

Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone
February 25, 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 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

February 25, 2024

Des Moines, IA

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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Gathering Song I Want Jesus to Walk with Me UMH #521

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Dr. Tom Gruis

Prelude Wayfaring Stranger Trad. Spiritual
Margaret Katherine Jellison, Organ arr. Marvin Gaspard

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Rev. Dr. Denny Coon

You are the voice we can scarcely hear because you speak to us about dying and suffering.

We are impacted by so many voices that have to do with power and competence and success.

We do know that you are the voice that gives life, that you are the voice that opens futures to people who are hopeless.

May your voice be more audible to us, that we may be able to sort out the death-giving from the life-giving voices among us.

Walter Brueggemann – *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*

*** Hymn** Be Thou My Vision UMH #451

Old Testament Reading Deuteronomy 30: 19-20 Dr. Tom Gruis
Page 233, Old Testament (front portion of pew Bible)

Response: The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Special Music

If You're Happy/Amen!

Traditional
arr. André Thomas

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***New Testament Reading**

Mark 8: 27-38

Rev. Dr. Denny Coon

Pages 53-54, 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

A Frighteningly Hopeful Invitation

Rev. Dr. Denny Coon

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Dr. Denny Coon

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



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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

Selection
House Wide Open Band

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Dr. Tom Gruis

SENDING FORTH

Commission and blessing

Rev. Dr. Denny Coon

Beloved, go from this place in the love and power of the Triune God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—to meet your neighbors and yourself with an open heart as we take up our cross and follow Jesus for the sake of the gospel. Amen.

Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, September 2023.

*Sending Song

Would I Have Answered When You Called

TFWS #2137

*Benediction

Rev. Dr. Denny Coon

*Chimes

Postlude

Good News!

Carl Maults

Margaret Katherine Jellison, Organ

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Participants in Worship

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

Rev. Dr. Denny Coon
Dr. Tom Gruis
Laurie Hoskins
Ned Johnson and Craig Strayer (Head Ushers) Ron Roulet
The Chancel Choir
Arnie Brown and Millie Wade
Margaret Katherine Jellison
Ben Allaway
Josh Gorman, Luke Lavelle, guitar; Joe Figueroa, harmonica;
Victoria Sutton, flute; Sharon Free, hand drums
Jordan Gould, drums; Ben Allaway, vocals & keys

First Church Staff

Rev. Edgar F. Solís – Pastor
Ben Allaway-Music Director and Composer in Residence
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Colleen Brady– Office Manager
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Guest Wi-Fi password: Welcome!



Cross Notes & Bulletin announcements due Wednesday & LIGHT Articles due on the 20th every month to Office.

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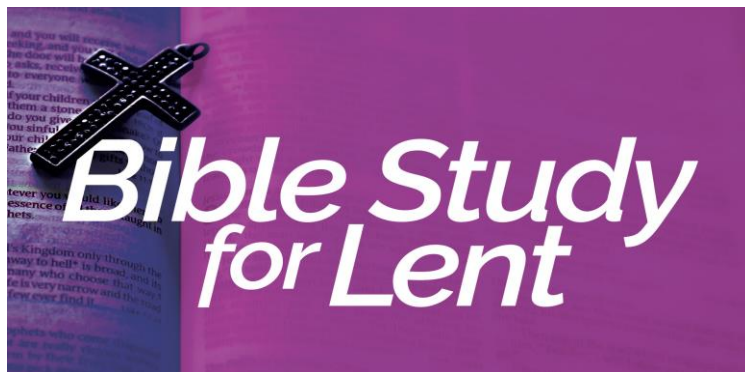
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ANNOUNCEMENTS

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.



LENTEN ADULT BIBLE STUDY - Sundays -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 now – March 24. Rev. Denny Coon will teach the class.

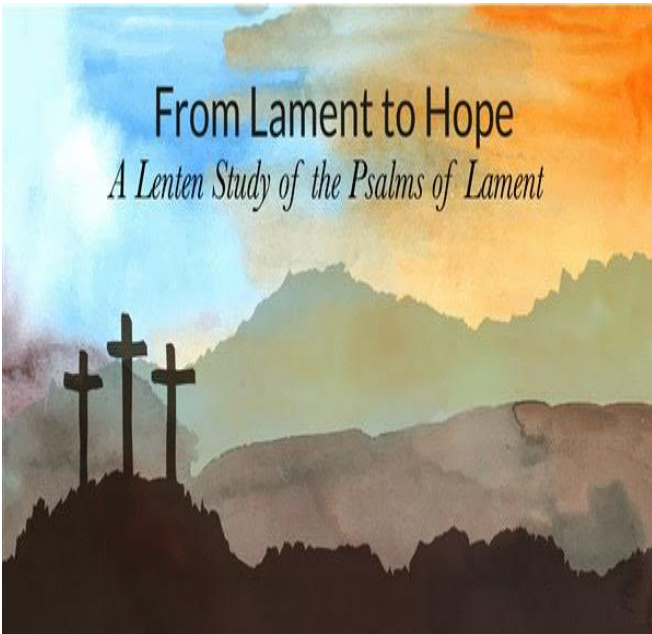
On Sundays, we will look at the purpose of the Lament Psalms, how they are constructed, and what meaning they might have for our faith journey and the church today. There will be no book to purchase as the class will be given a different Psalm each Sunday to read and meditate on during the week prior to the discussion on Sunday from 9-10 AM. We hope you will set aside this time during Lent for reflection and renewal. The class will continue to meet in Fellowship Hall. We hope you will join us!



Welcome Denny Coon, Guest Preacher & Lenten Adult Bible Study leader

Today's Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Denny Coon, a retired United Methodist minister living in Ankeny with his wife Patty. Prior to ministry Denny was a public school educator serving as a teacher, principal, and coach. He graduated from UNI in Cedar Falls, Iowa, Saint Paul School of Theology in Kansas City, Missouri, and Columbia School of Theology near Atlanta, Georgia. He has served as a pastor in rural, suburban, and inner city churches in the Iowa Conference. He is greatly influenced by the work of Walter Brueggemann, an Old Testament scholar, who published *Prophetic Imagination*, which combines the rich Old Testament heritage with the prophetic ministry of Jesus into an alternative consciousness for our time.

BISHOP KENNETHA INVITES YOU TO HER LENTEN ONLINE STUDY



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. 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.

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 to

sign up. Select News, scroll down to the image and article above and follow the sign-up link directions for the Zoom.

FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION NEXT SUNDAY

March 3rd is Communion/Food Pantry Sunday. Please bring your donations for the Food Pantry and leave them in the grocery cart found in Kenyon Hall. Your generous giving is appreciated!

MARCH

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WEAVING MATS FOR HOMELESS

First Church, Room 103
9:30am -11:30am

Come join us for another fun-filled Saturday morning full of Christian fellowship and mission work. Learn how to turn plastic shopping bags into woven sleeping mats for the homeless. Donuts and coffee provided.



MUSIC UNDER THE DOME PRESENTS:

The 60-member Bethel University Wind Symphony from St. Paul, MN will be in concert Saturday March 9, 4:00 pm on Music Under the Dome at First Church. A love offering will be taken. The Bethel Wind Symphony is directed by Dr. Steve Thompson, and will feature a broad range of musical repertoire, including some inspirational selections. The group will also be playing in morning worship on March 10th. It will be another glorious experience hearing some spectacular music in our sanctuary!

FIRST CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS:

The Office Manager will be out of the office Feb 21-28th. Please send Bulletin announcements no later than Monday for inclusion for next week. The bulletin will be printed Tuesday morning.

Sun, Feb.25: 9 am Sunday School, Pacesetters, Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Band rehearsal, Choir Practice

10:30 am **Worship 2nd week of Lent, Welcome Rev. Denny Coon, Childrens Church**

12:30 pm GriefShare 12:30-2:30 Conf Rm 2

2 pm Lani Eclatt Music Practice

Mon, Feb. 26: 10 am- Prep Connection café meal

Noon- FUMC Serves Connection Café

5:15 pm- Finance meeting

6:30 pm-Church council meeting

Tues, Feb. 27: BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE FOR NEXT WEEK

9 am-Staff Meeting

6-8 pm, Leadership Council Training, Fellowship Hall, with Meal

Thurs, Feb.29: 5:30 pm- Bell Choir Practice

7:00 pm- Choir Practice

Fri, Mar. 1: First Day Of Women's History Month

Sun, Mar.3: 9 am Sunday School, Pacesetters, Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Band rehearsal, Choir Practice

10:30 am **Worship, 3rd week of Lent, Communion/Food Pantry Sunday, Childrens Church**

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Easter Flower Orders Due March 17th