

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church®

March 25, 2018

Palm Sunday

**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

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Hosanna! Sing Praises!"
Arr Jack Schrader and Dave Moody

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

When they came to Bethphage and Bethany, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus gave two disciples a task, saying to them,
"Go into the village. As soon as you enter it you will find tied up a colt that no one has ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you doing this?' say, 'Its master needs it.'"

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

They brought the colt to Jesus and threw their clothes upon it, and Jesus sat on it. Many people spread out their clothes on the road while others spread branches cut from the fields.

Bind the festival procession with palm branches. Open the gates of righteousness for us so we can come in and give thanks to the Lord!

This is the Lord's gate; those who are righteous enter through it.

Enter the gates of righteousness with shouts of thanksgiving. Hosanna! Blessings on the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!

The stone the builders rejected is now the foundation stone.

This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our sight!

The Lord is God, and God has given us light as a lamp to our feet.

The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

***OPENING HYMN**

"All Glory Laud and Honor"

UMH #280

***OPENING PRAYER**

Eternal One, as we enter Holy Week and celebrate Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem, may we laugh with the children and shout our hosannas with the crowd. But never let us forget where this week ends. For the one who emptied himself for our sake, took the form of a servant and was betrayed and denied by his disciples and closest friends. May we sing in our hearts this day, but may our song be mixed with sorrow and regret, for such is the life of followers in every age. Amen.

***CONFESSION**

Source of our hope and strength, when our bones are dried up, and we are tested beyond our endurance, we turn away. Forgive our wayward feet and our fickle hearts: when we are consumed with doubt, when we succumb to our weakness, when we give in to the impulse of betrayal, when we turn away in denial, when we confuse expedience with virtue. Teach us anew your ways of life and death, that we may not stumble and fall during the time of trial. In your holy name, we pray. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

God has opened the gates of righteousness and Christ has beckoned us to walk through. Sing with the children; throw your clothes upon the road, for the one who comes in the name of the Lord offers us salvation in his name.

***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

"All People That on Earth Do Dwell"

UMH #75

Vs 1 & 4

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 worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song. This is where children belong.

CHANCEL CHOIR

"Mercy"

Arr Craig Courtney

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

***APOSTLES CREED**

UMH #882

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH #70

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

"The Palms"

Jean-Baptiste Faure'

* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UM #95

* Prayer of Dedication

Spirit of humble generosity: thank you for your never-failing mercy; thank you for Christ's gift of selfless love; thank you for the witness of our forebears. For blessing us with many gifts, we thank you. For walking with us in our weakness, we praise you. Receive these gifts in token and thanks for the love you offer us, a love that makes us well and whole. Amen.

SCRIPTURE

Mark 11:1-11

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Close to Thee"

UMH #407

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH #278

Vs 1-2

***BENEDICTION**

RESPONSE

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

UMH #278

vs 3

POSTLUDE

"Hosanna!"

Paul Wachs

Psalm 118: 1-2, 19-29 (NIV)

¹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

² Let Israel say: "His love endures forever." ¹⁹ Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD through which the righteous may enter. ²¹ I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation.

²² The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; ²³ the LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. ²⁴ The LORD has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad.

²⁵ LORD, save us! LORD, grant us success! ²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

From the house of the LORD we bless you. ²⁷ The LORD is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. ²⁸ You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

²⁹ Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever.

Mark 11:1-11 (NIV)

As they approached Jerusalem and came to Bethphage and Bethany at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two of his disciples, ² saying to them, "Go to the village ahead of you, and just as you enter it, you will find a colt tied there, which no one has ever ridden. Untie it and bring it here." ³ If anyone asks you, "Why are you doing this?" say, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here shortly." ⁴ They went and found a colt outside in the street, tied at a doorway. As they untied it, ⁵ some people standing there asked, "What are you doing, untying that colt?" ⁶ They answered

as Jesus had told them to, and the people let them go. ⁷ When they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks over it, he sat on it. ⁸ Many people spread their cloaks on the road, while others spread branches they had cut in the fields. ⁹ Those who went ahead and those who followed shouted, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" ¹⁰ "Blessed is the coming kingdom of our father David!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" ¹¹ Jesus entered Jerusalem and went into the temple courts. He looked around at everything, but since it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the Twelve.

The Lord's Cupboard items for March is salt. Please drop your items in the shopping cart in the Wesley Parlor in the church building. The Evangelism Committee wants everyone to see what has been gathered and is trying to keep track of the donations given by First UMC!

The Wall of Crosses has been a wonderful addition to the west entrance! If you would like to add a cross(es) to the wall, please pick up a form in the Wesley Parlor or stop by the church office with your cross(es) and Becky will help you fill out the form. Crosses can be purchased any place you choose, but Hobby Lobby tends to have them 50% off nearly every other week and they have a large selection of crosses. There is a \$10 fee for the printing of the plaque that goes beneath each cross which can be placed in the collection plate or dropped off at the church office. Just be sure you mark it for "cross(es)".

*Altar flowers today
are given in celebration of
Dave and Lori Beekman's
15th 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.

First United Methodist Church continues to deliver Meals on Wheels approximately every 8 weeks. If you would be interested in helping deliver meals (either by driving, adding the "goodies" to the bags, or by riding with the driver and assisting with delivery) please contact Connie Boyd at 515-571-2118.

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 mark "mission offering" or "Back Pack Buddies".

A reminder that Becky has Friday afternoons off now and Pastor Andrea normally does visitations on Friday afternoons, therefore, there is no one at the office to answer phones. In case of an emergency on Friday afternoon or after hours, please contact Pastor Andrea on her cell phone.

The Iowa Annual Conference has planned a trip to Italy to include the Passion Play in Oberammergau, Italy. You will find brochures included in today's bulletin about the trip and the costs. Laurel Mors is in charge of this trip for First United Methodist. If you have any questions regarding this trip please contact Laurel at 955-4949.

THE AGAPE LEAGUE

Galatians 5:22-23~~*But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control...*

In the Agape Fortress, General Agape has called the mighty Agape League together to solve a crisis in Suburbiana City! Calling on the super-powered Fruit of the Spirit available to every follower of Christ, these superheroes soon find themselves facing a problem within their own ranks. Will the crisis in Suburbiana City be averted? Will the source of true power—God’s Word—finally be utilized before time runs out?

Please join the King’s Kids and Joyful Noise Choirs (and their parents!) for our superhero musical play on Sunday, April 15 during 9:45am worship. You have never experienced anything like it!



The next Filling Station will be Wednesday, April 4th. The main dish will be bacon wrapped chicken and rice pilaf. Please signup at the table in the Wesley Parlor. If you would like to help prepare, serve or cleanup following the meal, please contact Connie Boyd or Elizabeth Metier.

The men of the Fort Dodge Harmony Brigade would like to invite you to their spring show "That's Life", on Saturday, April 7th at the Fort Dodge Middle School. If you have liked our four-part harmony when we've sung at your summer church services, you're bound to enjoy our concert. Our chorus will perform, along with guest quartets Mainstreet and Boomtown. Show times will be at 2 and 7 pm. Tickets to the show may be purchased from any Barbershop member (Drew Sieben), at HyVee, or by calling 515-570-3414.

Christ Lutheran Church, 2220 10th Avenue North in Fort Dodge, is holding their annual Palm Sunday Baked Potato Buffet today, from 4-6:30 pm. The cost is \$7.00 for adults, and \$3 for children 12 and under, and includes a beverage, GIANT baked potato with a large variety of toppings, & your choice of homemade dessert. For more information call: 576-4925.

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 1	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.



Easter Flowers Order Form

We will be offering tulips, daffodils and hyacinth again this year. Please mark the kind of flower you would like to purchase on the order form. We are hoping to get a good mix of flowers for the sanctuary/altar.

Please print

From: _____

In Memory of: _____

OR

In Honor of: _____

Flower	Cost	Number
Tulips	\$15.00	_____
Daffodils	\$15.00	_____
Hyacinth:	\$10.50	_____
Lily:	\$10.50	_____
Amount Paid:	_____	

We will be taking orders through March 26th

**Thanks to Becker Florist
for providing lilies!**

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

Sun, Mar 25

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

Wed, Mar 28 Cont'd

3:30 pm SALT
4:45 pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids
7:00 pm Wesley Ringers

Mon, Mar 26

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

Thur, Mar 29

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
6:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service

Tues, Mar 27

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
5:00 pm HOLA
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Fri, Mar 30

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
6:00 pm Good Friday Service

Sun, April 1

8:30 am Chancel Choir
8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Easter Service with
Communion
5:30 pm HS Youth Group

Wed, Mar 28

8:30 am Women's Bible Study FH

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Andrea Kraushaar, Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Megan Cassady, Youth Coordinator
Mark W. McClellan, Organist
Gretchen Stanley, Chancel Choir
Brian Robison, Wesley Ringers
Amy Champagne, Children's Choirs
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Praise Band Directors
Jon Schuman, Chief Financial Officer
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GREETERS

Connie Boyd (West Door)
Connie & Jerry Schnurr (East Door)
Jerry & Linda Beck (South Door)

LITURGIST

Adam Olson



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