

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



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

February 14, 2010

Last Sunday after the Epiphany  
Transfiguration 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**

"I Am Thine, O Lord"  
Arr. David Paxton

*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** (Psalm 99)

Leader: The Lord reigns; let the people tremble! The Lord sits enthroned upon the cherubim, let the earth quake!

**PEOPLE: THE LORD IS GREAT IN ZION, AND IS EXALTED OVER ALL THE PEOPLES.**

Leader: Let all people praise your great and wondrous name! Holy is the Lord! Mighty Ruler, Lover of Justice, you have established equity!

**PEOPLE: YOU HAVE EXECUTED JUSTICE AND RIGHTEOUSNESS IN THE KINGDOM.**

Leader: Extol the Lord our God. Worship at the Lord's footstool.

**PEOPLE: BE EXALTED, O GOD, ABOVE THE HEAVENS! LET YOUR GLORY BE FOUND OVER ALL THE EARTH! HOLY IS THE LORD!**

**\*OPENING HYMN**

"When Morning Gilds the Sky"  
#185 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.**

**\*THE GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be To the Father"  
#70 UMH

**KID'S MOMENT**

Donna Esmay

*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.**

**CHANCEL CHOIR**

"Faithfulness Medley"  
Arr. Wilson

**A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT**

Exodus 34: 29-35

**\*HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"  
#2173 Black Hymnal

**A READING FROM THE GOSPEL**

Luke 9: 28-43a

**THE MESSAGE**

"Unveiled—Exposed"  
Rev. Stephen J. Bibb

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

The Offertory

"Soliloquy"  
Edward Broughton

\*The Doxology

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

\*The Prayer of Dedication

**\*CLOSING HYMN**

"Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Sky"  
#173 Blue Hymnal

**\*THE PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**\*POSTLUDE**

"Glory Be to God on High"  
David Paxton

### **Exodus 34: 29-35**

<sup>29</sup>Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. <sup>30</sup>When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. <sup>31</sup>But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. <sup>32</sup>Afterward all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. <sup>33</sup>When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; <sup>34</sup>but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, <sup>35</sup>the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

#### **Your Staff:**

The Congregation, The Ministers  
Stephen Bibb Pastor  
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.  
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator  
Diane Logan, Organist  
Mike Richardson, Choirs Director  
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,  
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Mary Heimbruch, Praise Band Director  
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**Luke 9: 28-43a**

<sup>28</sup>Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. <sup>29</sup>And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white.

<sup>30</sup>Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. <sup>31</sup>They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. <sup>32</sup>Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. <sup>33</sup>Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, "Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah" —not knowing what he said. <sup>34</sup>While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. <sup>35</sup>Then from the cloud came a voice that said, "This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!" <sup>36</sup>When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

<sup>37</sup>On the next day, when they had come down from the mountain, a great crowd met him. <sup>38</sup>Just then a man from the crowd shouted, "Teacher, I beg you to look at my son; he is my only child. <sup>39</sup>Suddenly a spirit seizes him, and all at once he shrieks. It convulses him until he foams at the mouth; it mauls him and will scarcely leave him. <sup>40</sup>I begged your disciples to cast it out, but they could not."

<sup>41</sup>Jesus answered, "You faithless and perverse generation, how much longer must I be with you and bear with you? Bring your son here." <sup>42</sup>While he was coming, the demon dashed him to the ground in convulsions. But Jesus rebuked the unclean spirit, healed the boy, and gave him back to his father.

<sup>43</sup>And all were astounded at the greatness of God.

The flower chart for 2010 has been posted on the kiosk at the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment and sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers or altar grains in honor of a loved one or special occasion in your life. We still have many Sundays available for you to donate flowers or grains!

Ash Wednesday is February 17<sup>th</sup>! Again, all four Fort Dodge United Methodist congregations will have a joint service of worship that evening with the imputation of ashes as a sign of repentance and the Sacrament of Holy Communion. The joint service will start at 7PM at Riverside United Methodist Church and Rev. Steve Peters, Pastor at Trinity United Methodist, will be the preacher. Come worship and observe the beginning of the season of Lent at the Ash Wednesday service with members of Epworth UMC, Riverside UMC, Trinity UMC and First UMC in Fort Dodge!



Please keep Holly Scherff (the director of the Lord's Cupboard) and her family in your thoughts and prayers. Holly's mother-in-law passed away this week. May God wrap his loving arms around her and her family in this time of loss.



First United Methodist knows its football! The money raised last Sunday for the Souper Bowl was \$238.29. The Colts had \$84.91 and the Saints had \$153.38. This money will be given to the Lord's Cupboard to help with the running of that organization. Thank you to all of you who contributed to this worthy cause.

### 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. February's offering will be given to the Lord's Cupboard as part of Souper Sunday. 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!



The Iowa Central Community College Performing Arts Department will present their spring musical “**Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat**” on Thursday, March 4th, Friday, March 5th, and Saturday, March 6th at 7:30 p.m. in the Decker Auditorium on the Iowa Central campus. Tickets are available for purchase by contacting the Iowa Central Bookstore between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday, by calling 1-800-362-2793, ext 1081, online at [www.iowacentral.edu](http://www.iowacentral.edu) or at the door the night of the performance.



The March/April Upper Rooms are available in the entrances to the church and at the church office. The cost of the Upper Room is:

.75 for small print  
\$ 1.00 for large print

The Upper Room can also be found online at [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org).

Margaret Messerly, a long time member at First United Methodist Church, passed away Wednesday evening at The Villa Care Center. Margaret’s funeral will be held at Gunderson Funeral Home on Monday, February 15th at 11:00 a.m.

with visitation at 10:00 a.m. Lunch will follow in the Fellowship Hall at FUMC. Margaret is the mother of Harold (Bonnie) Messerly. Please keep this family in your prayers in their time of loss.



## Haiti Relief

If you would like to assist the people of Haiti after the devastating earthquake, please make your checks payable to First United Methodist Church and indicate in the memo the donation is for “Haiti Relief”. The Missions Committee will see the money is sent to the relief effort as soon as possible. If you prefer, you can make an online donation at <http://secure.gbgm-umc.org/donations/umcor/donate>

Your compassion for the people of Haiti continues to show the love of Christ in each of you and the kindness and consideration you as members of First United Methodist Church share with the world around you.

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

**Sun, Feb 14**

8:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
12:00 pm Youth Ski Trip to Boone

**Mon, Feb 15**

9:00 am Pew Crew  
12:00 pm Al-Anon  
6:00 pm Finance Committee  
7:00 pm Trustees

**Tues, Feb 16**

8:30 am Women's Bible Study  
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard  
12:00 pm AA  
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard  
5:30 pm Extended Staff Meeting  
6:30 pm Disciple Study Group  
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

**Wed, Feb 17**

6:30 am Men's Bible Study

**Wed, Feb 17 Cont'd**

1:30 pm Teens for Tomorrow  
4:45 pm Joyful Noise  
5:30 pm King's Kids  
5:30 pm Confirmation  
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers  
7:00 pm Chancel Choir  
7:00 pm Camera Club

**Thurs, Feb 18**

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard  
12:00 pm InterFaith Forum  
6:30 pm Mary Martha Book Study  
7:00 pm SPRC

**Fri, Feb 19**

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard  
7:00 pm Teens for Tomorrow Game Night

**Sun, Feb 21**

8:45 am Sunday School  
10:00 am Worship  
5:45 pm HS Study Group

**Greeters:**

Richard & Bev Nelson (East Door)  
Larry & Esther Clark (West Door)

**Liturgist:**

Kory Finke



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