

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



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

January 22, 2012

3rd Sunday After the Epiphany

**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

"Just As I Am"
Robert Thygerson

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

PASSING OF THE PEACE

***CALL TO WORSHIP** (From Psalm 62)

For God alone my soul waits in silence;

My hope is from God.

God alone is our rock and salvation;

We shall not be shaken.

Trust in God at all times, O people;

God is a refuge for us.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.

***OPENING PRAYER**

New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world. Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors and all your creation, and to devote each day to you Son, our Savior Jesus Christ. Amen.

*** OPENING HYMN**

"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"
#358 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 forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Jesus Remember Me"
#488 Blue Hymnal

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.**

CHANCEL CHOIR

"I Will Make You Fishers of Men"
Arnold Freed
Soloists: Alec Pendry and Dave Gardner

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"God of Love and God Of Power"
#578 Blue Hymnal

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 14-20

SERMON

"Inclinations and Aspirations"
Rev. Gary Armstrong

PRESENTATION OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERINGS

The Offertory

"The Way of Peace"
Tom Birchwood

Tune: Ralph Vaughan Williams
#95 Black Hymnal

- * Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"
- * Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

"The Summons"
#2130 Black Hymnal

BENEDICTION

RESPONSE

"Shalom to You"
#666 Blue Hymnal

POSTLUDE

"Little Toccata"
Colin Curtis

Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

³The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying,²Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.³So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, 'Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10 When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Gary Armstrong Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
Diane Logan, Organist
Shelley Ellerston, Wesley Ringers
Liz Johnson and Dave Gardner, Chancel Choir
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
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Mark 1: 14-20

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God,¹⁵ and saying, 'The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;* repent, and believe in the good news.'¹⁶ As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him.¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets.²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Wesley Ringers is in need of some substitute bell ringers. Music reading ability (notes, rhythms) is required, but a knowledge of bell-ringing is not needed. We can teach you! It is a great group of people, a fun activity and a wonderful way of sharing your God-given talents in the worship experience.

If you are interested, please contact Shelley Ellerston at 573-5388 or e-mail ellermus@frontiernet.net



Teens for Tomorrow will have a lock-in on Friday, January 27. The lock-in will begin at 7 PM Friday night and end at 10 AM Saturday morning. This lock-in is open to any student who has attended a Teens for Tomorrow event this year. Each student is allowed to bring one friend. RSVP to Jennifer at the church office by.

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. **January's offering will go to The Salvation Army.**

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 flower chart for 2012 has been posted on the kiosk in the back of the sanctuary. Please take a moment to sign up for a Sunday to provide flowers or altar grains to grace the sanctuary. Flowers are often given in memory of a loved one, the birthday or anniversary of a family member or friend, or simply no reason at all. If you have any questions about the flower chart and how it works, please contact Becky in the church office and she will be happy to talk with you about it.

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.



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

Sun, Jan 22

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship
5:45 pm UMYF

Mon, Jan 23

9:00 am Pew Crew
10:00 am Memorial Committee
12:00 pm Al-Anon
3:30 pm Beacon of Hope Meal

Tues, Jan 24

8:00 am Prayer Group
9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, Jan 25

8:30 am Women's Bible Study
3:30 pm Discovery Gang

Wed, Jan 25 Cont'd

4:45 pm Joyful Noise
5:30 pm King's Kids
6:00 pm Wesley Ringers
7:00 pm Chancel Choir

Thurs, Jan 26

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Administrative Council

Fri, Jan 27

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sat, Jan 28

3:00 pm Saturday Night Dinner
Out

Sun, Jan 29

8:45 am Sunday School
10:00 am Worship

Greeters:

Jerry & Beth Schnurr (West Door)
Bonnie Kersten (East Door)



Liturgist

Jan Krass

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