (grocery stores, Menards, etc.) if you have any to donate.

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.



**Fort Dodge
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Easter Lily Dedications

In Honor of:

- All musicians at First UMC from Michael and Gretchen Stanley
- Our family from Curt and Liz Johnson
- The music of the church from Scott Johnston
- Betty Niceswanger from her children: Jay, Michele, and Brian
- Our children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren from Jerry and Connie Schnurr

In Memory of:

- Clara Brain from Henry Brain
- My husband, William S. Gibb, and my parents, Hugh and Dorothy Templeton, from Jane Gibb
- Our parents from Jerry and Linda Beck
- Raymond Stanley, and Melvin and Clara Samuelson from Michael and Gretchen Stanley
- Ken and Betty Main, and Laura Main Crawford from Marcia Main
- Our parents: Dick and Erma Tell, and Bob and Mary Harrison from Keith and Carol Harrison
- Parents, Dick and Margaret Paulin, and my sister, Lynn Marie Greenberg, from Tom Paulin



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- Rev. Fred and Helen Shultz, and Keith and Avis LeValley from Gary and Joan LeValley
- Norma Schmoker, Walter and Irene Schmoker, and George and Lillian Somerville from Tom Schmoker
- Gail Niceswanger from Jay, Michele, and Brian
- Larry Larson from Deb Larson
- Our parents from Robert and Charlene Anderson
- Dennis Beekman from Dave and Lori Beekman
- Jay and Elinor-Ann Coble; Grandma and Grandpa Day; and Grandma and Grandpa Reynolds from Scott and Stephanie Coble-Day
- Dennis Beekman from Mom and Dad
- Our parents: Solomon and Marion Krass, and Ross Struthers from Marc and Jan Krass
- My mother, father, and brother from Jim Stephenson
- Our parents from Jerry and Connie Schnurr
- Ray “Hap” and Doris Johnston, and Diane Logan from Scott Johnston



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@firstumcfd.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:

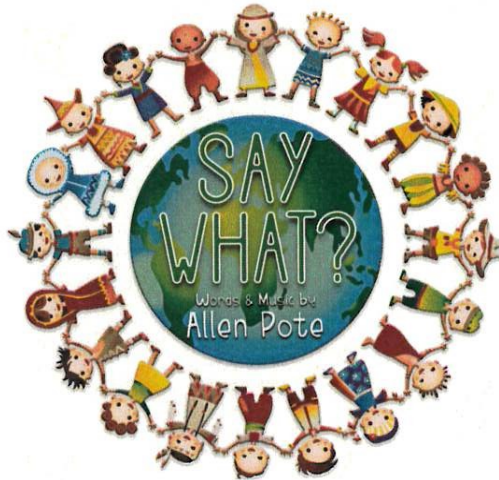
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PAYMENT METHOD

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

Cash

Thank You!



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.

WALL OF CROSSES

Crosses are displayed on the walls near the west entrance of the sanctuary. These special areas in our church have crosses and engraved plates in memory or honor of church members.

If you would like to add a cross, please complete the form and return to the church office. You are responsible for finding a cross and dropping it off at the office. The office will take care of ordering the name plate and hanging the cross on the wall.

CONTACT PERSON

PHONE NUMBER

IN MEMORY OF

OR

IN HONOR OF

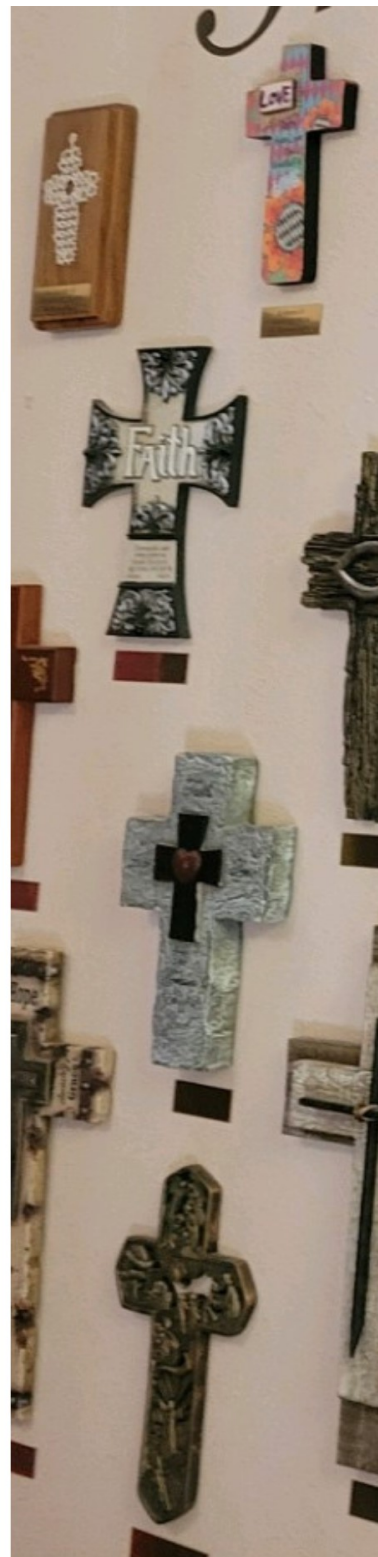
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CROSS SIZE: NO LESS THAN 6 INCHES AND NO MORE THAN 20 INCHES LONG

COST: \$10 FOR ENGRAVED NAME PLATE

Cash or check made out to First United Methodist Church.
Please contact the office at 515-576-7586 with any questions.

First United Methodist Church | 127 N. 10th St. | Fort Dodge, IA 50501





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, March 31

Happy Easter!

8:30 am: Sunday School

8:30 am: Chancel Choir Rehearsal

9:45 am: Worship Service

Monday, April 1

Office Closed: Holiday

12:00 pm: Al-Anon

Tuesday, April 2

5:00 pm: Filling Station Rehearsal

Wednesday, April 3

4:45 pm: Joyful Noise

5:00 pm: Filling Station Meal

5:15 pm: Middle School Youth Group

5:30 pm: King's Kids

6:15 pm: Filling Station Service

7:00 pm: Wednesday Night Live

7:00 pm: Wesley Ringers Rehearsal

Thursday, April 4

6:00 pm: Girl Scouts

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

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 3-15-24 to 3-24-24:

\$6,542.00

Year-to-Date Giving:

\$99,861.03

Year-to-Date Expenses:

\$91,217.98

Income Over (Under) Expenses:

\$8,643.05

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Office Hours: M-F: 8:00 am to 4:30 pm

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Wesley Ringers: Brian Robison

Children's Choirs Directors: Amy Champagne

Praise Band Directors: Gretchen Stanley & Amy Champagne

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.