

February 14, 2018



**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:00 am Worship Service**

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**Mission Statement:**

*“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

**Welcome visitors** – We’re glad you’re here. If you’ve not been here before, relax. We aren’t going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself.

If children are with you, that’s wonderful. Jesus loves children, and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children’s activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary and children’s bulletins are on the table.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal** or Bulletin. Inside this bulletin is an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service.

## Together We Come Into God's PRESENCE

\* Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit. (Items in **bold** spoken by congregation)

PRELUDE "Angela's Ashes" Mary Savelkoul

*(Let this be a time when you prepare your heart for worship.)*

GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE (A time of silence)

CALL TO WORSHIP, PRAYER & REPENTENCE

Leader: God calls us from our lives at school, at home, and at work. Drawn into this sacred time and space, we gather for worship, prayer, and repentance.

**People: Reluctantly, we come seeking to dwell in God's presence. We give thanks that the Lord is the source of all that is good.**

Leader: God calls us to renew ourselves, and the way we live our lives. In this place, we gather with others who are searching for meaning.

**People: Let us silently discover the ways we may center our lives on Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.**

*(Pause in Silence as the altar candles are lit.)*

Leader: Let us now revel in the richness and diversity of our life in Jesus Christ. Amen.

\* OPENING SONG "Sanctuary" No. 2164

## God Calls Us to PRAY

(The paper insert in your bulletin includes space to write prayer concerns.)

UNISON PRAYER No. 353

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

## We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

\* SCRIPTURE READING Luke 4: 1-14 (CEB)

Leader: The Inspired Word of God for the people of God. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "Tempted Like Christ" Pastor Jenny

SONG OF PREPARATION "Change My Heart O God" No. 2152

LITANY OF CONFESSION (Based on Psalm 51)

Leader: The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken heart – one filled with regret and remorse – God will not despise it. We are a broken people. Trusting in God's mending ways, let us now confess our sins before God and one another:

**People: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin. For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me.**

Leader: Against You, Lord, You alone, have I sinned, and done what is evil in Your sight. You are, indeed, justified in Your sentence and blameless when You pass judgment.

**People:** Certainly, I was born guilty, a sinner when my mother conceived me. You desire truth in the inward being; therefore teach me wisdom in my secret heart.

**Leader:** Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have crushed rejoice. Hide Your face from my wickedness, and blot out all my sins.

**People:** Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me. Do not cast me away from your presence, and do not take your holy spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and sustain in me a willing spirit.

(On the slips of paper, write your sins. When you come forward for the imposition of ashes, bring the slips of paper to the front and tuck them among the rocks of the standing cross.)

#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

**Leader:** O Lord, open our lips as our mouths declare your praise.

**People:** The Lord creates in us clean hearts; God puts new and right spirits within us. We are not cast away from the presence of the Holy One, and the Holy Spirit is not taken from us. In Christ, we are restored to the joy of God's salvation; and by God's grace, our spirits are remade to follow God's will. Thanks be to God! (Pause in Silence)

#### IMPOSITION OF ASHES

Pastor Jenny and Melinda Stonebraker

READER'S THEATER "Questioning Ash Wednesday, Questioning Lent"

#### Experiencing the Generosity of God by the Giving and Receiving of GIFTS

OFFERTORY "Without Seeing You" Chancel Choir

*(Loose offering will be given to Friends of the Animals Shelter)*

\* PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND THANKS

**Let Us Pray:** Gracious God, we have sought recognition from others for our devotion, and yet we quickly turn away from You when it was not convenient. We have taken pride in our giving, but we regularly spend more on ourselves. We have congratulated ourselves for caring about our neighbors, but we have failed to be there for them when they really needed us. Receive these offerings in the spirit of Your Son, who taught us that where our heart is, there our treasure will be also. Lord, You are the treasure of our lives. Help us to honor You and be more like You each day. Amen.

#### We Are Sent Forth for God's SERVICE to the World

\* SONG OF SENDING "More Like You" No. 2167

\* BLESSING AND SENDING

**Leader:** Go forth into the world in the strength of God's mercy, to live and serve in the newness of life.

**People:** We are sent in Christ's name, the Lamb of God, who laid down His life for all of us. We pray that the Lord will order our days in peace and grace. Thanks be to God. Amen.

\* POSTLUDE "Forty Days and Forty Nights" Mary Savelkoul

## *Special Announcements*

Beginning February 18 - Revival by Adam Hamilton. Group studies available.

**New Member Gathering** - Are you interested in learning more about membership at First United Methodist Church? Join Pastor Jenny for snacks and conversation in Room 113 at 11:15am on **February 18**.

## **2018 Confirmands & Leaders**

### **CONFIRMANDS**

Ava Bodlt  
Molly Chapman  
Connor Christian  
Kaitlyn Curry  
Morgan Lanning  
Margaret O'Leary  
Kevin Rogstad  
Baily Roth

Caden Schmidt  
Kayla Walter  
Mack Walter  
Davis Webb

### **LEADERS**

Emma Russell  
Melissa Roth  
Pastor Jenny

## **Sunday Schedule**

8:15-8:45 am - Choir Kids Practice	10:00 Worship Service
8:45-9:45 am -Adult GIGs, Adult Classes, Youth Sunday School and Children's Sunday School	11:00-11:30 am Fellowship - Dining Room for all ages.
9:45-10:00 am - Fellowship-Gathering Place for all ages.	11:15 am-12:15 pm – New Adult Classes and GIGs meet 11:15 am New Member Gathering

## ***Church Staff***

Jenny Seylar - Pastor	Melinda Stonebraker - Discipleship Ministries Director
Greg Brown- Administrative Ministries Coordinator, Christian Chaos Director	
Don Griffith - Custodian	Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director
Jo Brown, Dee Wallace & Mary Savelkoul- Accompanists	
Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director	
Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Director/Teacher	