

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

Open hearts, Open minds, Open doors.  
**The people of the United Methodist Church®**

August 28, 2011

11th Sunday after Pentecost

*\*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**

"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"  
Robert Hughes

*The prelude is a time of centering – of transition from "getting here" to "being here". Please take the time to quiet your spirit. Be aware of being with others. Feel the spirit of God in the community.*

## **TRINITY CHIMES**

## **GREETING**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP** (-Based on Exodus 3:1-15.)

Leader: Moses was drawn by the sight of a burning bush, where God said to him,

**People: "Come no closer! Remove your sandals, for you are standing on Holy ground."**

Leader: The Lord continued,

**People: "I am the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."**

Leader: Moses was afraid and hid his face.

**People: But, the Lord continued,**

Leader: "I have seen the misery of my people; I have heard their cry, I know their sufferings,

**People: I have come to deliver my people out of their bondage."**

Leader: Today we stand on holy ground, and again by the grace of God can be delivered from our bondage.

**All: Amen.**

**\* OPENING PRAYER**

**O God, sometimes it is difficult for us to know holy ground, even when we are standing on it. We long for a burning bush, spectacular and unambiguous. Let the fire of your Spirit blaze in our hearts instead. We yearn for the sound of your voice, clear and unmistakable. Let your voice ring clear through the words we say and the utterings of our hearts. We want to know who you are. Let the mystery of your holy name, "*I am who I am,*" speak into the deepest reaches of our hearts. We stand on holy ground, for we stand in your presence. Thank you. Amen.**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"Go Down Moses"  
#448 Blue Hymnal

**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 for ever. Amen.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

**PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**KID'S MOMENT**

Jennifer Peterson

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

**SPECIAL MUSIC**

"In Moments Like These"

Words & Music by David Graham

Jim Metzger, Organ Solo

"In moments like these I sing out a song, Singing a love song to Jesus.

In moments like these I lift up my hands, Lift up my hands to the Lord.

Singing: "I love you, Lord." Singing: "I love you, Lord."

Singing: "I love you , Lord. I love you."

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**

Exodus 3: 1-15

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"The Summons"  
#2130 Black Hymnal

**GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 16: 21-28

**SERMON**

"A Memory, A Call, and a Promise"  
Rev. Gary Armstrong

**PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING**

The Offertory

"Cathedral Shadows"  
Denis Elliot

\*The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"  
#95 Blue Hymnal

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"We Shall Overcome"  
#5330. Blue Hymnal

**BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Praise with the Trumpet"  
Gerald Peterson

**Matthew 16: 21-28**

<sup>21</sup>From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised.<sup>22</sup>And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.'<sup>23</sup>But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

<sup>24</sup>Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.'<sup>25</sup>For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.<sup>26</sup>For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

<sup>27</sup>For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done.<sup>28</sup>Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

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### **Exodus 3: 1-15**

<sup>3</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God.<sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed.<sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.'<sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.'<sup>5</sup>Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.'<sup>6</sup>He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God. <sup>7</sup>Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,<sup>8</sup>and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.<sup>9</sup>The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.'<sup>10</sup>So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.'<sup>11</sup>But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?'<sup>12</sup>He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt,

you shall worship God on this mountain.’<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, ‘If I come to the Israelites and say to them, “The God of your ancestors has sent me to you”, and they ask me, “What is his name?” what shall I say to them?’<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, ‘I AM WHO I AM.’\* He said further, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “I AM has sent me to you.”’<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, ‘Thus you shall say to the Israelites, “The LORD,\* the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you”: This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

We will soon be organizing our praise team for this year and invite anyone who would like to sing or play an instrument to come join us! We particularly are in need of singers and a drummer this year. If you enjoy contemporary Christian music and like to help in leading our service once a month, please join us for our first practice on Sunday, September 11th at 11:00 a.m. (following the worship service).

The September/October Upper Room Devotionals  
are available in the church entryways and in the church office.

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\$1.00 for large print

### **Choirs Begin Rehearsals!**

The Chancel Choir will begin rehearsals on August 31st at 6:00 and the Wesley Ringers will begin practice on September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

The Joyful Noise and King's Kids Choirs will begin rehearsals on September 7th at 4:45 and 5:30 p.m. respectively. The King's Kids Choir is for children in Kindergarten through 4th Grade and Joyful Noise Choir is for children from Fifth through Eighth Grade.

New members are welcome to each of these choirs so please bring a friend with you!



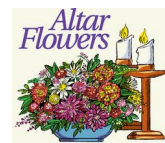
**Beacon of Hope and First UMC**

The Administrative Council is pleased to announce that we will be partnering with our neighbors, The Beacon of Hope, to meet a significant need that exists at the shelter. Starting August 15, The Beacon of Hope will be utilizing our kitchen every Monday to prepare and serve their evening meal. As part of the arrangement established by the Trustees, one or two host members, including volunteers from the Men's Group, will be available in the kitchen to assist as needed. It is also understood that when conflicts arise with Monday's availability, flexibility will prevail. We are grateful for this wonderful opportunity to minister to this program and be a good neighbor.



A reminder that First United Methodist Church will be celebrating Holy Communion on Sunday, September 4th.

*Altar flowers today are given in honor of  
Dick and Deanna Rhiner's 51st Wedding Anniversary*



If you have a prayer request that you would like placed on the prayer chain at First United Methodist, please contact Lucile Dellit at 573-6240 or the church office at 576-7586.

### **First United Methodist and Beacon of Hope Dinner**

Volunteers are needed to help with the Monday night meal for the Beacon of Hope. Volunteers will serve as host/hostess and assist in serving the buffet style meal. The volunteer(s) can sign-up for the 3:30-5:00 p.m. or 5:00-6:30 p.m. shift. An orientation session will be held at a date to be determined. A sign up-sheet is in the church office—please stop by or call Becky to let her know what dates and time would work for you.



### **Mission Offering**

Please remember that the Mission Offerings are now being collected every week so that everyone has an opportunity to contribute to these wonderful missions throughout the month. **August's offering will go to Operation Christmas.** You can 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!

### **Men's Club Breakfast to Focus on New Beacon of Hope Program**

The men's club survey last fall indicated that many members were interested in helping with Beacon of Hope men's shelter in some way. The 8:00 a.m. September 4th breakfast will focus on the men's club role in helping with the Monday evening supper program for the Beacon of Hope men. We will also be seeking ideas for activities for the year. Let Kory Finke (576-2732, Drew Sieben (955-4241, or Becky (576-7586) in the church office know if you plan to attend so the right amount of food can be available.

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

**Sun, Aug 28**

**Joe—Vacation**

10:00 am

Worship

**Thurs, Sept 1**

**Joe— Vacation**

9:30 am

Lord's Cupboard

**Mon, Aug 29**

**Joe—Vacation**

9:00 am

Pew Crew

12:00 pm

Al-Anon

3:30 pm

Beacon of Hope Meal

**Fri, Sept 2**

**Joe—Vacation**

1:30 pm

Lord's Cupboard

**Tues, Aug 30**

**Joe—Vacation**

9:30 am

Lord's Cupboard

12:00 pm

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4:00 pm

Lord's Cupboard

7:00 pm

Boy Scouts

**Sun, Sept 4**

**Joe—Vacation**

8:00 am

UMM

10:00

Worship w/Communion

**Wed, Aug 31**

**Joe—Vacation**

7:30 am

Men's Bible Study

8:30 am

Women's Bible Study

7:00 pm

Chancel Choir



Moses by the  
burning bush.  
Exodus 3:1-22.

**Greeters:**

Laura Gilpin (West Door)  
Cliff & Jean Burke (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.**