

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.

March 24, 2019

3rd Sunday in 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

TRINITY CHIMES

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO PRAISE AND PRAYER**

Welcome to the fabulous feast that God has prepared!

We come hungry, thirsty, and searching for God.

God is near, full of power and glory.

We are here to be fed by God's word.

Lift up your hands in praise!

We will sing with joy on our lips.

Bless God, who upholds us with God's strength.

We will bless God as long as we live!

***OPENING HYMN**

"Jesus Is All the World to Me"
UMH #469

***CONFESSION**

Nurturing One, you invite us to feast on your word and to be filled with your love. Your banquet is always before us, freely offered for us to enjoy, yet we choose to spend our resources on things that do not satisfy. Forgive us when we consume the very things that do not feed us. Help us abandon our careless ways and self-seeking schemes, that we might return to you, our provider and sustainer. Amen.

***ASSURANCE**

God is faithful and will not allow us to be tempted beyond our abilities.
Even in our brokenness, God provides a path to wholeness.
When we confess our shortcomings,
God has mercy on us and is generous with forgiveness.
Through Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

***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

"Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See"
UMH #468

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

"Arise My Soul, Arise"
Arr Dan Forrest
Brian Robison, Cello

READINGS

Matthew 16:13-15
Philippians 2:5-11

***APOSTLES CREED**

UMH #882

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH #70

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

A Lenten Supplication
Rudolf Dittrich
UM #95

* Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

* Prayer of Dedication

As we enjoy the rich feast you have provided, we know that there are those who want for food and drink. Multiply the offerings we share today, that they may bless those in need. May the spiritual nourishment we receive today strengthen us for continued service in your name. Amen.

HYMN OF PREPERATION

"Majesty, Worship His Majesty"
UMH #176

SERMON

Rev. Andrea Kraushaar

***CLOSING HYMN**

"O For a Heart to Praise My God"
UMH #417
Vs 1-4

***BENEDICTION**

***RESPONSE**

"O For a Heart to Praise My God"
UMH #417
Vs #5

POSTLUDE

"In the Cross of Christ I Glory"
John Stainer

Matthew 16:13-15 (NIV)

¹³ When Jesus came to the region of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say the Son of Man is?"

¹⁴ They replied, "Some say John the Baptist; others say Elijah; and still others, Jeremiah or one of the prophets."

¹⁵ "But what about you?" he asked. "Who do you say I am?"

Philippians 2:5-11 (NIV)

⁵ In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus:

⁶ Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage;

⁷ rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness.

⁸ And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!

⁹ Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name,

¹⁰ that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

The March Mission Offering will go to support the Back Pack Buddies program. 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!

The next Wednesday Night meal will be held April 3rd. At this time the menu has not been determined. If you plan to attend and have not already done so, please sign up in the Wesley Parlor at the table on the west wall.

The ladies who do the prepping of food, cooking and clean up are desperately asking others to join them in helping with this meal. Without additional assistance this wonderful meal may no longer be possible in the near future. Please take a turn at helping in some manner—everyone enjoys there time and fellowship with other from First UMC!

Do you or a family member or friend listen to the church broadcast on Sunday mornings on the radio? The One Board is asking for people to sponsor the broadcast each week. There will be a sign up sheet on the kiosk in the back of the sanctuary where you can sign up to sponsor a Sunday. The cost for a broadcast is \$100.00 but you can contribute as much or as little as you would like. Checks can be made directly to the church with a memo for Radio Broadcast.

Please join the family of Betty Niceswanger as they celebrate her 90th birthday here at Frist United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 30th from 2:00-4:00 pm.

Your presence will be the best present to Betty...no gifts please.

The men of the Fort Dodge Harmony Brigade Barbershop Choir invite you to their spring show Saturday Night Barbershop, on Saturday, April 6th at Fort Dodge Middle School. Show times will be 2:00 and 7:00 pm. Tickets to the show may be purchased from any Barbershop member, at Hy-Vee, or by calling 515-570-3414.

Next Sunday, March 31st, First United Methodist Church will be celebrating seven young men in the congregation on their Confirmation. Following the service there will be a baked potato bar lunch for anyone who would like to join. There will be a free will offering to offset the cost of the meal.

Please be sure to welcome these young men and their families next Sunday and stay for the luncheon.

Church Budget and Attendance Information

March 17th Attendance—174
Giving March 12-19 —\$6,424.00
Year-to Date Giving—\$85,112.52
Year-to-Date Expenses —\$98,494.84
Income Over (Under) Expenses Year-to-Date—(\$13,382.32)

The Lord's Cupboard challenge to First United Methodist for the month of March is to collect soups—chicken noodle, tomato, cream of mushroom, cream of chicken... Please bring your donation to church and place it in the grocery cart near the Wesley Parlor so that it may be counted and added to the challenge!

The radio broadcast of today's service is sponsored in part by Betty Niceswanger. If you would like to sponsor a Sunday's broadcast please mark your donation for "radio broadcast" in any amount you like and place in the offering plate or drop off at the church office.

Please keep the following members of First UMC in your prayers: Gladys Bittner, Jerry Schnurr Sr, Audrey Metier, Jim Metzger, Kate Ray (Lorree Lee's mom), Marilyn Raine, Jan Olson, 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.

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

Sun, Mar 24

8:30 am Chancel Choir
9:45 am Worship
5:00 pm Confirmation

Mon, Mar 25

9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon
5:00 pm AMP

Tues, Mar 26

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Mar 27

11:00 am Staff Meeting
3:00 pm SALT
4:30 pm Joyful Noise
5:15 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers

Thur, Mar 28

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm Shop Talk Meeting

Fri, Mar 29

1:00 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sat, Mar 30

2:00 pm Birthday Party for
Betty Niceswanger

Sun, Mar 31

8:30 am Chancel Choir
8:30 am Sunday School
9:45 am Worship with
Confirmation
Potato Bar Lunch
Following Services
6:30 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, 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 Anna Jones, Lyndsey Bennett, Laney Jones, Nursery Assistants. Josh Goebel, Bldg & Grounds Supervisor Carol Schwarz, Housekeeping</p>	<p>First United Methodist Church 127 North 10th Street, Fort Dodge, IA 50501</p> <p>Radio Broadcast at 11:05 am each Sunday - KVFD 1400 AM Office Hours: 8-12 and 12:30-4:30 Mon - Thur, 8-12 Fri Office: 515-576-7586 Pastor Cell: 515-230-6169 Email Addresses: Office: worship@fumcforddodge.org Pastor: revandreak@fumcforddodge.org Program Coordinator: mcassady@fumcforddodge.org Website: www.fumcforddodge.org</p> 
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GREETERS

Henry & Clara Brain (West Door)
Richard & Diane Jones (East Door)
Mike & Judy Waddell (South Door)

LITURGIST

John Metier

**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.