

# Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone

February 11, 2024



## Our Vision

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

## 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.

## We are 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.

*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

February 11, 2024

Des Moines, IA

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*As you are able, please stand wherever there is an \*.*  
*UMH = United Methodist Hymnal (red) TFS = The Faith We Sing (black)*  
*Congregational Responses in **bold***

## **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

**Gathering Song**                      Swing Low, Sweet Chariot                      UMH #703

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**                      Dr. Tom Gruis

**Prelude**                      Improvisation on Steal Away                      Trad. Spiritual  
   Ben Allaway, Organist

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**                      Rev. Edgar F. Solís

The mighty one, God the LORD, speaks and summons the earth from the rising of the sun to its setting.

***Out of Zion, the perfection of beauty, God shines forth*** (Psalm 50:1-2).

God's glory fills the earth, but sometimes we, like Elisha, do not think we are ready to encounter glory.

***And yet, God's glory showed up anyway.***

Sometimes we are like the disciples who witnessed Jesus' transfiguration and wanted to cling to that one glorious moment.

***And yet, God called them down from the mountain.***

So, we gather today, some of us feeling ready and some of us feeling unprepared, yet all are called together to worship and to be led by glory out into the world.

***God, may we perceive your glory all around us, pointing us in the way you would have us go. Amen.***

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, August 2023.*

\* Hymn Hear Our Praises Music Insert

Old Testament Reading 2 Kings 2: 1-12 Dr. Tom Gruis  
*Pages 412-413, Old Testament (front portion of pew Bible)*

Response: The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Special Music Spirit Song Wimber/D. Wagner  
*The White Chapel Bell Choir*

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

\*New Testament Reading Mark 9:2-9 Rev. Edgar F. Solís  
*Page 54, New Testament (back portion of pew Bible)*

Response: The Word of God for the people of God.

**Praise to the Living Word.**

Children's Time Get Up, Children! B. Allaway

Good News Message Crossing over. Rev. Edgar F. Solís

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE Rev. Edgar F. Solís

### The LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

Please join in the prayer Jesus taught, using the words most familiar to you, or choose one of the texts at UMH 894-96.

***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.***

## MINISTRY OF SHARING



You can use our QR Code for donations.

How do you scan a QR Code?

1. Open the Camera app on your smart phone.
2. Hold your phone so that the QR code appears in view.
3. Tap the notification to open the link associated with the QR code.

## OFFERTORY INVITATION

Dr. Tom Gruis

### Offertory Music

Standin' in the Need of Prayer  
*House Wide Open Band*

Trad. Spiritual

## OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Tom Gruis

## SENDING FORTH

### Commission and blessing

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

*Take My Life: A Confession*

*(Soloist sings one line of "Take my Life" Frances R. Havergal, 1873)*

Soloist: Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee.

**ALL: We are yours, Lord, though we fight for control. Take our lives; make us yours.**

Soloist: Take my moments and my days; let them flow in ceaseless praise.

**ALL: We are yours, Lord, though our busyness gets in the way. Take our days; make them yours.**

Soloist: Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love.

**ALL: We are yours, Lord, though we are not always in service. Take our hands; make them yours.**

Soloist: Take my feet and let them be swift and beautiful for thee.

**ALL: We are yours, Lord, even though our feet don't always move with your Spirit. Take our feet; make them yours. Amen.**

**\*Sending Song**

Take My Life, and Let it Be

UMH #399, vv. 2 & 3

**\*Benediction**

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Beloved, go now in the strength and power of what you have witnessed in this place knowing that the glory that leads us into transition also comforts us in our growing pains and sustains us as we take up our mantle and cross over to the other side. Amen.

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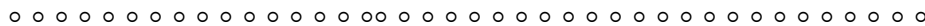
**\*Chimes**

**Postlude**

Down by the Riverside  
*House Wide Open Band w/Organist*

Trad. Spiritual

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**Participants in Worship**

Preacher  
Worship Leader  
Children's Time  
Ushers  
Special Music  
Greeters  
Organist  
Music Director/Song Leader  
House Wide Open Band:

Rev. Edgar F. Solís  
Dr. Tom Gruis  
Laurie Hoskins  
Ned Johnson and Craig Strayer (Head Ushers)  
Ron Roulet  
The White Chapel Bell Choir  
Arnie Brown and Millie Wade  
Ben Allaway  
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Ben Allaway, keyboards; Luke Lavelle, guitar;  
Jordan Gould, drums; Sharon Free, percussionist

**First Church Staff**

Rev. Edgar F. Solís – Pastor  
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Guest Wi-Fi password: Welcome!

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## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **NEWCOMERS, WE WELCOME YOU!**

If you are here for the first time, we have a small gift bag for you at the parking lot door. Meet new friends after worship at the "Coffee Time" in Kenyon Hall. Everyone welcome!

**PACESETTERS ADULT CLASS** invites you to join us Sunday Mornings on the lower level in room #4 for coffee and treats at 9:00. The program begins at 9:15. Ned Johnson leads the group, with discussion of issues presented, and occasional guest speakers.

### **EXPLORING RACISM – Together: Movie Series**

#### **TODAY! Immediately following worship in Fellowship Hall:**

#### **Movie Series: “A Million Miles Away”**

Starring Michael Pena, this “biopic” tells the story of the first migrant farmworker to travel in space. This 2-hour film tracks the life of Jose Hernandez, the son of Mexican immigrants, from a young boy inspired by watching a moon shot on TV to his life as a NASA astronaut. Sacrifice, grit, perseverance, and tenacity form the themes of this film, along with the “recipe” for success, instilled in young Jose by his father Salvadore, around which the film is structured.

Join us right after worship for a “finger-food” lunch (free-will offering) that you can munch on as we get started with the film at noon. We will have a brief discussion following the film, and we will conclude no later than 2:45. Whether you signed up or not (we’ll have plenty of food!), please join us for this inspiring PG movie. You’ll be glad you did.

### **LENTEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY Feb 18-March 24**

According to Matthew and Mark, Jesus cried out the first line from the Lament Psalm 22 during his crucifixion, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” Jesus may have memorized this particular one as there are other Lament Psalms in the Bible. With this in mind, a Lenten study will be taught this year around some of the other canonical Lament Psalms on the Sunday mornings of Lent from February 18 – March 24. Rev. Denny Coon will teach the class. For six Sundays we will look at the purpose of the Lament Psalms, how they are constructed, and what meaning they might have for our faith journey and the church today. There will be no book to purchase as the class will be given a different Psalm each Sunday to read and meditate on during the week prior to the discussion on Sunday from 9-10 AM. We hope you will set aside this time during Lent for reflection and renewal. On the first Sunday, February 18, participants should read and consider Psalm 13: 1-6 the week prior. The class will continue to meet in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us!

## **Blanket the World in Love on February 11**

"Yes, you will be enriched in every way so that you can always be *generous*. And when we take your gifts to those who need them, they will thank God."

- 2 CORINTHIANS 9:11



 **CWS** | [CWSBLANKETS.ORG](http://CWSBLANKETS.ORG)

How welcome a warm blanket feels when there is a chill in the air! All of us know the feeling. Blankets are an integral part of the emergency and on-going relief efforts of Church World Service. A simple blanket is a kind, loving and tangible response to someone facing a difficult time, reminding them that they are not alone.

A blanket costs only \$10, but it is worth so much more to someone in need.

We may never know how our gifts make a difference in someone's life, but an act of kindness warms the heart of both the giver and the receiver.

Please consider a gift of one or more blankets on our annual CWS Blanket Sunday, February 11, in thanks for the

warmth in our homes and in our hearts by wrapping someone with love!



### **Future of DART Services in Jeopardy**

Many of the most vulnerable in our community depend on DART to get groceries, go to medical appointments, and get to work, school and church activities.

As you may have heard, DART is experiencing financial difficulties and is considering serious cuts to services that will create problems for many in Des Moines. Mayor Boesen and the members of the City Council need to hear from us.

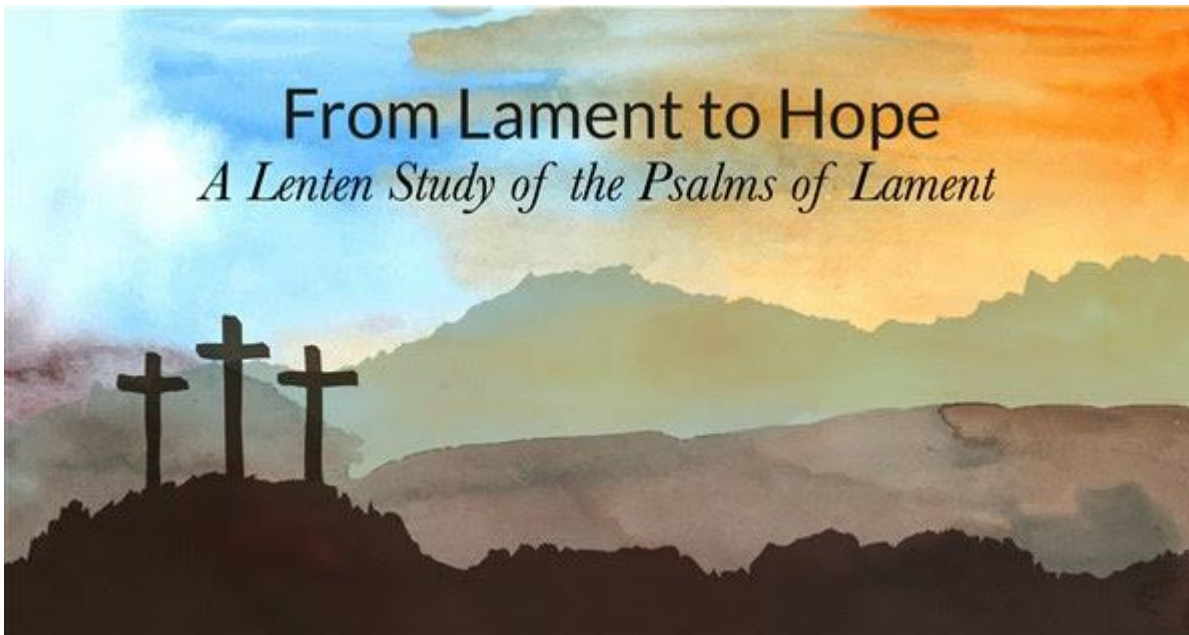
This Sunday we will have a petition available for you to sign. We want to encourage the city to find creative ways to finance and keep these vital services for those who require them. There will be a table set up in Kenyon Hall so please stop by on your way out of the church and add your name. This is a simple yet meaningful way to help your neighbor.

Thanks,

First Church Outreach Committee

First Church AMOS Committee

## BISHOP KENNETHA INVITES YOU TO HER LENTEN ONLINE STUDY



The psalms were Israel's hymnbook. And psalms of lament were Israel's expression of grief in the midst of trial. For this season of Lent, Bishop Kennetha invites you to join her for a conference-wide online study that will explore both personal and communal psalms as we focus on events impacting our world and our lives. In particular, we will pray for peace in the Holy Land, Ukraine, and our own nation. As we move from Lent to Easter, we will see how the psalms can lead us to hope.

This Lenten study will give us the opportunity to strengthen our relationships with each other and with our worldwide United Methodist connection as we invite special guests to share on the topics we address. We will conclude with an annual conference-wide opportunity to worship together and take action for peace.

Sessions will be held over four Tuesday nights (February 27, March 5, March 12, and March 19) on Zoom beginning at 7:00 pm. Participants will have an opportunity for conversation and prayer in breakout rooms. Please visit [www.iaumc.org](http://www.iaumc.org), to sign up. Select News, scroll down to the image and article above and follow the sign-up link directions for the Zoom.

### **Riverview Park's Town Hall meeting with Bishop Kennetha.**

The focus of our gatherings will be on our mission, vision, and core values at the Iowa Annual Conference. Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai will be present at each of these district gatherings for a time of teaching, and together, we will share stories about what it means to be engaged and connected with one another.

Each district will also have a virtual option for joining, which will take place on Sunday afternoons from 2-4 pm. Gathering in YOUR district:

**TODAY Sunday February 11th  
2:00pm - 4:00pm at Pella - 1414 University St, Pella, IA**



## SPIRITUAL SEEKERS

We will be taking a winter break and will resume soon. Upcoming meeting date and time TBA.

### Caring Committee Card Making Party February 17<sup>th</sup>:



Bring your crafting materials to share as we join in fellowship to create cards for our Saints at Home, so they know we are keeping them in our thoughts and prayers throughout the year! Donuts and coffee will be available. Everyone is welcome!

This Saturday, 9 am-11:30 am, Kenyon or Fellowship Hall. If you are not available but have any crafting or card making materials, please feel free to leave them at the church office. They will be appreciated! Hope to see you all!

Questions? Contact Cyndi Grosing (515) 480-6207, or the First Church office.



### Ash Wednesday Soup Supper Potluck & Worship, Feb. 14th

Please join us for fellowship beginning at 5 pm, followed by soup supper potluck to begin shortly after. We will plan on the Blessing at 5:30 pm, in the hopes most will be there, but please come as you are able! Please bring place settings, bowls & utensils for yourself and those attending with you, or we will have available.

Worship in the Sanctuary will begin at 6:30 pm. Please sign up at the sign-up table or let us know on the attendance sheet if you will be joining us. The amount of people responding to prepare for will determine the location, either in Kenyon Hall or Fellowship Hall. We hope to start this season of Lent off with a welcome to come home. We would love to see old and unfamiliar faces join us for this family friendly event!

## FIRST CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS:

**Sun, Feb.11:** 9 am Sunday School, Pacesetters, Adult Bible Study  
9:45 am Band rehearsal, Choir Practice  
10:30 am **Worship, BLANKET SUNDAY**, Childrens Church  
11:30 pm Exploring Racism Together: Movie Series “A Million Miles Away,” Fellowship Hall  
12:30 pm GriefShare 12:30-2:30 Conf Rm 2

**Mon, Feb. 12:** \*5:30 pm-Outreach Meeting, Conf Rm 1

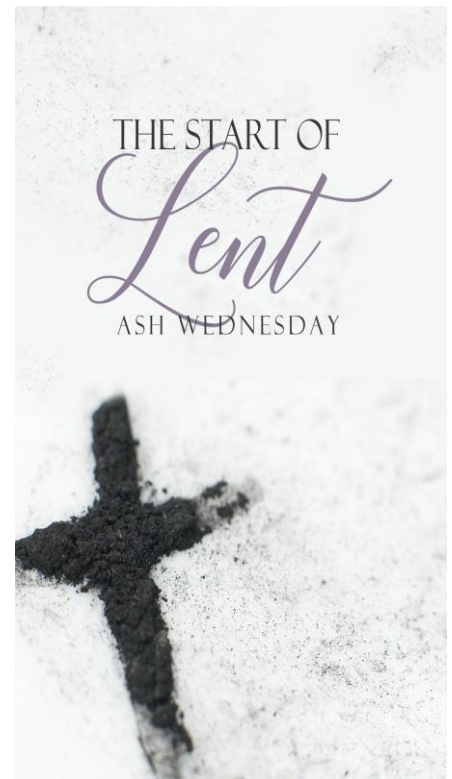
**Tues, Feb.13:** **BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE FOR NEXT WEEK**  
9:00 am- Staff Meeting  
6 pm- 8 pm, Leadership Training, Fellowship Hall

**Wed, Feb.14:** 5-6:30 pm, **ASH Wednesday Soup Supper/Potluck**  
6:30 pm-Worship  
**Happy Valentine's Day**

**Thurs, Feb.15:** 5:30 pm- Bell Choir Practice  
6 pm- CCYC Staff Meeting  
7:00 pm- Choir Practice

**Sat, Feb. 17:** 9 am-Caring Committee Card Party Feb.17<sup>th</sup>  
Noon- Mass Choir Practice- Lift Every Voice

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## Remembered In Love

### Emery C Christoffersen

September 26, 1926 — January 24, 2024

Emery Christian Christoffersen was born to Andrew and Anna (Christensen) Christoffersen in rural Shelby County, Iowa on September 26, 1926, the eldest of four children. He grew up on farms in Audubon and Shelby Counties and raised in the traditions of his Danish ancestors. He was baptized and confirmed in Immanuel Lutheran Church. His early education was in country schools where he learned, among other things, English, as he spoke only Danish when he began.

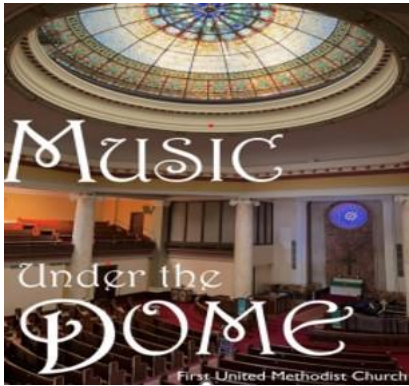
Emery loved farming and worked alongside his father and son most of his life. But he was also very mechanically minded and could fix almost anything! In addition to farming, he worked at a car dealership in Kimballton and later at a welding shop in Harlan before meeting the love of his life, Ruby, when she came to teach at Jackson No. 6.

Emery and Ruby Holmes were united in marriage on August 6, 1950, in Manilla, Iowa. To this union, three children were born before they moved to a farm near Dow City, Iowa in 1956. During those years, Ruby taught, and Emery helped to build the packing plant in Denison, hauled feed, did custom grinding and welding, raised 1,000 laying hens, as well as working two family farms.

In 1995, they returned to Kimballton in retirement where he continued to farm with his son for nearly 20 years. Emery enjoyed his hobbies of collecting toy farm machinery (as well as numerous working farm tractors), model railroading, and building scale models of equipment for his train layout.

The Lord called Emery home on January 24, 2024, at the age of 97 years at his home in Kimballton.

He is survived by his beloved wife Ruby Christoffersen of nearly 73 ½ years; his daughters Shirley Christoffersen of Urbandale and Carol Forshier and husband Kevin of Redfield; and many grandchildren, nieces & nephews.



### **UPCOMING MUSIC UNDER THE DOME:**

**Feb. 24 LIFT EVERY VOICE IN LOVE: A Charitable Concert to raise funds for urban core Youth Development Programming at the Grubb YMCA. Our dear friend ROOSEVELT ANDRE CREDIT, Broadway, Metropolitan Opera and Gospel artist, returns to First Church! The fabulous Simon Estes will appear as Master of Ceremonies and the BELOVED DES MOINES COMMUNITY MASS CHOIR, will debut at this program. Go to the event page on our website [dmfirstchurch.org/lifteveryvoice](http://dmfirstchurch.org/lifteveryvoice) for the QR code for all the details and to register for free tickets.**

## **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED: Lift Every Voice in Love, Feb 24**

- A. Mass Choir rehearsals Feb 17 (noon) and 24 (2:30 pm)**
- B. Ushers (12 needed for formal seating and taking coats to hang if necessary) 2:30-6 pm for concert**
- C. Greeters 2:30-4:15 pm (from parking lot door to sanctuary doors, open doors, show where to go, speak to every person with your friendly smile)**
- D. Exit Greeter (after concert at parking lot doors) (Thank everyone for coming and say goodbye to every person)**
- E. Help with coats (additional coat racks will be present)**
- F. Parking lot greeters 2-4:15 pm (wander parking lot to help, say hello, thank everyone for coming, etc.)**
- G. Ticket table (need several people to keep this moving well; take tickets and point to coat racks)**
- H. I will help wherever needed. Contact me at: \_\_\_\_\_**

**Questions? Ask: Ben Allaway or Julie Poulsen**

**Please put the letter(s) that corresponds with your area of volunteer request on the attendance sheet in the Bulletin. Thank you for your special gift of time!**

MUSIC UNDER THE DOME  
presents

# Lift Every Voice in Love

Benefit Concert for  
Grubb YMCA Youth



Feb. 24  
7:00

with

Broadway, Metropolitan Opera & Gospel Artist  
**Roosevelt André Credit**

and  
**Simon Estes**  
Master of Ceremonies



Beloved Des Moines  
Community Mass Choir  
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