

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

The people of the United Methodist Church®

May 27, 2018

1st Sunday after Pentecost

Trinity 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 AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

(from Prayer-Poem by Taylor Burton-Edwards)

Rouse us, Holy Spirit! Flash fire around us, and on us, and in us.

Let your fires of justice burn in our hearts, a blaze across the lands.

A beacon for the long night that is coming and now is. Pour out refreshing waters on the dry places.

Feed your people, all people, through the floods not of water, but of kindness. Let kindness roll, an ever-flowing stream.

And turn the shaking of the earth, Great Maker, the quaking of your body, Jesus,

The rousing of your people, Spirit, into the dance of love in which you live, in which all life resides, from which it flows, and to which it returns; in you, One and Holy, now and forever.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of us all, we are ready. In the time of Lent, we prepared for the coming of your Son. At Christmas, we celebrated His birth and recognized the gift of human love that you have given us. During the season of Lent, we struggled to understand the "why?" of the trial and death of Jesus on the Cross. On Easter, we rejoiced in His resurrection and His escape from the grave. Now it is our turn. We come to this season of Pentecost not only to try to put the pieces of this puzzle together for ourselves, but to spread the message of Your love through the example of Jesus. Give us the heart. Give us the will. Give us the words. We are ready. Amen.

***OPENING HYMN**

"Holy, Holy, Holy"
UMH #64

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A moment of silent prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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

"Eternal God, Transcending Time"

Worship and Song #3030

vs 1 & 4

KID'S MOMENTS

SPECIAL MUSIC

Clarinet Concerto #3 in B Major Movement #2 Romanze

Arr Carl Stanitz

Tara Smith, Soloist

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

Offertory "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Prayer of Dedication

**We believe in you. We believe in the teachings of Your
Son, Jesus Christ. The offering that we give today can
never equal what you have given us. This gift is offered
to plant the seeds of growth so that in due time, all
may see and feel your love through the work of this
church in our community and in the world. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-17

HYMN OF PREPARATION

"Praise the Source of Faith and Learning"
Faith We Sing #2004

MESSAGE

"Remembering.....and Moving On"
Scott Johnston

***OUR COMMITMENT OF FAITH - THE APOSTLES' CREED**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven
and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was
conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and
was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third
day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is
seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come
again to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

***BENEDICTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Let There Be Peace on Earth"
UMH, #431

POSTLUDE

John 3:1-17 (NIV)

Now there was a Pharisee, a man named Nicodemus who was a member of the Jewish ruling council. ² He came to Jesus at night and said, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God. For no one could perform the signs you are doing if God were not with him." ³ Jesus replied, "Very truly I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God unless they are born again." ⁴ "How can someone be born when they are old?" Nicodemus asked. "Surely they cannot enter a second time into their mother's womb to be born!" ⁵ Jesus answered, "Very truly I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless they are born of water and the Spirit. ⁶ Flesh gives birth to flesh, but the Spirit gives birth to spirit. ⁷ You should not be surprised at my saying, 'You must be born again.' ⁸ The wind blows wherever it pleases. You hear its sound, but you cannot tell where it comes from or where it is going. So it is with everyone born of the Spirit." ⁹ "How can this be?" Nicodemus asked. ¹⁰ "You are Israel's teacher," said Jesus, "and do you not understand these things? ¹¹ Very truly I tell you, we speak of what we know, and we testify to what we have seen, but still you people do not accept our testimony. ¹² I have spoken to you of earthly things and you do not believe; how then will you believe if I speak of heavenly things? ¹³ No one has ever gone into heaven except the one who came from heaven—the Son of Man. ¹⁴ Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, ¹⁵ that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him." ¹⁶ For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. ¹⁷ For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him.

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!

*Altar flowers are
given in memory of
Betty Olmstead
from
John Olmstead*

Old Fashioned Hymn Sing

A half hour of sing-a-longs

Friday, June 1 at 5:00 and 6:00 pm
Saturday, June 2, 12:30, 1:30 and 2:30 pm

Frontier Days—At the Chapel of the Fort

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!

Members of First UMC are invited to Courtney Cordle's graduation reception to be held Saturday, June 2, from 5:00—8:00 pm at First United Methodist Church.

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

Sun, May 27

9:45 am Worship

Mon, May 28

**Office Closed for
Memorial Day**

Tues, May 29

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

12:00 pm AA

4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, May 30

Thur, May 31

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard

Fri, June 1

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard


Sat, June 2

5-8:00 pm Cordle Graduation

Sun, June 3

9:45 am Worship

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

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| <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 & Grounds Supervisor Carol Schwarz & Linda Wakeman, Housekeepig</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
Dick & Deanna Rhiner (West Door)
Jan & Phyllis Wilson (East Door)
Marilyn Raine (South Door)

LITURGIST
Pat Bennett

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 faith through worship, prayer, and the study of god's word.

Serving: Serving others and sharing God's message.

