

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH



Fort Dodge, IA

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

June 26, 2011

2nd 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

"Prelude in Classic Style"
Gordon Young

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 (from Psalm 62)**

Leader: Let all that I am wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him.

People: He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress where I will not be shaken. My victory and honor come from God alone. He is my refuge, a rock where no enemy can reach me.

Leader: O my people, trust in him at all times. Pour out your heart to him, for God is our refuge.

People: God has spoken plainly, and I have heard it many times: Power, O God, belongs to you; unfailing love, O Lord, is yours. Surely you repay all people according to what they have done.

***OPENING HYMN**

"The Church's One Foundation"
#545 Black Hymnal
Vs 1,2, 4,& 5

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

A Prayer of Community (Unison):

We come this morning from different pathways to celebrate a common belief: that we are your children. You sent your Son so that we might know a way of life and living that guides us closer to you. This day and every day we are challenged with distractions. Help us to use this time together in this place to find a new-found focus in our faith and in our walk with you. Let us set aside the noise of our daily lives as we listen for your Good News to us in our worship today. When we find ourselves at a loss for words to offer in our conversation with you, we remember the prayer Jesus gave us when he said:

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.

***THE GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be To the Father"
#70 Blue Hymnal

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

KIDS' 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.

CELEBRATING THE RITUAL OF CONFIRMATION

Pg 33 for the ritual and congregational responses

Our Confirmation Class has been meeting each week and have each affirmed their faith, and their desire to be confirmed and to become full members of this congregation. We celebrate the confirmation of: Steven Paul, son of Tom and Kris Paul.

SPECIAL MUSIC

"There is a Balm in Gilead"
Mark Hayes
Julie Larson, Vocal Solo

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Zechariah 10: 6-12

PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING

The Offertory

"Bist de bei mir"
(Thou Art My Joy)
J.S. Bach

Julie Larson, Vocal Solo

*The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings
Flow"

#95 Blue Hymnal

*The Prayer of Dedication

NEW TESTAMENT READING

2 Corinthians 4: 5-18

***SONG OF PREPARATION**

"Standing on the Promises"
#374 Black Hymnal
Vs. 1, 2 & 4

A READING FROM THE GOSPEL

Matthew 7: 24-29

MESSAGE

"...We're Still Here"
Scott Johnston

***Affirmation of Faith (from *The World Methodist Social Affirmation*) (Unison)**

We believe in God, creator of the world and of all people; and in Jesus Christ, incarnate among us, who died and rose again; and in the Holy Spirit, present with us to guide, strengthen, and comfort.

We believe; God, help our unbelief.

We rejoice in every sign of God's kingdom:

in the upholding of human dignity and community;

in every expression of love, justice, and reconciliation;

in each act of self-giving on behalf of others;

in the abundance of God's gifts entrusted to us that all might have enough.

Glory be to God on High; and on earth,

Peace.

***Sending Forth to do God's Work**

***POSTLUDE**

"Toccata for Today"
Gerald Peterson

Zechariah 10:6-12 (The Message)

"I'll put muscle in the people of Judah; I'll save the people of Joseph. I know their pain and will make them good as new. They'll get a fresh start, as if nothing had ever happened. And why? Because I am their very own God, I'll do what needs to be done for them. The people of Ephraim will be famous, their lives brimming with joy. Their children will get in on it, too— oh, let them feel blessed by God! I'll whistle and they'll all come running. I've set them free—oh, how they'll flourish! Even though I scattered them to the far corners of earth, they'll remember me in the faraway places. They'll keep the story alive in their children, and they will come back. I'll bring them back from the Egyptian west and round them up from the Assyrian east. I'll bring them back to sweet Gilead, back to leafy Lebanon. Every square foot of land will be marked by homecoming. They'll sail through troubled seas, brush aside brash ocean waves. Roaring rivers will turn to a trickle. Gaudy Assyria will be stripped bare, bully Egypt exposed as a fraud. But my people—oh, I'll make them strong, God-strong! And they'll live my way." God says so!

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
Diane Logan, Organist
Mike Richardson, Choir Director
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
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2 Corinthians 4:5-18 (The Message)

Remember, our Message is not about ourselves; we're proclaiming Jesus Christ, the Master. All we are is messengers, errand runners from Jesus for you. It started when God said, "Light up the darkness!" and our lives filled up with light as we saw and understood God in the face of Christ, all bright and beautiful. If you only look at us, you might well miss the brightness. We carry this precious Message around in the unadorned clay pots of our ordinary lives. That's to prevent anyone from confusing God's incomparable power with us. As it is, there's not much chance of that. You know for yourselves that we're not much to look at. We've been surrounded and battered by troubles, but we're not demoralized; we're not sure what to do, but we know that God knows what to do; we've been spiritually terrorized, but God hasn't left our side; we've been thrown down, but we haven't broken. What they did to Jesus, they do to us—trial and torture, mockery and murder; what Jesus did among them, he does in us—he lives! Our lives are at constant risk for Jesus' sake, which makes Jesus' life all the more evident in us. While we're going through the worst, you're getting in on the best! We're not keeping this quiet, not on your life. Just like the psalmist who wrote, "I believed it, so I said it," we say what we believe. And what we believe is that the One who raised up the Master Jesus will just as certainly raise us up with you, alive. Every detail works to your advantage and to God's glory: more and more grace, more and more people, more and more praise! So we're not giving up. How could we! Even though on the outside it often looks like things are falling apart on us, on the inside, where God is making new life, not a day goes by without his unfolding grace. These hard times are small potatoes compared to the coming good times, the lavish celebration prepared for us. There's far more here than meets the eye. The things we see now are here today, gone tomorrow. But the things we can't see now will last forever.

Matthew 7:24-29 (The Message)

"These words I speak to you are not incidental additions to your life, homeowner improvements to your standard of living. They are foundational words, words to build a life on. If you work these words into your life, you are like a smart carpenter who built his house on solid rock. Rain poured down, the river flooded, a tornado hit—but nothing moved that house. It was fixed to the rock. "But if you just use my words in Bible studies and don't work them into your life, you are like a stupid carpenter who built his house on the sandy beach. When a storm rolled in and the waves came up, it collapsed like a house of cards." When Jesus concluded his address, the crowd burst into applause. They had never heard teaching like this. It was apparent that he was living everything he was saying—quite a contrast to their religion teachers! This was the best teaching they had ever heard.

The July/August Upper Room
Devotionals are available near
the church entryways or
can also be picked up at
the church office.

Small Print \$.75
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The flower chart for 2011 has been posted on the kiosk, please take a moment to sign up for a Sunday of your choice to provide flowers to adorn the altar. The flowers may be taken home for your family to enjoy after the service.

We have lots of empty spaces on the chart—let's try to get it full!!

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.

We Need Your Help!

We are looking for volunteers for special music for this summer. We still have a few Sundays open—July 31st and August 28th. If you or someone you know is interested, please contact Mike Richardson at 955-5355.





The Other Mountain Remnant

First United Methodist Church
Monday, June 27th, 2011
7:00 P.M.

Come enjoy some bluegrass
and gospel music!



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*Altar flowers today
are given by
Jane Allen*



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. June's offering will go to Lord's Cupboard. 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!

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

Sun, June 26

10:00 am Worship

Mon, June 27

9:00 am Pew Crew
12:00 pm Al-Anon
6:00 pm SSS—Riverside
7:00 pm The Other Mountain Rem-
nant Concert

Tues, June 28

9:00 am Staff Meeting
11:00 am SSS—1st Congregational
12:00 pm AA
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Wed, June 29

7:30 am Men's Bible Study
8:30 am Women's Bible Study
11:00 am SSS—Skateboard

Thurs, June 30

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
11:00 am SSS—AFES
5:30 pm SSS—1st Christian

Fri, July 1

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard

Sat, July 2

11:00 am SSS—Oleson Park

Sun, July 3

10:00 am Worship



Greeters:

Bill and Nancy Bolton (West Door)
Jan Allard (East Door)

Liturgist

Jane Allen



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