

November 13, 2022

Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone



DSM First Church UMC 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

To be a Church that demonstrates justice, love, and inclusion for all.
All means all.

We are 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 12

Julie Poulsen

Page 785 (Old Testament, front section, of the pew Bible)

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Special Music

“Pacem: Find Love”

Ensemble

*from HEAVEN & EARTH:
Mass on the Celtic Journey
by Ben Allaway*

The Good Friday Peace Accord of 1998 lifted the cloud of war over Northern Ireland. After a doxology acknowledging the hard work of peacemaking made easier by solidarity with each other and with God, the peace is celebrated in an exuberant dance as they sing “Dona nobis pacem.” or “Grant us peace.”

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*New Testament Reading

Luke 21:5-19

Julie Poulsen

Page 103 (New Testament, back section, of the pew Bible)

Children's Time

Good News Message

“Open-Mouthed Tourists”

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we come before you this day as those who are often afraid to confess all the many ways in which we have disappointed and betrayed You. You have given us continual opportunities to serve and love others, but we have withdrawn into lives of selfishness and greed. We have turned our backs on others in need. We have denied the gifts you have given us. Where can we turn now that we have run from you? Your voice calls to us to come home, to come to you unafraid, to receive forgiveness and healing. Open our hearts this day to receive these magnificent blessings. Help us understand the many ways in which you love us, and help us share that love with all those whom we meet. For we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though we have turned away from God, yet God is faithful to us. We are beloved of God and recipients of God's love and blessings. Rejoice, children of God! For God's mercies are ever before us. AMEN.

Nancy Townley, Ministry Matters

<https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/4389/worship-connection-november-17-2019>.

THE LORDS 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. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever Amen.

*Hymn

"Morning Has Broken"
(Gaelic melody)

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MINISTRY OF SHARING

Offertory Invitation

Julie Poulsen



Offertory Music

"Da Slockit Light"
Clear Joy

Trad. Scottish Air.

Offertory Prayer

Julie Poulson

SENDING FORTH

COMMISSION & BLESSING

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Take with you the assurance of healing and wholeness.
God's steadfast love and faithfulness accompany you.

We will sing of the victories God makes possible in us.

We will praise God for comfort and guidance.

Life in God's realm is a gift freely given to us.

It is also a way of relating that we are to share.

We want others to come to know God through us.

We want to live in ways that make God's love known.

God will give you the words and wisdom you need.

By your endurance, you will gain your souls.

Praise God with trumpet, lyre, and horn.

Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.

Amen. **Amen**

*Benediction

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

*Sending Song

Let the Circle Be Wide
Let the circle be wide round the fireside
And we'll soon make room for you
Let your hearts have no fear
For there's no strangers here
Just friends that you never knew.

Tommy Sands

*Chimes

Postlude

"Irish Medley"
Ensemble

arr. Tim Britton

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

Today is Pledge Sunday. You recently received a letter inviting you to pledge your support for First United Methodist Church's mission and ministry. You are invited to place your pledge card in the collection plate today, as it is passed during the Offertory. If you did not bring your card today, feel free to bring your pledge next week. Our pledges sustain our mission and ministry and provide one way for us to express our gratitude for God's undying grace in our lives.

Table Talk 2.0 TODAY, right after Worship from 11:45 a.m. – 1:45 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. Join us again for Table Talk! Join us as we open 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. **Even if you did not pre-register, join us anyway. We'll have plenty of food and fellowship.** *Presented by your Anti-Racism Task Force*

2022 Charge Conference is today. Join us for our first charge conference as part of the new Riverview Park District. We will meet with 10 other UMC's from central Iowa to explore our shared ministries of innovation and to conduct our UMC connectional business.

Today, Sunday, November 13, 2022, 3:30 p.m.
Ankeny First UMC – Christian Life Center
710 NE 36th Street
Ankeny, IA 50023

NOTE: This is not Ankeny First UMC's main location. To get to the Christian Life Center, take the 36th Street exit off Interstate 35 and use your map or GPS to find the Christian Life Center. You can also ask Jacque Coulson for directions.

ADVENT STUDY begins next Sunday! This year, our Advent study will be based on the contemporary classic ***The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*** by Adam Hamilton. Julie Poulsen will lead this 5-week study, beginning November 20 and running through December 18. The group will meet in Room 104 (Lower Level) from 9:00 – 10:00 a.m. You will have the opportunity to explore the story and meaning of Jesus' birth as Adam Hamilton (lead pastor of Church of the Resurrection in Kansas City) takes you on a video journey through the Holy

Land, offers fresh insight, and poses provocative questions. Bring your Bible and a friend. Everyone is welcome. Julie says if you can't attend every session, come to the ones you can, and that it is OK to leave early for choir. For more information, you can contact Julie directly at 319 461 3146, or juliaefpoulsen@gmail.com Look for Julie in Kenyon Hall during coffee time to purchase your copy of ***The Journey: Walking the Road to Bethlehem*** by Adam Hamilton (\$15).

There is still time to SIGN UP ON TODAY'S ATTENDANCE SLIP for "RUTH: An Immigrant Story" Reader's Theater & Soup Supper, Wednesday, November 16th Set in ancient Jerusalem at the King's court (the Narthex), dine with royalty and then witness the play in Kenyon Hall. "RUTH" asks the question, "Who is the stranger?" 6:00 Supper, 6:30 play. Admission is free and a Love Offering will be taken. Register by signing up on today's attendance slip, by calling, 244-6209, or by sending an email to the church office (officemanager@dmfirstchurch.org)

Exploring Racism Book Club is up and running! Join us for our first meeting on Saturday, November 19 at 10:00 a.m. in the Church Library. We will be discussing James Baldwin's *If Beale Street Could Talk*. If you would like to receive some preview material, let Twila Glenn know (text: 515-669-8339; email twila.glenn1030@gmail.com) Or just read the book and show up for a lively conversation. You can let us know you are coming on the Attendance Slip. We look forward to seeing you!

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 Conference Episcopacy committee has asked our church music ministry and the Maaban community to participate in the program. There will be a fellowship time afterward in 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.

Something New from Equal Exchange

First Church has been supporting small farmers in developing countries through our Coffee Cart Ministry for many years. Have you found something at the Cart that you like? We have coffee, tea, chocolate, and other products, but Equal Exchange has still more things to offer. For the next few weeks, when you stop by the Coffee Cart, there will be a list of some of the other products that we could offer. You can check any that you would buy if we had them. If a few folks check a particular item, we will begin to include that among our Coffee Cart products. Also, remember to check out the Coffee Cart when you are making your Christmas gift list!

Celtic Music Sunday: Meet the Guest Artists

Tim Britton is renowned internationally as one of the leading players of the uilleann pipes, one of the sweetest and most complex bagpipes. Also accomplished on the wooden flute, tin whistle, Highland pipes, mandolin, and as a singer and storyteller, Tim's unique style as an American with many influences is founded on a profound knowledge of the tradition. Born into a family central to the Philadelphia folk music scene, Tim was exposed to a panorama of traditions at the many festivals throughout the sixties, soon performing with the best Irish musicians on the East Coast. At age fifteen Tim returned to Ireland for the second time, prompting a local newspaper to acclaim him, "...a discovery." The scarcity of uilleann pipes led him to make his own set, quickly gaining respect as a pipemaker. For over thirty years Tim has been touring, teaching, and recording, appearing on over three dozen records with the likes of Mick Moloney, Bela Fleck, Liz Carrol, Seamus Egan, John McCutcheon, Paddy O'Brien, Chulrua, and others. He has appeared on "A Prairie Home Companion," "All Things Considered," and was featured in Ben Allaway's *HEAVEN & EARTH: Mass on the Celtic Journey* on IPTV. In 1989 he was designated a master artist by the Iowa Arts Council and was nominated for a "Best of Philadelphia Music Award". When not touring, he makes pipes, does sound engineering and producing, and sells audio equipment in Fairfield, Iowa.

"Piping hot!" ". . . a phenomenon . . ." "I wanna be one of them when I grow up!"
— *Washington Post* — *TIME* — *Billy Thompson, kindergartner*

Clear Joy ClearJoy is a musical collaboration of two sisters, Anna and Elaina Steenson. They specialize in Celtic, Irish, and Scottish Music on a wide variety of instruments including fiddle, viola, penny whistle, cello, guitar, and dulcimer, with new instruments appearing every now and then. Their musical family attended folk music festivals and schools growing up, and Elaina spent a year in Ireland after college, soaking up the music and the culture. Both Drake alums, they play many special events and concerts around Iowa, and performed in Ben Allaway's *HEAVEN & EARTH* on Iowa Public Television.

Dean Wipperman has been playing the Bodhran, or Irish drum, for over 30 years. Starting out playing in local Des Moines Irish music pub sessions, he attended the Craiceann Bodhran School in Ireland several times, and sat in with The Chieftains on three of their concerts. He has sat in with Irish bands and many Irish festivals around the country, and for ten years was a member of the Irish traditional band Knotwork. His day job is in sales at KCCI-TV.

Celtic Music Sunday: Meet the FUMC Artists

The House Wide Open Band is the new worship band at First United Methodist Church, dedicated to supporting worship in all its cultural diversity. The group includes: Amanda Eclatt, vocalist; Josh Gorman, guitar; Steve Newman, trumpet; Chuck Kuba, bass; David Solis and Clayton Hunn, drums; Brian Guise and Bill Partridge, auxiliary percussion; Ben Allaway, keyboards.

The Choir of First United Methodist Church is an adult and student mixed voice choir which sings regularly at Sunday services. Rehearsing one night per week, they perform a wide variety of sacred music from the Renaissance through the 21st century, representing many different cultures. New members are always welcome. Members include:

Soprano: Amanda Eclatt, Cookie Major, Julie Poulsen, Kay Pudil, Kara Smith
Alto: Jacque Coulson, Eloise Cranke, Lauren Low, Wanda Wendt, Valerie Pugh
Tenor: Isaac Lodwick
Bass: Clair Canfield, Jim Tener

Ben Allaway Director of Music and Composer-in-Residence, Ben has sung under some of the greatest conductors of our time, including Leonard Bernstein, Riccardo Muti, Claudio Abbado, Robert Shaw, Kenneth Jennings and Joseph Flummerfelt, to name only a few. A graduate of St. Olaf College and Westminster Choir College (Princeton, NJ), Allaway was choral director at Waldorf College, Forest City before transitioning to half-time church music and freelance composing. An accomplished composer with over 70 published works and frequent performances internationally, his music has been featured on programs with such diverse luminaries as Garrison Keillor and His Holiness the Dalai Lama, Maya Angelou and Hal Holbrook, Simon Estes and Jean-Michel Cousteau, Odetta, Buffy Sainte-Marie, Richie Havens, Hillary Clinton and two other Nobel Peace Prize laureates, Dr. Norman Borlaug and Northern Ireland's Mairead Maguire. Ben's dramatic oratorio *HEAVEN & EARTH: Mass on the Celtic Journey*, featuring Pointe Academy dancers and broadcast by IPTV this past Spring (www.BenAllaway.com), premiered in Belfast, Northern Ireland in 2011 with Tommy Sands and The Chieftains' Kevin Conneff. He recently completed his first full-length modern dance work, *Z-Axis*, for Co'Motion Dance Theatre. His choral work *The Worlds Above* was featured on the Centennial Concert of the St. Olaf Choir and tours by St. Olaf, as well as the Concordia Choir (MN). His large Christmas works have closed Christmas festivals at Luther, Wartburg, Waldorf, and Morningside colleges. He serves as Director of Music and Worship at First United Methodist Church in Des Moines. Ben is a founding member of Music That Makes Community, a national worship renewal organization dedicated to transforming worship through paperless singing.

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