

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST

Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

**The people of the United Methodist Church®**



April 29, 2018

5th Sunday after Easter

*\*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**

## **\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

We gather together as the people of God,  
**With hopes, dreams, and visions.**

As the Body of Christ, we honor the gifts of all,

**Guided by the Spirit we minister together—young and old alike. Let our worship be only the beginning of what is yet to come!**

## OPENING HYMN

"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"  
UMH #117

## REMEMBERING OUR CALL TO MINISTER TOGETHER:

*After each prayer and petition, our response will be: "Lord, hear our prayer."*

Creator God, this and every morning we give you thanks for the visions, the dreams, the experiences that fill our lives from birth through our aging. We praise you for the gifts you give each person. Help us accept ourselves and honor one another as members of your family regardless of age or other differences. Let us love with Your love which values every person.

***"Lord, hear our prayer."***

O God, help us to remember that we are all called to follow you, not be led by the culture of the world around us. Inspire us to greater understanding of one another's needs, here in this church and in our community. Show us the way to be with each other. Grant us the compassion and patience to do your work not as individuals or different age groups but together, inspired by the example of Jesus.

***"Lord, hear our prayer."***

Gracious God, we give you thanks for those who taught us the faith, who shared their beliefs with us. We are grateful for all those who have set examples for us to follow. Help us to know that same fire of your Spirit. For those of us who are younger in years, let us learn from those who have traveled further on their journeys of faith. For those of us with much to share, let us be good teachers and models of your unending love. As we learn from each other, we ask that we may all come to more clearly know your presence and power in our lives.

***"Lord, hear our prayer."***

O God, grant us the gifts of grace, hope, kindness, forgiveness and

love to equip us for the years that lay before us. May fears and uncertainties be transformed into quiet confidence. May each new day be received as a sacred trust and lived to your glory. Pour out your Holy Spirit upon us. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

### **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.**

### **CHORAL RESPONSE**

"Be Thou My Vision"  
UMH #451  
Vs 1

### **CELEBRATION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS**

50-52 Years

### **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.**

### **CHANCEL CHOIR**

"I Will Rejoice"  
Arr Joseph Martin

### **CELEBRATION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS**

53-59 Years

**PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS**

The Offertory

"Come Ye Faithful Raise the Strain!"

Wilbur Held

\* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

UM #95

\* Prayer of Dedication

**God, when we accept the gift of your amazing love in our lives, we become instruments of your abundant love. Accept these offerings for what they are: an outpouring of love for you and for all your creation. Amen.**

**CELEBRATION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS**

60-67 Years

**READING**

Thessalonians 1:1-10

**HYMN OF PREPERATION**

"We Are the Church"

UMH #558

**SERMON**

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

**CELEBRATION OF 50 YEAR MEMBERS**

68-86 Years

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

FWS #2238

Vs 1-4

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*RESPONSE**

"In the Midst of New Dimensions"

FWS #2238

Vs 5

**POSTLUDE**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

Hal Hopson

### **1 Thessalonians 1:1-10(MSG)**

I, Paul, together here with Silas and Timothy, send greetings to the church at Thessalonica, Christians assembled by God the Father and by the Master, Jesus Christ. God's amazing grace be with you! God's robust peace! <sup>2-5</sup> Every time we think of you, we thank God for you. Day and night you're in our prayers as we call to mind your work of faith, your labor of love, and your patience of hope in following our Master, Jesus Christ, before God our Father. It is clear to us, friends, that God not only loves you very much but also has put his hand on you for something special. When the Message we preached came to you, it wasn't just words. Something happened in you. The Holy Spirit put steel in your convictions. <sup>5-6</sup> You paid careful attention to the way we lived among you, and determined to live that way yourselves. In imitating us, you imitated the Master. Although great trouble accompanied the Word, you were able to take great joy from the Holy Spirit!—taking the trouble with the joy, the joy with the trouble. <sup>7-10</sup> Do you know that all over the provinces of both Macedonia and Achaia believers look up to you? The word has gotten around. Your lives are echoing the Master's Word, not only in the provinces but all over the place. The news of your faith in God is out. We don't even have to say anything anymore—*you're* the message! People come up and tell us how you received us with open arms, how you deserted the dead idols of your old life so you could embrace and serve God, the true God. They marvel at how expectantly you await the arrival of his Son, whom he raised from the dead—Jesus, who rescued us from certain doom.

The May mission offering will go to support DSOAC. You will find a table in the back of the church to make your contribution at your convenience. Thank you to all who help with their monetary donations!

There are large print hymnals available in the Wesley Parlor near the library for those who may need them.

The Annual Spring Rummage Sale for Missions is quickly sneaking upon us. Items may be brought to the church beginning, Sunday, April 29th, through Tuesday, May 8th.

You can stop at the church office and Becky will give you a key to get into the church to unload your items or find Josh to help you unload your items.

Remember items go in the south Sunday School room on the west side of Fellowship Hall

The next Filling Station will be Wednesday, May 2. The meal will be stuffed pork chops, apple snicker salad, harvest lettuce salad, glazed carrots and dessert. 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.

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Norma Whiting, 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, 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.

The May Lord's Cupboard "CHALLENGE" is chicken noodle soup, ketchup and mustard! 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 collected and is trying to track the donations given by First UMC!

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

<b><u>Sun, Apr 29</u></b>	<b>Bring Rummage Items</b>	<b><u>Wed, May 2</u></b>	<b>Bring Rummage Items</b>
8:30 am	Chancel Choir	1:30 pm	SALT
8:30 am	Sunday School	5:00 pm	Filling Station Meal
9:45 am	Worship w/50 Year Member Celebration	6:00 pm	Filling Station Service
		7:00 pm	Wesley Ringers
5:30 pm	HS Youth Group		
		<b><u>Thur, May 3</u></b>	<b>Bring Rummage Items</b>
<b><u>Mon, Apr 30</u></b>	<b>Bring Rummage Items</b>	9:30 am	Lord's Cupboard
9:00 am	Pew Crew	6:30 pm	Why? Study
		6:30 pm	Girl Scouts
<b><u>Tues, May 1</u></b>	<b>Bring Rummage Items</b>		
9:30 am	Lord's Cupboard	<b><u>Fri, May 4</u></b>	<b>Bring Rummage Items</b>
11:00 am	Staff Meeting	1:00 pm	Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm	AA		
4:00 pm	Lord's Cupboard	<b><u>Sun, May 6</u></b>	<b>Bring Rummage Items</b>
7:00 pm	Boy Scouts	8:30 am	Sunday School
		9:00 pm	Chancel Choir
		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 W. McClellan, Interim 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 &amp; Grounds Supervisor  Carol Schwarz &amp; Linda Wakeman,  Housekeepig</p>	<p><b>First United Methodist Church</b>  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: <a href="mailto:worship@fumcfortdodge.org">worship@fumcfortdodge.org</a>  Pastor: <a href="mailto:revandreak@fumcfortdodge.org">revandreak@fumcfortdodge.org</a>  Program Coordinator:  <a href="mailto:mcassady@fumcfortdodge.org">mcassady@fumcfortdodge.org</a>  Website:  <a href="http://www.fumcfortdodge.org">www.fumcfortdodge.org</a></p>
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**GREETERS**  
Joe & Karen Jackson (West Door)  
Jane Gibb (East Door)  
Lora Hendrickson (South Door)

**LITURGIST**  
John Metier



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