

March 12, 2017

Noticing God

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

"Your Grace is Enough"

Christian Chaos

WELCOME AND GREETING YOUR NEIGHBOR (*Announcement sheets available at back.*)

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXPLANATION OF INSERTS

* SONG OF PRAISE

"Shine, Jesus, Shine"

No. 2173

Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell (*The Light of Christ enters our worship*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather today having come from a variety of circumstances.

People: We come tired, weary, awake, and energized.

L: No matter how we have gathered, we do so as Christ's people,

P: Confident that the Lord is looking out for us.

L: Help us to see Jesus in one another,

P: So the others will see Jesus in us.

ACT OF PRAISE

Choir Kids

FROM A CHILD'S POINT of VIEW

Renee Mente

(The pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

God Calls Us to **PRAY**

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: **God, we thank You that You are the rock and salvation in our lives. Forgive us when we are so complacent in our living that we miss the glimpses of You in the world around us. Keep us awake, we pray, so that we will notice Your mighty acts. When our faith grows weary, strengthen us. When our faith grows fearful, give us courage. When the faith of others falters, help us to be a light in their darkness. We pray all this in Your Son's Holy Name, Amen.**

SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

(Please use microphone so all may hear)

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

"Lord Listen to Your Children Praying"

No. 2193

We Proclaim Christ's WITNESS Through the Word

* GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 13: 32-37 (NIV)

MESSAGE

"Noticing God"

Ron Salmonson, Brian Heil, and Denise Cartwright

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

OFFERTORY

Christian Chaos

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let Us Pray: **Holy God, You delight in creating life and beauty. Thank You for the abundant grace that You so freely give. Let our church be a community that lives by this good news: even our faith in Jesus Christ is a gift we receive. Use these offerings to further our church's mission, providing opportunities for people to grow in wisdom and to spread the harmony of Your peace. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

* SONG OF SENDING "The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve"

No. 2241

* BLESSING AND SENDING

Leader: As our worship service ends, let us continue to worship God in all we do.

People: Noticing God at work in our lives helps us worship at home, work and play.

L: Depart now filled with the Holy Spirit.

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

POSTLUDE

"Sing, Sing, Sing"

Christian Chaos

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 12 Sunday Servants

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

March 19 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Gavin Roth & Lea Stonebraker
Children's Lesson: Kris Clark
Liturgist: Lorna Muller
Ushers: Adam, Katie, & Danica Rippentrop, Mindy Williams
Greeters: Larry & Kathy Houstman
Nursery: Rogstad family
PowerPoint: Melinda Stonebraker
Fellowship Coffee: Houstmans & Stonebrakers

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Rex Idlewine, 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, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Individuals & Families experiencing loss, especially
Kim Kreinbring and family after loss of Sandy March 4
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

March 5: Sunday School 80, \$7.00;
Worship 120, General fund \$3,523.00,
Upper room \$6.25, Apportionments
\$110.00, GIG Books \$90.00, Marriage
on Tap \$25.00, Copper Kettle \$174.73,
Ash Wednesday \$322.00, Missions Fat
Tuesday \$548.64, UMCOR 10.00,
GRAND TOTAL \$4,809.62

This Week:

Sunday, March 12th

7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids,
9:00 am Sunday School, 10:30 am
Worship, 2:30 pm Kids for Christ, 6:00
pm Dominoes

Monday, March 13th

6:30 pm Chaos

Tuesday, March 14th

1:00 pm GIG

Wednesday, March 15th

6:00 pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG,
7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 16th

10:00 am GIG, 5:30 pm Potato Supper,
6:30 pm Trustees

Sun, Mar. 19: 7:45am Prayer at
gathering place, 8:30am Choir Kids,
9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am
Worship

March 11-18 Mission Work Trip
is on mission in Louisiana.