

March 26, 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

Christian Chaos

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND EXPLANATION OF INSERTS

* SONG OF PRAISE "Just a Little Talk with Jesus" No. 3107
Lighting of the Candles & Ringing of the Bell (*The Light of Christ enters our worship*)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Spirit of God, enlighten our hearts to Your Divine presence.

People: Help our worship to be pleasing to You, O Lord.

L: Gathering in Your Name opens our hearts and minds to the possibilities.

P: Help us to experience communion with You and one another.

MISSION TRIP SHARING & UMCOR FLOOD BUCKETS

ACT OF PRAISE

Choir Kids

FROM A CHILD'S POINT of VIEW

Pastor Jenny

(The pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions. This week, money collected will be for United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR). Use this time to complete your small insert to be put in the offering plate later in worship.)

God Calls Us to **PRAY**

* PRAYER SONG

"Change My Heart, O God"

No. 2152

PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Let us Pray: **Glorious God, Jesus reminds us that You so loved the world: You love the sparrows, the mountain lions, the fish, and the people. You so loved the world: loved enough to become one of us, enough to suffer along with us, enough to offer us new life. Thank You for sending Your Son, Jesus, whose death on the cross brings us everlasting healing. Change our hearts, O God, so that we will be renewed in the Holy Spirit. 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.

We Proclaim Christ's **WITNESS** Through the Word

* GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-18, The Message

MESSAGE

"Embracing Change"

Pastor Jenny Seylar

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

OFFERTORY

Christian Chaos

* PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Let Us Pray: **God of grace, though we know we do not deserve it, You love us so much that You give us precious gifts. We tend to give gifts cautiously, to give gifts of minimal value, to give gifts from what remains after lavishing gifts on ourselves. You gave Your only Son, so that in believing, we would have eternal life. Our gifts today seem so small, but You can multiply them through hearts that have been warmed and softened, and with them, You can change the world. Change us, the givers, in the process. In Christ, we pray. Amen.**

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

* SONG OF SENDING

"Sent Out in Jesus' Name"

No. 2184

* BLESSING AND SENDING

Leader: As our worship service ends, let us rejoice that God so loves the world!

People: We open our hearts to the Savior, believing in eternal life.

L: May God send you back into the world refreshed and ready to serve.

P: We go filled with the Holy Spirit and guided by Christ's love. Amen.

POSTLUDE

Christian Chaos

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

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 26 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Noah Johnson & Anton Slach
Children's Lesson: Pastor Jenny
Liturgist: Ruel Wehde
Ushers: Glicks & Mullers
Greeters: Bob & Barb Rickard
Nursery: Kris Clark
PowerPoint: Carmen Hoffman
Fellowship Coffee: Kim Cross & Twyla Hein,

April 2 Sunday Servants

Acolytes: Gwen VanScoy & Danica Rippentrop
Children's Lesson: Glenn Fear
Liturgist: Larry Glick
Ushers:
Greeters: Phil & Patti Seydel
Nursery: Rogstad Family
PowerPoint: Becky Young create; Dale Seylar run
Fellowship Coffee: Judy Ohrt, Lin Hannes

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures: Pat Fankhauser, 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), Steve Person, Dawn Spickermann, Jim Thiele (L. Salmonson's bro), Ruel Wehde, 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
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), Clara Italiano, 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 19: Sunday School 41, \$3.50; Worship 103, General Fund \$2,667.00, Apportionments \$10.00, Gig books \$10.00, Marriage on Tap \$50.00, Shared Blessings \$275.00, Copper Kettle \$54.55
GRAND TOTAL \$3,066.55

This Week:

Sunday, March 26: 7:45 am Prayer, 8:30 am Choir Kids, 9:00 am Sunday School, 10:30 am Worship

Monday, March 27: 6:30 pm Chaos

Tuesday, March 28: 1:00 pm GIG, 2:00 pm Prairie Hills Program, 7:00 pm Creative Worship Meeting

Wednesday, March 29: 8:00 am Holy Folders, 1:30 pm Bible Study, 6:00 pm Hand Chimes, 6:30 pm GIG, 7:00 pm Choir

Thursday, March 30: 10:00 am GIG, 6:30 pm Priscilla Circle

Sun, April 2: 7:45am Prayer at gathering place, 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship