

Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone

March 24, 2024



LITURGY OF THE PALMS

Blessed Is the One

DEPTHS OF LOVE WORSHIP SERIES

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

March 24, 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 IN KENYON HALL

Passing out of Palms

***CALL TO THE PROCESSION**

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Jesus is coming to Jerusalem!

All: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

All: Hosanna! Lord, save us!

Processional To Sanctuary

(Everyone is invited to join the processional following the choir, singing, and waving palm branches. Children and parents are encouraged to follow the choir from Kenyon Hall into the sanctuary.)

Processional Song

Hosanna, Ho! (Echo song)

Ben Allaway

Hosanna, Ho! (ECHO)
Blest is the one who comes (ECHO)
In the name of the Lord, Hosanna!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Julia E. F. Poulsen

***Hymn**

Filled with Excitement

UMH #279

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Rev. Julia E. F. Poulsen

Pages 694-696, Old Testament (front portion of pew Bible)

Response: The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*New Testament Reading

Mark 11:1-11

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Page 57-58, 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!
(Echo song)

Ben Allaway

Good News Message

Blessed Is the One

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.

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OFFERTORY INVITATION


Rev. Julia E. F. Poulsen

Offertory Music

The King of Glory Comes


2091

Refrain




The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

Fine




O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.



1. Who is the King of glo - ry; how shall we call him?
2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
3. Sing then of Da - vid's son, our Sav - ior and broth - er;

D.C.



He is Em - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
he goes a - mong his peo - ple cur - ing their ill - ness.
in all of Gal - i - lee was nev - er an - oth - er.

WORDS: Rev. Willard F. Jabusch (Ps. 24:7-10; Matt. 1:23)

MUSIC: Trad. Israeli folk song

KING OF GLORY
12 12 with Refrain

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OFFERTORY PRAYER

Rev. Julia E. F. Poulsen

SENDING FORTH

Prayer of the Day

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Palm Sunday Prayer

God of the foolish cross,
tottering down the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey,

You are not the savior we expect.

Your power doesn't look like the power we want our God to demonstrate.

Your wisdom makes no sense to us.

We are happy to join the crowd, waving branches,

But not so sure we want to follow you

into the temple courts

into the upper room

into the Garden of Gethsemane

to the foot of the cross.

Clarify our clouded vision.

Hosanna, hosanna.

Written by Joanna Harader on her **Spacious Faith** blog, <http://spaciousfaith.com/>. Re-posted on the re:Worship blog at <https://re-worship.blogspot.com/2013/02/prayer-god-of-foolish-cross.html>.

UMH #280

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

UMH #279

Ho - - - sanna! Ho - sanna to the King!

Hofkapelle 1784
Arr. W.H Monk 1868

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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.

PLEASE JOIN US TODAY FOR PALM SUNDAY PROCESSION OF PEACE

2:30-2:45 pm
Gather in the parking lot
at Corinthian Baptist
Church
814 School St.
Des Moines, Iowa

3:00 pm
Proceed to
St. John's Lutheran
Church
600 6th Ave.
Des Moines, Iowa

3:30 pm
Worship at
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There will be a Procession led by a donkey, and a Prayer Service for Peace. We will gather to raise our voices in support of justice and peace. We will lift our voices and prayers calling for a cease fire and diplomacy in Palestine/Israel and Ukraine/Russia; an end to war and sanctions that kill in Iran, N. Korea, Syria and Yemen; and for an end to violence here at home. We will remember the true meaning of Palm Sunday, and renew our commitment to be instruments of God's peace. Keynote speaker will be Rev. Christine Cowan.

Please bring palms from your Sunday morning service.

Des Moines Faith Committee for Peace

Schedule for Holy Week:

Maundy Thursday, March 28: 7 PM Worship & Choir Cantata in the Sanctuary
MUSIC UNDER THE DOME March 28th- CHOIR CANTATA "Colors of Grace" March 28, 7:00 pm. A beautiful service featuring the Chancel Choir with Narrator and special staging. We hope you will join us!

Good Friday, March 29: 12 pm-Stations of the Cross begin on the steps of First United Methodist Church at Noon, and travel to the surrounding downtown churches to continue the procession. All are welcome!

Easter Sunday, 10:30 am, March 31: Join us for Easter Celebration Worship at First Church!

*****PALESTINIAN CRAFTS FOR SALE*** THIS SUNDAY!!!**



As the war drags on, artisans in the West Bank continue to struggle to feed their families. We have received another box of items to sell.

There are some lovely things: shawls, jewelry, felted items and much more. Do you have a need for birthday gifts or a little something to tuck in an Easter basket? **Stop by the tables that will be set up in Kenyon Hall after worship on Palm Sunday. Cash or check only please.**

Thanks for helping those in need.

Easter Offering: This year, we will donate our Easter Offering to two organizations that fight hunger: Self Help International and DMARC. Self Help International, based in Waverly, Iowa, has been empowering farm families to achieve self-reliance since 1959. It started by building and shipping simple tractors to nearly 50 countries around the world. Now, it focuses on Ghana and Nicaragua, two countries with high poverty and malnutrition rates. It helps farmers grow more nutritious crops, especially corn, which is the main source of protein there. It also provides micro-credit loans and training to women farmers, helping them access land and markets. Through these programs, Self Help International is reducing hunger by helping people help themselves.

DMARC is a familiar name to First Church folks, as we have supported its Food Pantry with our first Sunday offerings and food donations for many years. With our Easter Offering, we hope to help even more hungry Iowans. The past year has been the busiest one for the DMARC Food Pantries, serving over 53,000 people until September. About a third of them had never used the Food Pantry before. They faced unexpected challenges such as high prices, health issues, job loss or accidents. DMARC was there to offer friendly and respectful assistance.

As we celebrate the joy of Easter, let us give generously so that these two organizations can continue their work to help hungry people, both in Iowa and around the world.

FIRST CHURCH SURVEYS HAVE BEGUN! Please watch for the email with the link to complete on line.

Paper copies are available at the Current events table in Kenyon Hall.

Required to be received no later than Wednesday, April 17th.

All answers are strictly anonymous. We have no way of matching any assessment to a particular person, so please feel free to candidly share your perceptions, opinions, and experiences. Our future together is dependent on your participation and honest answers.

If you have questions, please contact our Office Manager by phone at (515) 244-6209 or email: officemanager@dmfirstchurch.org.

Irene Frimpong will be available after Worship for the next 2 weeks and by appointment to help fill out surveys online and by paper. Please request on the attendance slip to be contacted for an appointment time that works for you!

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR RON MATSON APRIL 6th

Ronald Eugene Matson, a cherished member of the community, and longtime member of First Church passed away peacefully on September 29, 2023. A Celebration of Life service will be held on April 6, at 1 pm at First United Methodist Church, officiated by Christine Anders, Retired Minister of Discipleship. A reception with refreshments will follow in Fellowship Hall hosted by his daughters Lori Cekoric and Teresa Matson.

The family requests donations to the First United Methodist Church in lieu of flowers. Let us honor Ron's memory and celebrate his remarkable life. He will be forever missed by his family and friends, who will keep him in their hearts and share his legacy through their memories.

CELEBRATION OF LIFE FOR MAVIS MCVEETY APRIL 19th

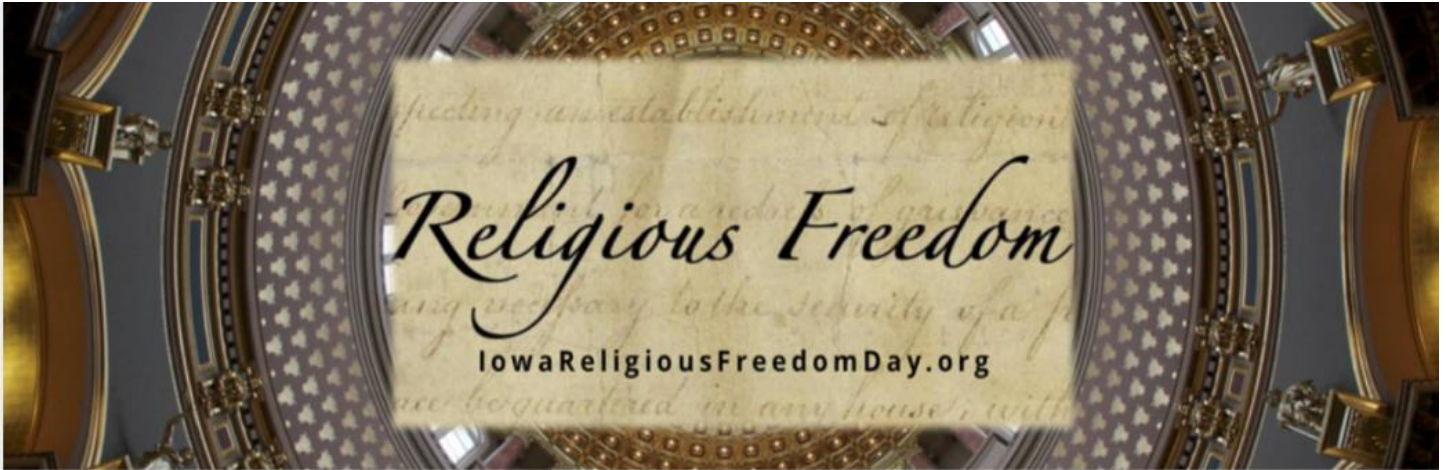
Mavis Gwen McVeety Age 80, passed away peacefully on February 28, 2024, in Des Moines. Mavis was a long-time member of First Church

A celebration of her life will be held at 2 p.m. on Friday, April 19, 2024, in the Penthouse at Scottish Rite Park, 2909 Woodland Avenue, Des Moines. A reception will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions preferred to the Kappa Delta Pi Scholarship Fund at UNI or to the Scottish Rite Park Good Neighbor Fund.

What Is Midwest Mission?

Pacesetters invites you to join them on Sunday, April 14th, for a special program about Midwest Mission. On that morning Danille Curtis, Iowa Public Relations Specialist for Midwest Mission will be speaking and answering questions about its mission and ministry. Danille joined Midwest Mission in 2021. She was key in getting the Jefferson location off the ground and building a community for Midwest Mission in Iowa. Now, Danille is the Iowa Public Relations Specialist, spreading the word about Midwest Mission around Iowa. She speaks at churches and organizations about Midwest Mission. Currently First Church is participating in the loom ministry sponsored by Midwest Mission, and you may have attended one of the classes to learn how to make mats for the homeless using plastic bags. **Please join us on April 14th to learn more about this and other projects of Midwest Mission. Come for coffee and treats at 8:45, and stay to hear Danille Curtis, beginning at 9:00.**

Learn to loom classes have been a success! Thanks to so many of you participating, we are scheduled to have a new class on April 13th, the second Saturday from 9:30-11:30 am, in Room 103, lower level First Church. Please reserve the date! Please check out the first completed mat for the homeless hanging in Kenyon Hall. We hope to see you there!



11th Annual Iowa Religious Freedom Day

What Good is Religion in the 21st Century?

Wednesday, April 10, 2024

Interfaith Breakfast at the State Capitol (7:30 - 11:30 am)

Gather with many faith communities; meet elected officials and share your values

Interactive Symposium at Drake University (1:00 - 5:00 pm)

Keynote remarks and various panel discussions on the theme; refreshments; networking

Free to participate with any and all events

Please Register at iowareligiousfreedomday.org



SAVE THE DATE!!! --- Bishop Dingman Award Celebration

April 6, 2024, Reception and Awards Presentation

The Catholic Peace Ministry is delighted to announce the 26th annual Bishop Dingman Award Celebration, which will take place on Saturday, April 6.

We are thrilled to announce that the 2024 Bishop Dingman Award Recipients are Sister Jeanie Hagedorn and Sister Elaine Hagedorn.

We are honored to have Bishop Kennetha Bigham-Tsai, of the United Methodist Church, Iowa Episcopal Area, as our keynote speaker for this special event.

Native American Ministries Sunday is on April 14!

Scripture: “Remember your work that comes from faith, your effort that comes from love, and your perseverance that comes from hope in our Lord Jesus Christ in the presence of our God and Father.”
—1 Thessalonians 1:2-3, CEB

For United Methodists across the nation, The Native American Ministries Sunday special offering is on April 14. On this Special Sunday, we gather an offering to celebrate the gifts and contributions made by Native Americans to The United Methodist Church and to our society. When we celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday, we support tribes like the Lenape nation, who are rallying to gain legal recognition in the state of Pennsylvania.

Your gifts to the Native American Ministries Sunday offering strengthen Native American ministries in annual conferences; Native American rural, urban, and reservation ministries and communities and provide scholarships for Native American seminarians.

How to give to Native American Ministries Sunday offering:

- Give through our church’s online giving portal; Designate “Native American Ministries Sunday” in the memo section.
- Write a check for the Native American Ministries Sunday offering to our local church and place it in the offering plate; designate “NAMS” in the memo line.
- Give your cash offering in the offering plate using the offering envelopes in the pew.
- Give online or set up monthly giving at [UMC.org/SSGive](https://www.UMC.org/SSGive).

Let’s celebrate Native American Ministries Sunday and declare God’s divine love on April 14.

Thank you,

Julie Poulsen, Finance Committee, Chairperson

General Conference

April 23-May 3, 2024 is when the international body of denominational leaders of the United Methodist Church will gather in Charlotte, North Carolina to decide legislation, to worship and to plan for the future. Many changes will be considered and much needs to be discussed since the disaffiliation of many churches.

To learn more: <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-whats-new-for-gc-2024-series>

To learn about the budget of our denomination, please see <https://www.umc.org/en/content/ask-the-umc-whats-new-gc2024-part-1-budget>

The elected Iowa delegation will represent the Iowa United Methodist Churches at General Conference. Julie Poulsen, retired clergy who attends First UMC, will attend as an observer.

FIRST CHURCH WEEKLY CALENDAR OF MEETINGS & EVENTS:



Procession of the Palms

Sun, Mar.24: **PALM SUNDAY**

9 am Sunday School, Pacesetters, Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Band rehearsal, Choir Practice

10:30 am **Worship, 6th week of Lent**, Childrens Church

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

2:30 pm-Procession of Peace begins at Corinthian Baptist Church

Mon, Mar.25: 10:00 am-Prep Connection Café Meal

Noon- FUMC Serves Connection Café

5:15 pm-Finance Meeting

6:30 pm-Church Council Meeting

Tues, Mar.26: BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS DUE FOR NEXT WEEK

9:00 am Staff Meeting

Wed, Mar.27:

Thurs, Mar.28: 7:00 pm- Maundy Service First Church Sanctuary

Fri, Mar. 29: NOON- STATIONS OF THE CROSS begin on First Church steps

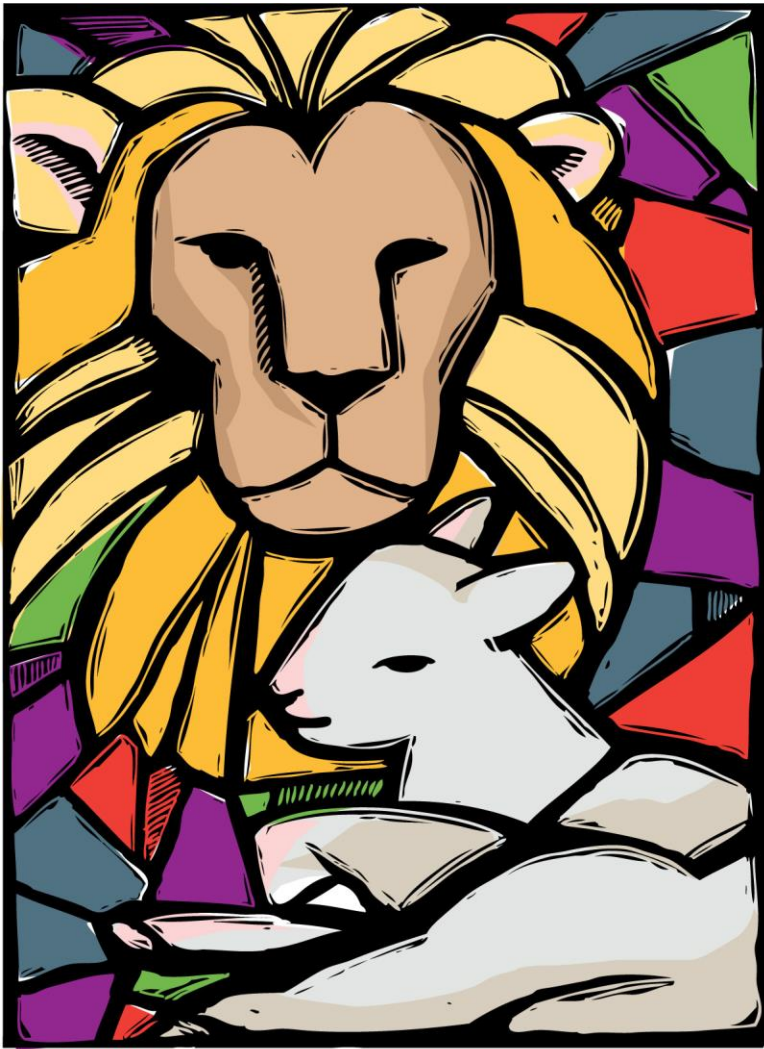
Sat, Mar.30

Sun, Mar.31: **EASTER SUNDAY**

9 am Sunday School, Pacesetters, Adult Bible Study

9:45 am Band rehearsal, Choir Practice

10:30 am **EASTER CELEBRATION WORSHIP**, Childrens Church



“Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain,
to receive power and...
honor and glory and praise!”

Revelation 5:12, NIV

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