



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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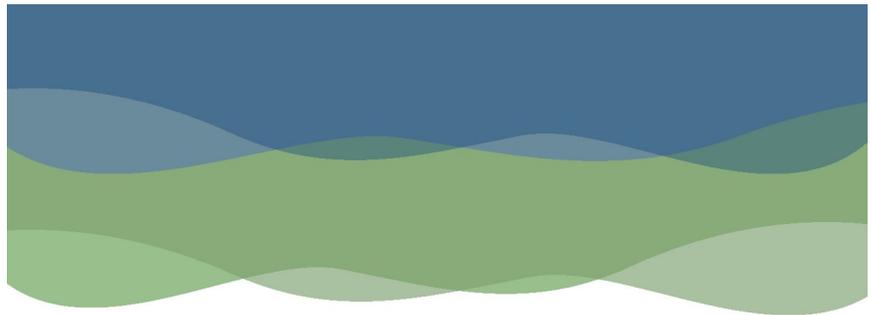
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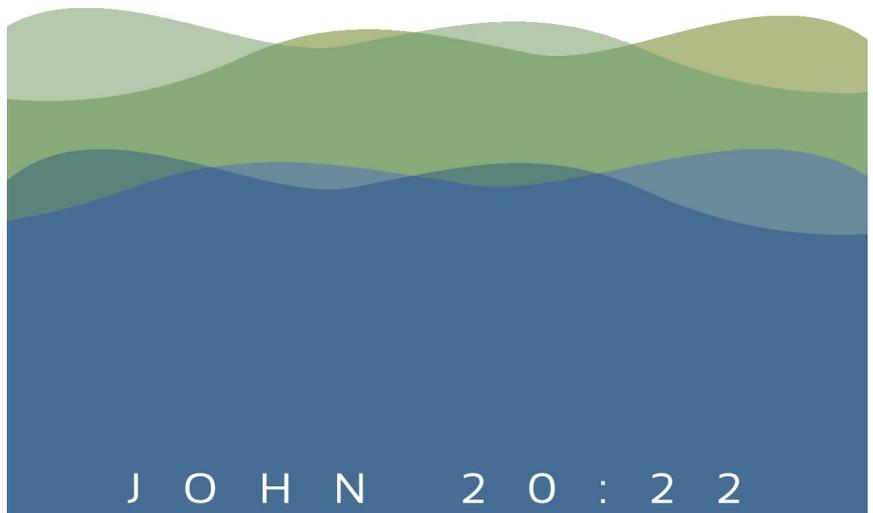
# FORT DES MOINES UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Worship 9:45 a.m.      Sunday School & Fellowship 11:00 a.m.

## Second Sunday of Easter April 23, 2017



He breathed on them  
and said to them,  
**“Receive the Holy Spirit.”**



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*\* Please stand as you are able*

## Gathering Music

### Welcome, Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Introit UMH #393                      *Spirit of the Living God*

### Call to Worship

Leader: We have entered this place in confident expectation. Let us open to the One who greets us here.

**People: God, who is everywhere, welcomes us here; our hearts are filled with joyous anticipation.**

Leader: This is a special place of meeting and inspiration. We are glad for one another in God's awesome presence.

**People: God tests our faith and examines our community; our creator gives us counsel and instructs us.**

Leader: Let us praise our God, revealed to us in Jesus Christ. Glory and honor to the One whose Spirit we receive.

**People: In Christ, we are born anew to a living hope. In the Spirit's blessing, we know true peace.**

\*Hymn UMH #304                      *"Easter People, Raise Your Voices"*

### Unison Prayer

**O Risen Christ, whose presence was real to your first Disciples, come among us in spite of the barriers we erect. Breathe on us that we might receive the Holy Spirit. Lead us to stronger faith, invoke in us a forgiving spirit, and open our eyes to see the signs and wonders of God in our midst, that our service may be empowered. Amen.**

### Responsive Scripture

Psalm 16: 3-9 (NIV)

L: I say of the holy people who are in the land, "They are noble ones in whom is all my delight."

**P: Those who run after other gods will suffer more and more.**

L: I will pour out libations of blood to such gods or take up their names on my lips.

**P: Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure**

L: The boundary lines have fallen for me in pleasant places; surely I have a delightful inheritance.

**P: I will praise the Lord, who counsels me; even at night my heart instructs me.**

L: I keep my eyes always on the Lord.

**P: With him at my right hand, I will not be shaken.**

L: Therefore my heart is glad and my tongue rejoices;

**P: my body also will rest secure.**

## **Time with Children of God**

### **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.**

### **Choir Anthem**

#### **Epistle Lesson**

I Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade. This inheritance is kept in heaven for you, who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time. In all this you greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials. These have come so that the proven genuineness of your faith—of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire—may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed. Though you have not seen him, you love him, and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the end result of your faith, the salvation of your souls.

#### **\*Hymn of Illumination UMH #370**

*"Victory in Jesus"*

#### **Gospel Lesson**

John 20:19-31 (NIV)

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, with the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, "Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you." And with that he breathed on them and said, "Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven."

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord!"

But he said to them, "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach

out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.”

Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.”

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

**Sermon**

Pamela Schisel

**Presenting Our Tithes and Offering**

**\*Doxology** UMH #94

**Prayer of Dedication**

**O God, by whose example giving is a blessed way of Life, fill us now with the exultant joy of your love, which is more precious than gold. May we be bold to proclaim the glorious good news of salvation, with glad hearts and deep trust. We offer our offerings to be blessed in service to the Risen Christ. Amen.**

**Hymn** UMH #310

*“He Lives”*

**Benediction**

**Benediction Response** UMH #666

*“Shalom to You”*

**Postlude**

## Calendar For The Week

Sunday, April 23: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

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

11:00 a.m. Church Council meets in Pastor's office

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Monday, April 24: 9:30 a.m. English Language Learners Class in the Youth Room

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

Tuesday, April 25: 9:30 a.m. ELL Class 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. AA in Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, April 26: 9:30 a.m. ELL in the Youth Room

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

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

Thursday, April 27: 7:30 p.m. Narcotics Anonymous in Fellowship Hall

Friday, April 28: 5:00 p.m. BNTC in the Youth Room

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Saturday, April 29: 9:30 a.m. ELL in Children's Classroom

11:00 a.m. BNTC in Youth Room

4:00 p.m. Community Meal in Fellowship Hall

7:30 p.m. NA in Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 30: 9:45 a.m. UMC Worship

11:00 a.m. Mission Dinner in Fellowship Hall

1:00 p.m. BNTC Worship

8:00 p.m. AA in Fellowship Hall

Attendance last week: 81

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, Leland Kenney, Twilla Dillard, Dean Garland, Sharon Burton, Donna Ness, and Jerry & Brenda Swigert.

Special thanks to Pamela Schisel for leading the service today.

Coffee Hour treats are provided by Mike and Carol Holmes. Thanks for your generosity!

Have you brought your Easter Fundraiser results to church yet? We have received \$748.50 to-date. You may still submit your contribution using a check or cash, but if you use cash, please convert your donation to bills as much as possible (\$5 bill versus 500 pennies, for example) . The Finance Committee thanks you!

## 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:

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Please find the May/June issue of The Upper Room Devotional on the Devotional rack.

If you are interested in serving as a reader (Liturgist) on a Sunday or two during May and June, contact the church office (515-285-6545 or [ftdsmumc@qwestoffice.net](mailto:ftdsmumc@qwestoffice.net)).

Next Sunday, the Women's Christian Fellowship will host a Mission Dinner. Soup and salads will be served. Free-will donations will be accepted. Proceeds will be used by the WCF for various projects.

Native American Ministries will be emphasized next week. Gifts to Native American Ministries fund scholarships for Native American seminarians and strengthen, develop and equip Native American rural, urban and reservation congregations, ministries and communities and annual conference Native American ministries.

Needed: Kathleen Stalker who has been attending here for several weeks, needs rides to and from church. She lives on SE 5th, north of County Line Rd. She likes to stay for Sunday School so her ride home would need to take place after that. If you are interested in becoming a part of Team Kathleen, contact her at 525-2184.

The DMARC Food Pantry Network Warehouse is in need of a **regular volunteer to come in once per week to break down boxes and organize the dock area**. Schedule is flexible and training will be provided. If interested, please contact Daniel Beck at [dbeck@dmarcunited.org](mailto:dbeck@dmarcunited.org) or 515-282-2026.

Upcoming Events:

**Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>** - Park Avenue Christian Church Annual Salad Lunch; 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.; Tickets: \$7 for adults; \$3 for children

**Wednesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>** - Pastor Dass will be providing the church service for Prairie Hills Senior Living at 5815 SE 27<sup>th</sup> St at 10am. Please support the Southside UMC's. Join him for the service and stay after to visit with the residents.

**Sunday, April 30<sup>th</sup>** - Bloomfield UMC is having a Gospel Fest at 3pm. No charge. They are located at 5930 Indianola Ave.

**Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup>** - Blanket Sunday for the 4 Southside United Methodist Churches. Watch for details in the May issue of *The Poster* and upcoming worship bulletins.

Making Plans for the Summer?

Christ Lutheran Church will host VBS the evenings of June 19-23, 6-8:00 p.m. Watch for more information. Everyone welcome!

The 4 South-side Methodist Churches will host VBS on 4 of the Sundays in July, in the afternoons. Watch for more information. Everyone welcome!

Pick your week at Wesley Woods Camp and Retreat Center and register today! There's something for everyone.

**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**

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**Name:**

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**Concern/s:**

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## **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  
Carol Holmes - Liturgist  
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician  
Pamela Schisel - Choir Director  
Jim Keller - Ushers  
Rod Kent - Sound

### **Staff**

Rev. Dr. Emmanuel Dass - Pastor  
Jane White - Administrative Assistant  
Laurie Jenkins - Church Musician  
Chris Wulf - Custodian

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