

# October 9, 2022

## Abiding in Jesus to Grow in Fruitfulness!

### Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone

**Our Mission Statement:** To **connect** people with God, to **build** a welcoming and inclusive community that **serves** our neighbors through actions of justice and love, and to **develop** disciples of Jesus Christ.

**Our Vision Statement:** To be a Church that demonstrates justice, love and inclusion for all. All means all.

**First Church - A Reconciling Congregation:** First United Methodist Church, at the top of 10<sup>th</sup> Street in downtown Des Moines, strives to love others as Christ loves us and, in doing so, to be the Body of Christ in word and deed. As the Body of Christ, we welcome and affirm all of God's children, knowing that each is created in the image of God. We welcome and affirm people of all gender identities, sexual orientations, ages, races, ethnicities, family configurations, and physical and mental capabilities to join us in full participation as we come together to worship God and then go out to share God's love in the world around us.

10:30 AM

**First United Methodist Church**

Des Moines, IA

### **SERVICE OF WORD**

*As you are able, please stand wherever there is an \*.*

Gathering Songs

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me"

Trad. Spiritual

1. *I'm gonna LIVE so...*      2. *I'm gonna LOVE so...*      3. *I'm gonna WORK so...*  
4. *Instrumental*      5. *I'm gonna PRAY so...*      6. *I'm gonna SING so...*

"Change My Heart, O God"

TFWS #2152

Welcome and Announcements

Rev. Julie Poulsen

Musical Meditation

"Osse shalom"  
(He who makes peace)

Trad. Portuguese Jewish Melody  
The Choir

*This is a favorite song from the Yom Kippur afternoon service, held last Wednesday.*

Translation: *He who makes peace in His high places, May He bring peace upon us and upon all Israel. And we all say, Amen.*

\*Call to Worship

Rev. Julie Poulsen

Come to worship God whose love was revealed in Jesus. Let all the ends of the earth turn to our God. ***We will worship the Almighty and sing praises. We will proclaim good news to others.*** Beloved, we are called to love as God loves us. We are to love one another as sisters and brothers. ***Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God. We seek for God's love be perfected in us.*** Remember that you are baptized. God claims you and has high expectations of you. ***Christ is the vine; we are the branches. We will bear fruit when we abide in the vine.*** Amen. ***Amen.***

\* Hymn

"Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart"

UMH #500

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 22:25-31

Rev. Julie Poulsen

After the reading:  
The Word of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God.***

Special Music

"Dona nobis pacem/Pie Jesu" Haydn & Allaway, arr Allaway  
The Choir

Translation: *Grant us peace/Holy Jesus, Lord*

### PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*New Testament Reading

John 15:1-8

Rev. Julie Poulsen

After the reading:  
The Word of God for the people of God.  
***Praise to the Living Word.***

Children's Time and Good News Message

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

"Abiding in Jesus to Grow in Fruitfulness!"

Prayer of the People

Rev. Julie Poulsen

***O God, we have ignored our origin in you and denied your rule over the nations. We have pursued illusions of self-interest rather than abiding in your love. We have turned away from brothers and sisters as if they were enemies to be hated. We are afraid to love those who differ from us or who have the power to harm us. We hesitate to take the risks of caring for fear that we may be hurt. Discipleship seems too demanding. O God, release us from our fears and failures to trust your love and live with bold generosity. In Christ we pray. Amen.***

Pastoral Prayer Rev. Edgar F. Solís

The Lord's Prayer UMH # 895

Hymn "The Gift of Love" UMH #408

Ministry of Sharing



Offertory Invitation Rev. Julie Poulsen

God loves us so much that Jesus was sent to be the sacrifice for our sins. The balm of love was offered for our healing so we might be reconciled to God and one another. What will we offer in thanksgiving for so great a gift? *By Lavon Bayler*

Offertory Music "They'll Know We Are Christians By Our Love"  
The House Wide Open Band

Offertory Prayer Rev. Julie Poulsen

### SENDING FORTH

Commission & Blessing Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Live for God every moment of every day. Take time to bow down in gratitude for God's love. ***We seek to live as people who know God. Because we are loved, we dare to love others.*** Do not be afraid to witness to your growing faith. Do not hesitate to show the fruits of abiding in Christ. ***We will turn to the perfect love that casts out fear. We will tell of that love to future generations.*** You have been equipped and empowered by love. God is filling your life with purpose and energy. ***We love because God first loved us. We go out to serve as apostles of Jesus Christ. Amen. Amen.***

\*Benediction Rev. Edgar F. Solís

\*Sending Song "Covenant Blessing"

***May the Lord be always with you as you go your way.  
May God's mercies ever keep you held in love today.  
May you take God's love with you for the world to share.  
May the love of Jesus go before you there.***

\*Chimes

Postlude "Symphonie V: Toccata" Ch. M. Widor  
Kent Tritle, guest organist

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**Cross Notes & Bulletin articles/announcements are due by Tuesday weekly.  
LIGHT Articles are due by the 20th of each month.**

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**Worship Leaders Today**

Preaching: Rev. Edgar F. Solís  
Reader: Rev. Julie Poulsen  
Music: Ben Allaway, Organ/Piano  
The Choir  
Kent Tritle, Organ  
Tech/Creativity Kofi Manteaw  
Greeters: Arnie Brown, Millie Wade  
Ushers: Ned Johnson, Craig Strayer (Head Ushers)  
Ron Roulet  
Nursery: Renea Losee, Jill Fresh  
Children's Church: Laurie Hoskins (Coordinator)

The House Wide Open Band

Amanda Eclatt, Songleader  
Steve Newman, Trumpet  
Josh Gorman, Guitar  
Ben Guise, Guitar  
David Solís, Drums  
Chuck Kuba, Bass  
Brian Guise, auxilliary percussion  
Ben Allaway, keyboards

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**First Church Staff**

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## Announcements

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**Conservation of Ink & Paper** In an effort to be responsible stewards of our resources, including ink and paper, we will be revising our bulletins. PowerPoints will remain full of information!

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**LIVE FROM NEW YORK...TODAY** As part of our 175<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, Kent Tritle, organist of the New York Philharmonic and St. John the Divine will be performing at First UMC. Come at 3:00 PM for NY Cheesecake and Main Frame Art Show followed at 4:00 PM with the Organ Recital with Free Admission. **All are welcome to attend!** A free will offering will be collected to benefit the music program. (More information later in this bulletin.)

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**Gardening for Good ~ Mark your Calendar and Sign up Now!** On Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> (rain date October 22<sup>nd</sup>) we will meet in the church parking lot at 8:30 AM and carpool from the church to the farm near Madrid. We will harvest vegetables for a couple of hours and enjoy lunch at a restaurant in Madrid before returning to Des Moines.

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**Baked Potatoes and Table Talk – A Great Combination** Come join us for lunch and Table Talk on October 16, right after worship! There will be a baked potato bar and a variety of yummy toppings along with dessert – all for a free-will offering that will go towards our contribution to AMOS. Help us celebrate AMOS's accomplishments and find out what AMOS is doing to promote our community. Creating a community that works for all is what AMOS strives to achieve. The Anti-Racism Task Force is co-sponsoring this Table Talk luncheon, and there will also be information about how you can participate in anti-racism learning, action, and fellowship. **Please RSVP for October 16th by calling the church office at 515-224-6209 or registering on the attendance slip during worship.**

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**World Communion Sunday** was on October 2. There is still time to give to this offering, and when you do you partner with talented, qualified students from around the globe to transform the world as witnesses for Christ by investing in servant leadership, community building and ministries of peace with justice. Identify your donation by indicating in the memo line "World Communion". Our goal is \$150 from our church family.

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**Mission Ingathering Collections** Next Sunday we will begin collecting kits for the annual Mission Ingathering. The list of contents for each kit can be found in the October LIGHT or in the envelope on the collection box in Kenyon Hall. Cash donations can also be made payable to First Church and designated for the 'Mission Ingathering'.

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**Name Badges** Thank you for wearing your name tag every Sunday! It will help us become better acquainted. If you want a name tag, write a note on the attendance slip and place in the offering plate or email Lisa Karen at [OfficeManager@dmfirstchurch.org](mailto:OfficeManager@dmfirstchurch.org).

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**Making Sense of the Bible** Adult Sunday School class meets Sundays at 9-10 AM in the Church Council room/basement. Everyone is welcome. Bring a Bible. Books are available for purchase (\$20) at the class. Nursery/child care provided. Julie Poulsen (319) 461-3146 or [juliaefpoulsen@gmail.com](mailto:juliaefpoulsen@gmail.com).

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**Chancel Choir practice** on Sundays at 9:45-10:10 AM and Thursdays at 7:00 PM in Sanctuary. Ben Allaway, Music Director.

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### **Invite A Friend**

Will you invite a friend to worship? Will you offer a ride to a friend? If you need a phone number to contact a church friend, please speak to Lisa Karen. Please join the Growing Committee in reaching out to include new friends and longtime friends in worship each week.

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### **Indigenous Peoples Day, Monday October 10** *A note from your Anti-Racism Task Force*

Many of us grew up Celebrating Columbus Day every October. As part of that celebration, we were taught that Columbus "discovered" America in the late 15<sup>th</sup> Century. But of course, this land was inhabited long before Europeans stumbled upon it a few hundred years ago. Indigenous Peoples Day, as an alternative to Columbus Day, is a way to honor those people, their lives, their care for the earth, and the catastrophic death and displacement they experienced as a result of European incursion into the western hemisphere. One way to embody that is to recognize that every day we live our lives on land indigenous peoples once called home. We do that today:

***The land on which the First United Methodist Church building sits, the land which we occupy when we worship, was once the home of the oBaakiwaki-hina-ki (Sauk), the Meskawaki-asa-hina (Fox), and the Baxoje Maya (Ioway). We honor them.***

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**The Golden Rule: "Sailing for a Nuclear-free World and a Peaceful, Sustainable future."** will be held on Wed., Oct. 12, at 7 PM, NW Community Center, 5110 Franklin Ave. DSM. The Golden Rule, a project of Veterans for Peace (VFP), is bringing information to build public support for the abolition of nuclear weapons. VPN will highlight the growing threats and will offer tools to help us mobilize. FUMC Outreach Committee is a co-sponsor of this program.

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**The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual IMT Des Moines Marathon Returns on Sunday, October 16.**

It is part of the overall mission of the IMT Des Moines Marathon to be sensitive to the impact that closing 26.2 miles of city streets has on the community, especially those who live, work, and worship along the route. The Marathon course starts in the Court Avenue District at 8 AM. The course will take athletes through the Western Gateway Park area before heading west on Grand Avenue. Miles 3 through 16 of the course will impact neighborhood communities along the Grand Avenue, Polk Boulevard, Kingman Boulevard, and Drake University corridors from 8:00 AM to 11:30 AM. Please allow for extra time or alternate routes during your travels. Contact Chris Burch, Race Director, at 288-2692 or [cburch@desmoinesmarathon.com](mailto:cburch@desmoinesmarathon.com).

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**WELCOMING IMMIGRANTS** The United States Committee for Refugees and Immigrants (USCRI) will hold its annual Welcoming Iowa benefit on Thursday, OCTOBER 20, 2022, from 5-7 PM at West End Architectural Salvage. Tickets may be purchased at <https://www.classy.org/event/welcoming-iowa-2022-benefit/e416187>. Donations may be made on the same page. This year's event will be emceed by Axios Des Moines reporter Linh Ta and will feature former First Lady of Iowa Christie Vilsack. USCRI has welcomed over 400 arrivals to Des Moines, primarily from Afghanistan, Congo, Burma, and Sudan. To welcome arriving families, they worked with Des Moines Area Religious Council to provide an in-office food pantry when many of our newest neighbors lived in temporary housing. Their legal team has helped over 100 families with legal needs, including applications for green cards and citizenship, asylum applications, and Special Immigrant Visas (SIV) for Afghan parolees evacuated after the fall of Kabul. Over 200 volunteers helped with everything from donation sorting and apartment set-up to bus training and driving clients to medical appointments. They will highlight all this great work and much more at Welcoming Iowa benefit dinner. **You may meet at 4:15 PM at First UMC, DM to car pool with Julie Poulsen.** We plan to be back for Choir at church by 7 PM. Contact Julie at (319) 461-3146 or [juliaefpoulsen@gmail.com](mailto:juliaefpoulsen@gmail.com).

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**MUSIC UNDER THE DOME ~ LIVE FROM NEW YORK**

"LIVE FROM NEW YORK..." New York Cheesecake, an Art Show by MainFrame Studios artists, and the New York Philharmonic's organist Kent Tritle in Concert, today, October 9, in person, all for free! (A love offering will be received.) With a 3:00 Art Show by MainFrame artists with N.Y. Cheesecake, and 4:00 Organ Concert time frame, we have designed this event with seniors and music lovers in mind.

**PROGRAM**

**Preambulum and Fugue in C Minor**

**Toccata Sesta**

**Prelude and Fugue in B Minor, BWV 544**

**Nun Danket alle Gott, BWV 657**

**Partita on Detroit (1992)**

Vincent Lübeck (1654-1740)

Girolamo Frescobaldi (1583-1643)

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Hurd (b.1950)

**INTERMISSION**

**Sonata III in A Major, Opus 65**

**Con moto maestoso**

**Andante tranquillo**

**Pastorale, Op.19**

**Tryptich for Organ (2000)**

**I. Like an Ever-Rolling Stream**

**II. Still Be My Vision**

**III. As If the Whole Creation Cried**

Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

César Franck (1822-1890)

Stephen Paulus (1949-2014)

**MUSIC UNDER THE DOME ~FUTURE PROGRAMS**

Sunday, November 13 at 10:30 AM

December 16 and 17 times tba

Saturday, Dec. 24

Celtic Music Service with Tim Britton and Clear Joy

Des Moines Gay Men's Chorus CHRISTMAS CONCERT

Christmas Eve by Candlelight, with choir and special musicians