

November 6, 2022

Looking at the Future

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 10th 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.

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.

10:30 AM

First United Methodist Church

Des Moines, IA

Service of Word and Table

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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Songs

"Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"
(See music at back of bulletin)

Traditional Spiritual

"Now Praise the Hidden God of Love"

TFWS 2027

Welcome and Announcements

Julie Poulsen

Musical Meditation

"Aria"

Alfred Fedak

Call to Worship

Congregation, Julie Poulsen

Congregation: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

Alive is the alcoholic, tired of being worn out by whiskey and wine.

Alive is the drug addict, hearing a fresh call to "come and dine."

Congregation: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

Alive is the woman used, abused, and misused by a loved one, needing someone's compassion and care. Alive is the man castrated by the pressures of society, needing divine power and prayer.

Alive is the child searching for what can be, when everyone has told him or her what he or she would never be.

Congregation: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

Yes, alive is the immigrant looking for a fair and just place to call home. Alive is the descendant of slaves whose fight for common justice is very well known.

Alive is the progeny that still hopes, planting fresh seeds to be sown.

All: You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

*Joseph W. Daniels Jr., **The Africana Worship Book, Year C**,
Valerie Bridgeman Davis and Safiyah Fosua, eds., (Discipleship Resources, 2008), 80.*

* Hymn

"For All the Saints"

UMH 711 vv. 1-4, 6

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Choir Anthem

"Pie Jesu"

The Choir

by Mary Lynn Lightfoot

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*New Testament Reading

Luke 20:27-38

After the reading:

The Word of God for the people of God.

Praise to the Living Word.

Children's Time

Good News Message

"Looking at the Future"

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Prayer of the People & Pastoral Prayer: God of the Living

God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, we confess to you that we are frequently slow to believe what you have promised through your prophets and in your Son Jesus. We succumb to fears of death as if it were the end of everything - and all too often we live as if there is nothing to live for beyond death. Forgive us, Lord: forgive us our doubts, our disbelief, and our deafness to the witness of other believers, and our silence when we could give witness to the faith which we have...

Lord, hear our prayer.

Lord of mercy, God of the living, grant that we might see beyond the ruins that lie about us; that we might take to heart the lessons of Scripture which testify to your willingness and ability to bring new life to dry bones. Give to those who despair a vision of the resurrection which awaits all those who believe, all those you have chosen. Help them to order their lives by the principles of your everlasting kingdom—that kingdom in which faith, hope, and love transfigure all that they touch...

Lord, hear our prayer...

Father, help us be a people who are prepared for the journey which lies ahead. Take from us all evil desire; remove from us any refusal we have to forgive others; lift from us any reluctance we have to love our enemies and to bless, in your name, those who curse us. Send unto us the desire to love one another as Jesus loves us, the yearning to bring your saving word to those who hunger, the longing to reach out and touch another person with your love and to speak to others—and to ourselves—your truth. Help us to be ones who are prepared; help us to be ones who live Christ-like lives...

Lord, hear our prayer.

We ask all these things not in our name, but in the name of Jesus Christ—he who taught us to pray to you for ourselves and for the coming of your kingdom saying: “

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, the power, and the glory. Amen.

Written by Rev. Richard J. Fairchild and posted on Kir-shalom.

<http://www.spirit-net.ca/index1.html>,

reposted: <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/10/pastoral-prayer-god-of-living.html>.

Holy Communion

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

.....as we join their unending hymn:

... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy

William Loperena

Leader first

C G C C

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly, God of pow-er and might. Heav-en and earth are

Leader

F G | 1.C | 2.C F G C F Dm F

full of your glo-ry. glo-ry. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the

Congregation

C F G C F Dm G C C

high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is the one who

F G | 1.C | 2.C F G C F Dm F

comes in the name of the Lord. Lord. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the

All together

C F G C F Dm G C C

high-est. Ho-san-na, ho-san-na, ho-san-na in the high-est. Le lo le lo

Handwritten: Holy Holy

F

lai lo, le lo le lo lai lo,

Handwritten: Holy Holy

G

le lo le lo lai lo, lo le lo le lo lai.

Handwritten: Holy Holy Ho-ly Ho-ly Ho-san-na in the Highest

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Memorial Acclamation *Christ has Died* Jorge Lockward

Je-sus Christ has died. — Je-sus Christ is ri - sen! Je-sus Christ will come a - gain!

The musical notation is on a single staff in treble clef. It consists of three phrases, each with a double bar line and repeat dots. The first phrase is "Je-sus Christ has died. —" with a C chord above. The second phrase is "Je-sus Christ is ri - sen!" with F, G7, and C chords above. The third phrase is "Je-sus Christ will come a - gain!" with Dm, F/C, G7, and C chords above.

... all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever!

Amen *Amen* Jorge Lockwood

A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men. A - men, a - men.

The musical notation is on two staves in treble clef. The first staff has three phrases: "A - men, a - men." with C, Dm, and G7 chords; "A - men, a - men." with C and C chords; and "A - men, a - men." with F chord. The second staff has three phrases: "A - men, a - men." with Dm and G7 chords; "A - men, a - men," with Dm and F/C chords; and "a - men." with G7 and C chords.

Special Music

"You Are Holy/Eres Santo"

North Palm

Ministry of Sharing

Offertory Invitation

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Offertory Music

Offertory Prayer

SENDING FORTH

Commission & Blessing

A kind and just God sends us out into the world.
We are bearers of truth beyond our understanding.

**We have been comforted and strengthened this day.
We have good news to share with the world.**

God watches over those who respond in love.
God fills us with hope and multiplies our good works.

**We will praise God as long as we live.
We will witness to the resurrection day by day.**

Take courage and sing a new song.
Work in new ways, for the Spirit abides in you.

**We will break down barriers with joyous daring.
We will live with a spirit of adventure.
You are God, not of the dead, but of the living,
for to you, all of them are alive.**

Yes, alive is the poor man struggling for health care.
Alive is the hungry woman seeking a job paying a good fare.
Alive is the youth who will not quit, the one fashioned to dream and taught to dare.

You are God, not of the dead, but of the living, for to you, all of them are alive.

We come this morning, feeling a little dead; even with little energy for journey ahead. But you are God, and in you, we are not dead. For to you, all of us are alive! Help us strive; ready us to thrive. Yes, we are alive!! In the name of Jesus, we are alive!

Amen.
Amen.

*Benediction

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

*Sending Song

"Covenant Blessing"

Ben Allaway

**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

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

Refrain: Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home
Swing low, sweet chariot, comin' for to carry me home

**I looked over Jordan and what did I see comin' for to carry me home?
A band of angels comin' after me, comin's for to carry me home. *Refrain***

**I'm sometimes up, sometimes I'm down, comin' for to carry me home;
But still my soul is heavenly bound, comin' for to carry me home.**

**If you get there before I do, comin' for to carry me home;
Tell all my friends that I'm a-comin' too, comin' for to carry me home.**

Announcements

Rainbow Stoles and Pins Today we invite you to wear a rainbow stole or pin in support of our LGBTQ+ brothers and sisters. The rainbow stoles and pins are located on a table in the Narthex. The rainbow flag is a symbol of the diversity of the LGBTQ+ community and the spectrum of human sexuality and gender. Please return the rainbow stole or pin to the table when you exit the service. Thank you for loving all God's children.

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!

Vote NO on the Constitutional Amendment! In June, the Iowa Annual Conference approved a resolution calling on Iowa United Methodists to oppose and vote NO on the "Iowa Right to Keep and Bear Arms Amendment," also known as the "Reckless Gun Amendment." This Amendment will be on the ballot in November when Iowa voters will be asked to decide whether to amend the Iowa Constitution to include a statement of gun rights. This is NOT the Second Amendment. This dangerous amendment would make it harder to pass gun safety legislation. If passed, the amendment will give easy access to guns for those with mental health concerns who may be a risk to themselves or others, and make the work of law enforcement more dangerous and Iowans less safe. The Outreach Committee is part of the Coalition for Responsible Gun Legislation, working to defeat this amendment. Please vote NO on the Reckless Gun Amendment! For more information, see article in the October Light or go to: <https://www.iowansforresponsiblegunlaws.com>

Save The Date! Sun., Nov. 13 at 10:30 am, **Celtic Music Under the Dome** with Tim Britton and Clear Joy.

Table Talk 2.0 *Sunday, November 13, right after Worship from 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.* Join us again for Table Talk! This month, we will be opening up a discussion about how racism exists in our lives and our communities. We have lots of ice-breaking questions to choose from, and we expect that everyone will come away with some new ideas and insights. We will serve a light lunch, with a free-will offering to help cover the cost, and we'll have lots of time for food and fellowship. Plan to join us! To help us plan for lunch, please sign up on the attendance slip during worship, or let the office know by email at officemanager@dmfirstchurch.org. *Presented by your Anti-Racism Task Force*

Save The Date!!! Wed. Nov. 16 "**RUTH: An Immigrant Story**" Reader's Theater & Soup Supper. Set in ancient Jerusalem at the King's court (the Narthex), dine with royalty and then witness the play in Kenyon Hall. 6:00 Supper, 6:30 play. Love Offering. Register at 244-6209 or at our home page on line.

Save The Date! The **Retirement Celebration for Bishop Laurie** will be Sunday afternoon, December 4, at 3:00 pm at First UMC, Des Moines. The Episcopacy committee wants to have our church music ministry and the Maaban community participating in the program and a fellowship time afterward in the Fellowship Hall.

Invite, Invite, Invite! There are many ways to invite people to church. The best way is by personally inviting someone and offering to bring them to worship. Other ways include signs, radio ads, flyers, posters and other mailings. This year for Christmas, our church is planning to do a classy professional mass mailing to all who live within a one mile radius of our church (nearly 9,000 households). The cost will be approximately \$2100. This is not in our budget. So far one gift of \$250 has been given. Could you help with a gift? Mark it: "Christmas Invite." Thank you in advance for helping to spread the good news of the Incarnation: God became flesh and lived among us! O come, let us worship him: Christ the Lord!

Save The Date! Wed, Dec 7 at 5:30-6:30 PM we will have beautiful, live Christmas music and a delicious soup supper for everyone. Volunteers are needed to make this a beautiful dinner, to decorate the tables, and also welcome guests. Cooks are needed. Please sign up on the attendance slip to help. The Growing Committee thanks you. Please invite your neighbors, family, friends to a relaxing night of beautiful music. Thank you from Mike Grooms, Kara Smith, and Julie Poulsen.



Bring Christmas Cheer to our Saints at Home!

First Church is preparing for the delivery of poinsettias to our Saints at Home on Sunday, December 4. A poinsettia from First Church friends will remind our Saints at Home that their church family remembers them with love as we send Christmas greetings.

You can help by

1. purchasing poinsettias at \$6.00 per plant and /or
2. delivering poinsettias to our Saints at Home on Sun., Dec. 4

Please indicate your willingness to help with this ministry by completing the following form and returning your form and payment by mail, leaving it in the church office, or dropping it in the offering plate by Sunday November 27. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church, with memo indicating **Saints at Home Poinsettia Project**. Thank you for your help in this important ministry!

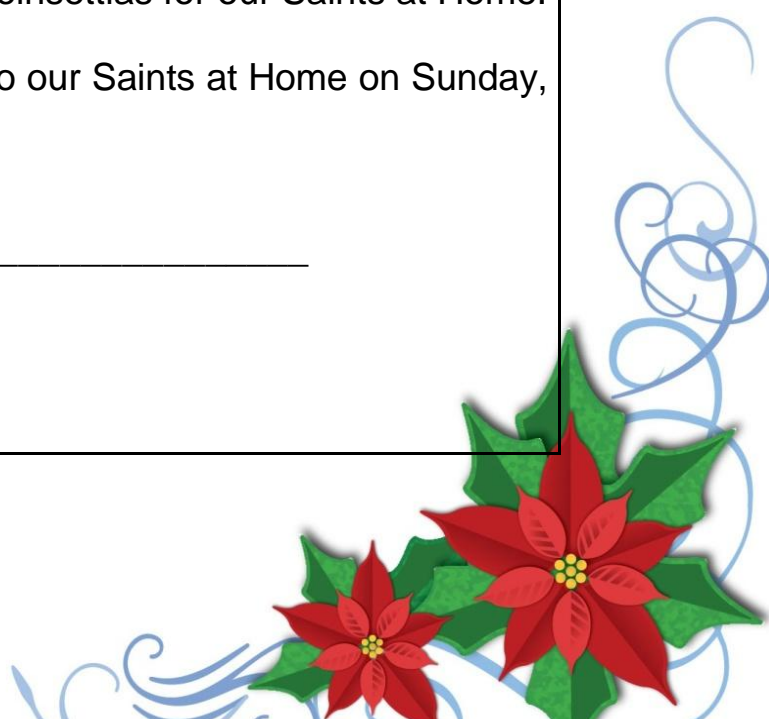
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_____ I/We will help deliver poinsettias to our Saints at Home on Sunday, December 4.

Name: _____

Phone#: _____

Total paid: _____



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Guest wifi password: Welcome!

**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	<u>The House Wide Open Band</u>
Reader:	Rev. Julie Poulsen	Amanda Eclatt, Songleader
Music:	Ben Allaway	Steve Newman, Trumpet
Tech/Creativity	Kofi Manteaw	Josh Gorman, Guitar
Greeters:	Arnie Brown, Millie Wade	David Solís, Drums
Ushers:	Ned Johnson, Craig Strayer (Head Ushers)	Chuck Kuba, Bass
	Ron Roulet	Bill Partridge, aux. perc.
		Brian Guise, aux. perc.
		Ben Allaway, keyboards, vocals
Nursery:	Renea Losee, Jill Fresh	
Children's Church:	Laurie Hoskins (Coordinator)	

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