

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Fort Dodge, IA



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

May 29, 2011

6th Sunday of Easter

**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

*"Onward, Christian Soldiers" with
"Battle Hymn of the Republic"
Arthur Sullivan
Arr. Carol Tornquist*

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 66)

Leader: Bless our God, O peoples. Let the sound of God's praise be heard!
Praise God who has kept us among the living and had not let our feet slip.

PEOPLE: I WILL COME TO YOUR HOUSE WITH BURNT OFFERINGS; I WILL PAY MY VOWS. I WILL KEEP MY PROMISES MADE WHEN I WAS IN TROUBLE.

Leader: Come and hear, all you who worship God, and I will tell what God has done for me.

PEOPLE: I CRIED ALOUD TO GOD, WHO WAS HIGHLY PRAISED WITH MY TONGUE.

Leader: If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened. But truly God has listened.

PEOPLE: TRULY GOD HAS LISTENED! BLESSED BE GOD, WHO HAS NOT REJECTED MY PRAYER OR REMOVED STEADFAST LOVE FROM ME.

***OPENING HYMN**

"We Sing to You, O God"
#2001 Black 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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

KIDS' MOMENT

Jenifer 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

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Arr. Curry

Mary Heimbruch, Dave Gardner, Jim Ellerston
Shelley Ellerston & Rev. Stephen Bibb

MEMORIAL DAY PRAYER

A READING FROM THE EPISTLES

1 Peter 3: 13-22

***HYMN OF PREPARATION**

"Baptized in Water"

#2248 Black Hymnal

A READING FROM THE GOSPELS

John 14: 15-21

MESSAGE

"Those Who Love Me—Jesus"

Rev. Stephen J. Bibb

PRESENTING OF OUR TITHES, GIFTS AND OFFERING

The Offertory

"Blessed Assurance"

Arr. Curry

Mary Heimbruch, Dave Gardner, Jim Ellerston
Shelley Ellerston & Rev. Stephen Bibb

*The Doxology

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

#95 Blue Hymnal

*The Prayer of Dedication

***CLOSING HYMN**

"As a Fire Is Meant for Burning"

#2237 Black Hymnal

***THE PASTORAL CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***POSTLUDE**

"Soon and Very Soon"

Andrae Crouch

Arr. Carol Tornquist

John 14: 15-21

¹⁵ 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸ 'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

Your Staff:

The Congregation, The Ministers
Stephen Bibb Pastor
Becky Ostheimer, Administrative Assist.
Jennifer Peterson, Program Coordinator
Diane Logan, Organist
Mike Richardson, Choir Director
Liz Johnson and Amy Champagne,
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1 Peter 3: 13-22

¹³ Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴ But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵ but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defence to anyone who demands from you an account of the hope that is in you; ¹⁶ yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷ For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸ For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹ in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰ who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. ²¹ And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²² who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

Please join us in celebrating
Andy Moore's
Graduation

Sunday May 29th, 2011
from 4-7p.m.
First United Methodist
127 N. 10th Street
Fort Dodge, Iowa



*Thank you for your thoughtfulness.
The red and white flowers were
very beautiful. They added just the
right touch to our sad day. Again,
many thanks,*

Marg Ruppert and Family

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. If you would like to volunteer or know someone who would like to sing and/or play for a service during the summer months, please contact Mike Richardson at 955-5355.



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. May's offering will go to Sidewalk Sunday School. 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

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!!

Sunday School Movie Night

Sunday school may be over, but that doesn't mean the fun has to end! Earlier this year in our rotation we learned the story of Jonah. On Friday, June 3, we will be having a movie night for our children and youth who learned that story. We will meet in Fellowship Hall and watch **Jonah: A Veggie Tales Movie**. We will meet from 6-8 PM. This movie night is for grades kindergarten through 6th. Feel free to invite friends!!!!

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

Sun, May 29

10:00 am Worship
3-6:00 pm Moore Graduation Reception

Fri, June 3

1:30 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Sunday School Movie Night

Mon, May 30 Church Office Closed

Sat, June 4 Annual Conference

Tues, May 31

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard
12:00 pm AA
1:00 pm CIJD
4:00 pm Lord's Cupboard
7:00 pm Boy Scouts

Sun, June 5 Annual Conference

8:00 am UMM
10:00 am Worship

Wed, June 1

7:30 am Men's Bible Study
8:30 am Women's Bible Study
5:30 pm Confirmation

Thur, June 2

9:30 am Lord's Cupboard



Happy Memorial Day!

Mary Williams Fort & Murray Fort (West Door)
Robert VanderMaten & Shielah Gailey (East Door)

Liturgist
Scott Johnston



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