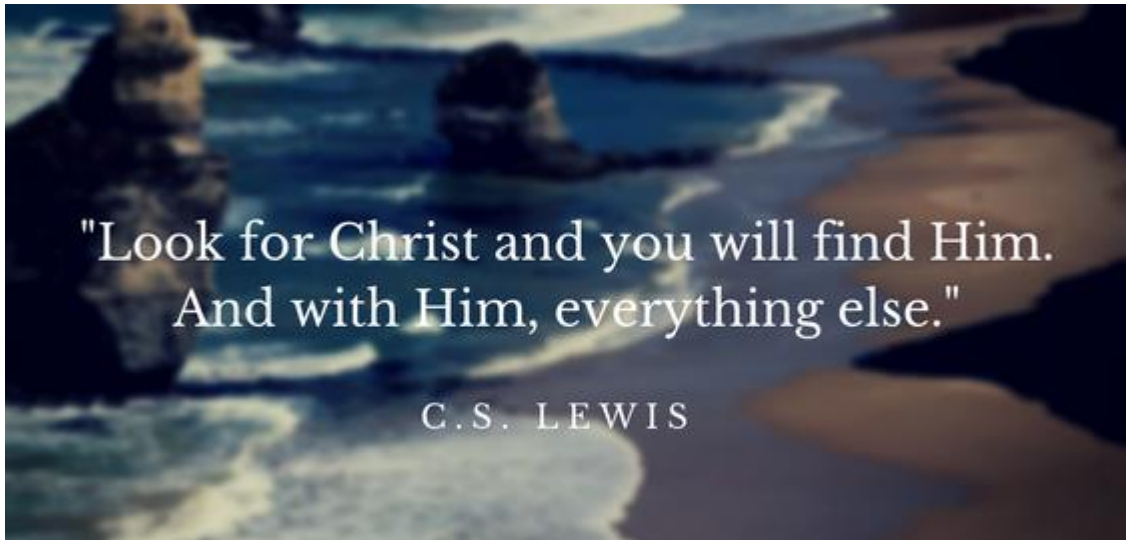


March 5, 2017



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30am Worship Service

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Mission Statement:

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

Welcome visitors – Whether you’re here with friends or relatives, or if you’re here by a mysterious, guiding hand, **welcome!** 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 you’re new to First UMC, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... help yourself or just ask someone!

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; a special children’s time, “From a Child’s Point of View,” and children’s bulletins are on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you’d prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is to have an usher provide an escort.

Ask an usher about using a **hearing assist device**; or for a **large print Hymnal**.

Inside this bulletin is a an insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service. Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the Gathering Place before worship and in the Dining Room at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

Together We Come Into God's **PRESENCE**

* Indicates to Rise in body or in spirit.

PRELUDE

Organ

Jo Brown

WELCOME AND GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR (*Announcement sheets available at back.*)
ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXPLANATION OF INSERTS

* SONG OF PRAISE "He Leadeth Me: O Blessed Thought" # 128 Vs. 1,2,3
Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell (*The Light of Christ enters our worship*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

L: We gather together on the first Sunday of Lent in the Name of God.

P: The Lord leads us away from the distractions of the world around us.

L: The Lenten season beckons us to become a more faithful follower of Christ.

P: We ask Jesus to transform our lives as we grow in devotion and faith.

Let us worship God in the unity of the Holy Spirit.

ACT OF PRAISE "When We Worship God through Music" Chancel Choir

FROM A CHILD'S POINT of VIEW Brian Heil
(Today's pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions for gas to Louisiana. Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

BLESSING OF MISSION TRIP GROUP TO LOUISIANA See Responses on Slides

BAPTISM AND THE RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS UMH pg. 33-39

God Calls Us to **PRAY**

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let Us Pray: **Gracious God, In love You created us, and in love You sustain us, day after day. So it is with confidence that we bring our prayers to You, knowing that You hear us, and will respond. We offer our prayers for the world around us. We pray for those who struggle with the challenges of everyday life. Help us to guide and support one another as we each face barriers. Grant us compassion and humility in our relationships. Finally, help us to go deeper with Christ as we discover Your grace all around us. In Your Name we pray, Amen.**

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION

THE 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.

* PRAYER SONG

"Take Our Bread"

#640

We Proclaim Christ's *WITNESS* Through the Word

*EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 12: 1-3 (The Message)

MESSAGE

"Looking Within"

Pastor Jenny Seylar

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

HOLY COMMUNION See Responses on Slides

OFFERTORY

"Taste and See"

Chancel Choir

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

Let Us Pray: **Jesus, thank you! You have fed us with Yourself so that we will be bound to You in love. Help us to accept Your gift of salvation, and guide us to overcome every temptation that seeks to bind us to the powers of evil. In the power of the Holy Spirit, keep our bonds with You strong. In response to Your gifts, we offer back to You these offerings, that they might bring blessings to many. In Your Loving Name we pray, Amen.**

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

*SONG OF SENDING

"Take Time To Be Holy"

#395 Vs. 1, 3

*BLESSING AND SENDING

L: As we depart from worship, let us not depart from Christ's presence.

P: Help us to find time to be holy, looking within to find Jesus.

L: Following the Lord is a daily discipline,

P: So we ask the guiding of the Holy Spirit each day.

L: Go now, filled with the Lord's love.

P: We go in peace, grace, and love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Organ

Please join us in the dining room after worship for Fellowship Coffee. Everyone is welcome!

**Our mission work team will be on mission March 11-18 in Louisiana.
Join in the work of Christ by remembering them often in your prayers.**

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos

Andrew Allen - Xn Chaos Accompanist

Don Griffith - Custodian

Melinda Stonebraker - Administrative Ministries Coordinator

Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director

Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director

Jess Goodenow-Little Friends Preschool Director

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Megan Coppess-Little Friends Preschool Teacher

Jo Brown & Dee Wallace - Accompanists

Jenny Seylar - Pastor

March 5 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Ava & Owen Boldt
Children's Lesson: Brian Heil
Liturgist: Lois Salmonson
Ushers: Sherry Willey, Rosalyn Hill, Gary Eichhorn
Greeters: Licht Family
Nursery: Rogstad Family
PowerPoint: Ethan Seylar
Fellowship Coffee: J & Roberta Gesling, Pat Fankhauser
Communion Stewards: Renee Mente

March 12 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Owen & Emmett Steinman
Children's Lesson: Renee Mente
Liturgist: Ron Salmonson
Ushers: Glicks
Greeters: Steve & Cheryl Person
Nursery: Kris Clark
PowerPoint: Renee Mente
Fellowship Coffee: Larry & Berrie Glick, Gail Fleming

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Race Hall, Rex Idlewine, Sandy Kreinbring, Bob Whitlatch

Healing: Ellen Fear, Jerry Ferguson, Frances Ford, Marvin Ford, Bob Gould, Arlene Hein, Jen Johnson, Carsten Kime, Chris Kuehl, Chuck & Renate Lee (Berrie Glick's bro, sis-in-law), Ted Licht, Erma Lyle, Lynn McIntosh, Brady Miller (Sherry Willey's grandson), Taylor Miller (Sherry Willey's granddaughter), Melissa Roth, Mike Smith, Dawn Spickermann, Karen Streffling, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Individuals & Families experiencing loss, especially
Denise Cartwright (and her mom, Marilyn) after the loss of step-dad, Gary Taylor; and loss of uncle David Hammer
The family of Ron Schroeder after the loss of his father Roger; grandchildren are Ashley Wubben and Ryne Schroeder
Comstock family
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.
Persons & families of incarceration
Persons in employment limbo
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Gary Davis (Penny Webb's dad), Kevin Lewis, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Jerry Swinton, Jon Williams

Hospice/Palliative Care: Joe Cheshareck (Gail Fleming's bro-in-law), Bernice Eisele (Mike's mother) @ St. Cloud, MN

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Kyle Marchik, Kaitlyn McKinney, Corey Ormsby, Chris Paul, Dave Russell

February 26: Sunday School 73, \$9.55; Worship 91, General fund \$1,373.00, Upper room \$3.11, Marriage on Tap \$50.00, Missions \$25.00, Copper Kettle \$42.43, Mission Work Trip \$33.90,
GRAND TOTAL \$1,527.44

This Week:

Sun, Mar. 5: 7:45am Prayer at Gathering Place, 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship: receiving new members, baptism, and blessing of mission trip team

Mon, Mar. 6: 6:45 am Missions Meeting; 7:00 pm PEO

Tues, Feb 7: 1:00 pm GIG,

Wed, Mar. 8: 1:30 pm Bible Study, 6:00 pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG, 7:00 pm Choir

Thurs, Mar. 9 : 9:30 am Communion at Cedar Manor, 10:00 am GIG, 6:30 pm Chaos Rehearsal
Friday, Mar. 10: 11:00 am Shared Blessings

Sun, Mar. 12: 7:45am Prayer at gathering place, 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 2:30 pm Kids for Christ , 6:00 pm Dominoes