



Fort Des Moines United Methodist Church is committed to the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:19-20: **“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.”**

Fort Des Moines is a caring community of people who will care for you regardless of who you are. If you are looking for a place where Christ’s love is evident and God’s grace is offered to all, then I hope you will join us for worship and fellowship.

If you are visiting today, we hope that you feel welcome. The worship service is our gift to you. Following this service you are invited to join us for coffee, fellowship and Sunday School.

We welcome children in our worship. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. The cry room is located on the left at the top of the stairs and the nursery is located to the right at the top of the stairs.

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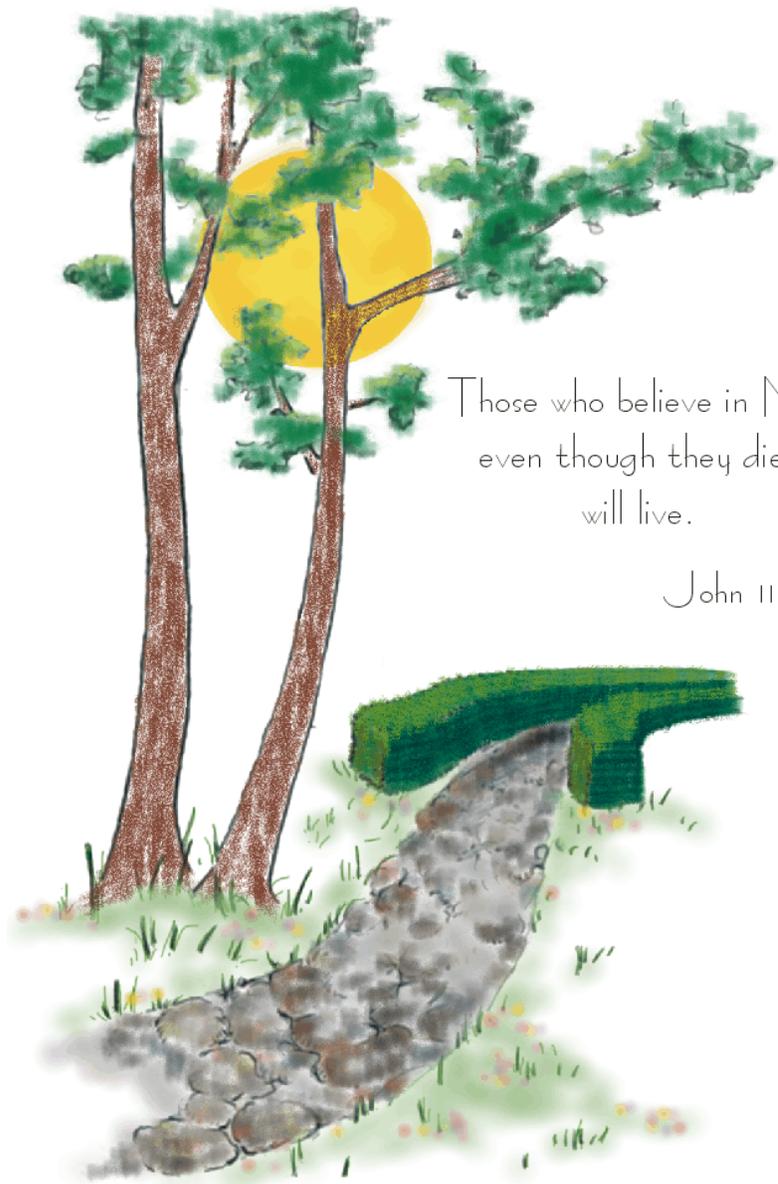
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m.

Sunday School & Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

Fifth Sunday in Lent

April 2, 2017



Those who believe in Me,
even though they die,
will live.

John 11:25

** Please stand as you are able*

Gathering Music

Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Introit UMH #503

“Let it Breathe on Me”

Call to Worship

Leader: Return, people of God, for renewal; come to the source of life for new breath.

People: God has heard our voices and listened to us. God’s mercy saves and preserves us.

Leader: Celebrate this time of worship. Rejoice in the Spirit of God which dwells in you.

People: We bring our doubts and fears, our work and worries, to this time of reflection and refreshment.

*Hymn UMH #384

“Love Divine, All Love Excelling”

Unison Prayer

O God, we come to you from valleys where there are dry bones. Sometimes we have passed them by. Sometimes they are in us. Set a vision before us today that the dry bones may hear your word, respond to your breath, and live. Lead us, we pray, to that realm where people are no longer bound but know the freedom of resurrection to new life in Christ. Amen.

Old Testament

Ezekiel 37:1-14 (NIV)

The hand of the Lord was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the Lord and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. He asked me, “Son of man, can these bones live?”

I said, “Sovereign Lord, you alone know.”

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to these bones and say to them, ‘Dry bones, hear the word of the Lord! This is what the Sovereign Lord says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the Lord.’”

So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them.

Then he said to me, “Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.’” So I prophesied as he commanded me,

and breath entered them; they came to live and stood up on their feet—a vast army.

Then he said to me: “Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, ‘Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.’ Therefore prophesy and say to them: ‘This is what the Sovereign Lord says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. Then you, my people, will know that I am the Lord, when I open your graves and bring you up from them, I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the Lord have spoken, and I have done it, declares the Lord.’”

Time with Children of God

Choir Anthem

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, forever. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8: 6-11 (NIV)

The mind governed by the flesh is death, but the mind governed by the Spirit is life and peace. The mind governed by the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God’s law, nor can it do so. Those who are in the realm of the flesh cannot leave God.

You, however, are not in the realm of the flesh but are in the realm of the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God lives in you. And if anyone does not have the Spirit of Christ, they do not belong to Christ. But if Christ is in you, then even though your body is subject to death because of sin, the Spirit gives life because of righteousness. And if the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead is living in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will also give life to your mortal bodies because of his Spirit who lives in you.

***Hymn of Illumination UMH #347**

“Spirit Song”

Gospel Lesson

John 11:1-27 (NIV)

Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. (This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair.) So the sisters sent word to Jesus, “Lord, the one you love is sick.”

When he heard this, Jesus said, “This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God’s glory so that God’ Son may be glorified through it.” Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. So when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed

where he was two more days, and then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

"But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews there tried to stone you, and yet you are going back?"

Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? Anyone who walks in the daytime will not stumble, for they see by this world's light. It is when a person walks at night that they stumble, for they have no light."

After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better." Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.

So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead, and for our sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

Then Thomas (also known as Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem, and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him but Mary stayed at home.

"Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

Martha answered "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even through they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

"Yes, Lord," she replied, "I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Sermon

"God of our Regrets"

Rev. Emmanuel Dass

Presenting our Gifts and Tithes

***Doxology UMH #94**

Prayer of Dedication

We worship you, God of Life, with all we place in these offering plates. Even more we want to devote our time to you, and all the talents you have entrusted to us. Help us to be menders of broken relationships, bearers of your healing Spirit and your love. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Service of Holy Communion

Prayer of Confession

Prayer of Assurance

Partaking of the elements

Hymn UMH #419

"I Am Thine, O Lord"

Benediction

Benediction Response UMH #666

"Shalom to You"

Postlude

Calendar For The Week

Sunday, April 2: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Hour

1:00 p.m. BNTC worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 3: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners Class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Youth Room

Tuesday, April 4: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class in the Youth Room

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Youth Room

7:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 5: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

11:00 a.m. Bible Study in the Library

6:00 p.m. ELL in the Youth Room

7:00 p.m. Choir practice in the Sanctuary

Thursday, April 6: 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 7: 5:00 p.m. BNTC in the Youth Room

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 8: 9:30 a.m. ELL in Children's Classroom

11:00 a.m. BNTC in Youth Room

12:00 p.m. Fellowship Hall in use

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 9: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship (Palm Sunday)

11:00 a.m. Sunday School & Coffee Hour

11:00 a.m. SPPRC meets in Pastor's Office (*Note change of date*)

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

1:30 p.m. 4-H in Fellowship Hall

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Attendance last week: 44

Prayer Concerns: Ft. Des Moines UMC, it's programs and leaders; the Bhutanese Nepali Truth Church, it's programs and leaders; those home bound and their caregivers; and those we especially name: Mildred Zeliadt, Virginia Durham, Leland Kenney, Twilla Dillard, Dean Garland, Sharon Burton, Donna Ness, and Jerry & Brenda Swigert.

Opportunities to Serve

There are always many opportunities to serve at Fort Des Moines. There are a few possibilities listed below, but you are not limited to these. If you have a passion for a certain kind of service or feel God might be calling you to some specific area, please let us know. If you have a particular date that you know would work well for you to be involved in some of these, let us know that as well. Circle the ones that interest you. Thank you.

- Read Scripture
- Acolyte (light the candles)
- Deliver Communion (to shut-ins)
- Sing in the choir
- Help with the Sunday School Program
- Work with altar flowers
- Other ideas:

Women's Christian Fellowship is providing cake for today's coffee hour in honor of Pastor's & Tessie's 37th Wedding Anniversary. Take a few minutes to share a piece of cake and celebrate with Pastor & Tessie.

The Easter Fundraiser is about half done. How are you doing with the counting, multiplying and adding? Keep at it until April 13 and then bring the donation to church with you on Easter Sunday, April 16.

"Walking with God," a seven-session study based on a thorough study of all the occurrences of the Hebrew and Greek words in the Old and New Testaments which are translated into English as "walk" continues until April 26. Join us!

Next Sunday is the last day to order your Easter Lilies! Cost is \$10.50 and you can find the order form online at www.fdmumc.org (in the sidebar of the events page) or in the April issue of *The Post-er*. You can also pick up a form from the table in the hall.

Holy Week Schedule:

April 9: Palm Sunday Service at 9:45 a.m.

April 13: Holy Thursday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 14: Good Friday Service at 7:00 p.m.

April 16: Easter Sunday Service at 9:45 a.m.

Come to worship and bring your family and friends!

Your Prayer



Concerns

“In everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let our requests be made known to God” - Philippians 4:6

Let your prayer requests be made known to God through our prayer groups and pastor who will pray for you or ones listed below. Your prayer concerns can be for a church member, a family member, a friend, or yourself. Please fill out below and place it in the offering plate.

Prayer for

Name:

Concern/s:

Welcome!

**We are a community of faith in worship and action,
open to all in the spirit and love of God.**

Please sign the friendship pad in the pew. Everyone is welcome to stay for refreshments and a time of visiting with your church family following the service.

We welcome children in our worship service. However, if necessary, we do have a nursery and cry room on the second floor. It is unattended so you will need to remain with your child. The cry room is located to the left at the top of the stairs and a nursery is located to the right (4th door on your right) at the top of the stairs.

Today's Worship Participants

Rev. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor
Connie Keller - Liturgist
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician
Pamela Schisel - Choir Director
Jim Keller - Ushers
Rod Kent - Sound

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