Upcoming Meetings & Events

- Today: Coffee Minute (11:30), Kids' Crafternoon (11:30), Confirmation Class (11:30)
- March 7: Women's Bible Study (1:00)
- March 8: Wednesday Night (5:45), Choir Practice (7:30)
- March 12: Confirmation Class (11:30)
- March 13-17: Spring Break– **no Bible Study or Wednesday Night**
- March 14: Trustees (6:00), Finance (7:00)
- March 15: Choir Practice (7:30)
- March 19: Confirmation Class (11:30)
- March 21: Women's Bible Study (1:00), Church Council (6:00)
- March 22: Wednesday Night (5:45), Choir Practice (7:30)

Kids Crafternoon Fun! Today following worship until 2:00. Kids will meet in the fellowship hall for lunch, games, and crafts.

Food Pantry Items of the Month

For the month of March, the Food Pantry is collecting items to supplement food for our neighbors in need. The needed items are canned fruit, applesauce, & canned chicken. Donations can be placed in the boxes in the narthex and the connector.

Prayer Cover: Cathy Peeples

Prayer List

Randy & Pat Adams
Alice & Terry Berkson
Sheila Briggs
Erma Budd
Rhett Byrne
Family of Bruce Carson
Catherine Cartus
Marian Cocke
Ryan Cradic
Vernon Crawford
Eric Davidson
Jackie Denny
Paul Duncan
Phyllis Eckerson
Vivian Eckerson
Family of Phyllis Eorgan
Cecelia Fleckstein
Jim Furches
Betty & Earl Gouge
Dalton Gough
Mendy Hall
Steve & Beverly Harris
Nora & Tony Haynes
Family of Reny Higgs
The Hrenda family
Scott Huff
Joyce Josie
Wiley Keller
Mike Kellum
Deni Kiehl
Mary Anne King
Pam King
Jeff & Lisa Kleven
Linda Kostreva
Sally Lee
Bob Lentz
Luanne Love
Barbara Marrs
Wanda May
David McElveen
Jim Milliken
Johnny Moore
Brenda Murphy
Steve Murray
Family of Rick Norman
Tom Palmer
Ruby Payne
Bob & Athena Peebles
Carolyn Peeples
Tim Riddle
Steven Schmidt
Louise Scott
Mike Scott
Ed Searcey
Larry Street
JD Toth
Chloe Vanhuss
Crystal Vines
Katie Walker
Anna Grace West
Dara Wilde

First United Methodist Church

Worship Guide

Sunday, March 5, 2023

Second Sunday of Lent

First Things First

Prelude "Agincourt Hymn" John Dunstable

Call to Worship

Leader: When we encounter times of trouble and uncertainty,

People: God is always by our side.

Leader: When we encounter times of distress and anguish,

People: God does not slumber or sleep.

Leader: The cup of God's goodness pours grace upon us.

People: With joy, we come to worship our God, whose love never ends.

Invocation

Hymn of Praise "Take My Life, and Let it Be" #399

New Testament Reading Philippians 2:5-11

Affirmation of Faith

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

Leader and People: We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all His works, and whose will is ever directed to His children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen

Old Testament Reading		Exodus 12:1-14
Morning Prayer and Lord's Prayer		
Hymn of Reflection	"O Love, How Deep"	#267
Mission Moment		
Doxology		#95
New Testament Reading		Matthew 26:36-46
Anthem		"Into the Garden"
Sermon	"The Garden of Gethsemane"	Rev. Jodie Ihfe
Hymn of Commitment	"Garden"	On Screen
Benediction		

Benediction Response

Let the songs I sing bring joy to you
Let the words I say confess my love
Let the notes I choose be your favorite tune
Father let my heart be after you
Father let my heart be after you

Easter Egg-stravaganza

We need your help for our Easter Egg-stravaganza on Saturday, April 1. We are collecting candy and other items to fill eggs; these items should be donated by March 26. Also, we need volunteers to greet guests, hide eggs, lead activity tables, and serve snacks. Please sign up in the narthex or email the church office at office@1stchurchjc.org if you can help.

The UMW will hold a craft and bake sale on Sunday, March 26 in the church parlor following worship. In addition to the crafts and baked goods, a silent auction for a beautiful handmade quilt will begin earlier in the month. Save the date to prepare items for the sale! Proceeds from the sale will benefit the FUMC Food Pantry.

Save the Date

- ⇒ UMW Craft & Bake Sale: March 26
- ⇒ Easter Egg Hunt: April 1, 10:00 am
- ⇒ Holy Week Service: April 6, 6:30 pm
- ⇒ Easter Breakfast & Worship: April 9
- ⇒ Church work day: April 15
- ⇒ Camp in the Community: June 12-16

Take a minute and share some coffee in the parlor after worship today. This is an easy opportunity to catch up with old friends or make new friends!

Wednesday Night Fellowship

Program: 24 Hours That Changed the World
Menu: pork loin, green beans, potatoes, salad, bread, dessert
Dinner begins at 5:45.
Please make reservations by Tuesday, 3/7 at noon by returning the slip found in the pew pads or by contacting the church office.

Offering boxes are located at the front and rear of the sanctuary and in the narthex.