

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church®

March 11, 2018

4th Sunday of Lent

**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

Prelude and Fugue in G Minor
John Sebastian Bach

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

WESLEY RINGERS

"Triumphant Spirit"
Arr Nicholas A. Hanson

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

Let those redeemed by the Lord say:
God's steadfast love endures forever.
When we cried out to God in our distress,
God saved us in our hour of need.
Give thanks to the Lord, for God is good.
God's steadfast love endures forever.

***OPENING HYMN** "God Hath Spoken by the Prophets"
UMH #108

***CONFESSION**

God of poisonous snakes and deadly crosses, your ways can be terrible to behold. When we complain about what we lack, rather than celebrating your sustaining gifts, forgive us. When we see only the bad in our lives, and fail to see the good, heal our vision. When we act as disobedient children, and turn away from your light, save us with your unfailing grace. In Christ's holy name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

God sent the Human One into the world, not to condemn it, but to save it. The One who brings us light saves us from our destructive ways, and leads us into life.

***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.

PRAYER SONG

"Take, O Take Me As I Am"
W & S #3119

KID'S MOMENTS

The congregation sings "Where Children Belong" (p. 2233)
as the children come forward. Ushers collect the
"Ritual of 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.**

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

John 19:28-30

***APOSTLES CREED**

UMH #882

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH #70

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"
J. S. Bach
* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow" UM #95

* Prayer of Dedication

**God of light and love, shine through our offerings this
day. May they bring light to the darkness and help
lead others from death into life. Transform these gifts
into your glory, that they may reflect the joy of your
saving grace, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE

2 Corinthians 1:3-5

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Amazing Grace"
UMH #378

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

***CLOSING HYMN**

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

UMH #292

Vs 1-3

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE

"What Wondrous Love Is This"

UMH #292

vs 4

POSTLUDE

"Christ Lay in Death Strong Grasps"

J. S. Bach

John 19:28-30 (NIV)

28 Later, knowing that everything had now been finished, and so that Scripture would be fulfilled, Jesus said, "I am thirsty." 29 A jar of wine vinegar was there, so they soaked a sponge in it, put the sponge on a stalk of the hyssop plant, and lifted it to Jesus' lips. 30 When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.

2 Corinthians 1:3-5 (NIV)

3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, 4 who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God. 5 For just as we share abundantly in the sufferings of Christ, so also our comfort abounds through Christ.

The Lord's Cupboard item for March is salt. Please drop your donation in the shopping cart in the Wesley Parlor in the church building.

The Mission offering for the month of March will go to Upper Des Moines Opportunity for their "Backpack Buddies Program". Your offering can be placed in the plate at the back of the church or in the regular offering plate making sure that the check or envelope is marked "mission offering" or "Back Pack Buddies".

*Altar flowers today are in
celebration of Dave and Lori Beekman's
wedding anniversary*

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: the Bettie Heideman's brother-in-law and sister, Kaye Berry, Bettie Heideman's grandson, Taylor Heideman, who has left for a year's tour in Kuwait, Curt and Liz Johnson's sister and brother who are dealing with serious illnesses, Jim Metzger, Bonnie Kersten, those in nursing homes and those men and women in our armed forces. Please let the church office know of anyone who may need prayers.

RUMMAGE SALE

We have had many members ask about dates & times for the spring rummage sale – Yay!!! Thanks for thinking and planning ahead!! We will be able to showcase our new floor at the sale!

So, put these dates & times on your May calendar.

Wed, May 9 - 8:00–4:00 Set out donated items
Thurs, May 10 - 8:00–6:00 We mark items from 8-4 and
then
 have "early bird" sales from 4-6
Fri, May 11 - 8:00–4:30 Sale day
Sat, May 12
 12:00–1:00 Local nonprofit organizations can
 come & pick out items at no cost to them
 1:00 - ? Pack up items, take them to other
 organizations, and clean up

You may start bringing items for the sale on April 29.

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

Sun, Mar 11

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
5:30 pm HS Youth Group

Mon, Mar 12

9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon

Tues, Mar 13

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
10:30 am Lenten Study
11:30 am Staff Meeting
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Mar 14

8:30 am Women's Bible Study FH
3:30 pm SALT

Wed, Mar 14 Cont'd

4:45 pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Mar 15

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, Mar 16

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sun, Mar 18

8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship
5:30 pm HS Youth Group

<p>Your Staff: The Congregation, The Ministers Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist. Megan Cassady, Youth Coordinator Mark McClellan, Organist Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers Amy Champagne, Children's Choirs Directors Gretchen Stanley and Amy Champagne, Praise Band Directors Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer KayLynn Jennings, Anna Jones, Azaria Silvey, Lyndsey Bennett, Nursery Assistants. Josh Goebel, Bldg & Grounds Supervisor Linda Wakeman & Carol Schwarz, Custodian</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 127 North 10th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501</p> <hr/> <p>Radio Broadcast at 11:05 am each Sunday - KVFD 1400 AM Office Hours: 8-12 and 12:30-4:30 Mon - Fri Pastor Office: 515-576-7586 Pastor Cell: 515-230-6169 Email Addresses: Office: worship@fumcfortdodge.org Pastor: revandreak@fumcfortdodge.org Program Coordinator: mcassady@fumcfortdodge.org Website: www.fumcfortdodge.org</p>
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GREETERS

Bill & Carol Thatcher (West Door)
Stuart & Julie Andresen (East Door)

LITURGIST

Jerry Schnurr



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