

November 14, 2021

Refuse to  
go it  
alone...



## Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone

*First Church - 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.*

10:30 AM

# **First United Methodist Church**

November 14, 2021

Des Moines, IA

## **SERVICE OF WORD**

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

### **GATHERING TO WORSHIP**

Prelude

"Aria"

Calvin Hampton

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Moment

Now Is Where God Lives

Gregory A. Boyd & Ben Allaway  
Music by Ben Allaway

\*Call to Worship

Come all who are born of God.

Abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

***We come in response to the one who calls us friends.***

***We are here in obedience to Christ's command.***

Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness.

Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

***Let our lips pour out a joyful noise.***

***Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.***

Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things.

Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

***We clap our hands and sing for joy.***

***We live by faith that conquers the world.***

*By Lavon Bayler*

Hymn #404

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

(Soloist sings verses, congregation joins in on chorus)

Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray,  
Ev'ry time I feel the Spirit movin' in my heart I will pray.

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Reading – Ecclesiastes 4:9-10

Christine Anders

*After the reading:*

The Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

Music Ministry

“With Love”  
Lani Ecklett, Soloist

Christina Grimmie

Gospel Reading – John 15:9-17

Laurie Hoskins

*After the reading:*

The Word of God for the people of God!  
**Praise to the living Word!**

Children’s Time

Ben Allaway

Good News Message

“Refuse To Go It Alone”

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Prayers of the People

People: **Lord, we want to follow you. Be with us as we journey together the pathways of discipleship. Be at work in our lives as we strive to become the disciples you have called us to be.**

Pastoral Prayer

Christine Anders

The Lord’s Prayer (in unison) [Good News Version]

***Our Father in heaven: May your holy name be honored; may your Kingdom come; may your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today the food we need. Forgive us the wrongs we have done, as we forgive the wrongs that others have done to us. Do not bring us to hard testing, but keep us safe from the Evil One. Amen.***

Ministry of Sharing

Offertory Invitation

Outreach Committee

Offertory Prayer

## SENDING FORTH

Hymn

We Shall Overcome

Commission and Blessing

Friends of Christ, carry God's love into the world.  
You have been chosen and appointed to bear fruit.

***May the Holy Spirit inspire our words.***

***May God's love in Christ empower our deeds.***

Sing of the victory of self-giving friendship.

Witness to the saving power of love.

***In Christ, we are no longer servants but friends.***

***We are learning to love as we have been loved.***

God judges the world with righteousness.

Our efforts are accepted with steadfast faithfulness.

***We clap our hands with appreciation and joy.***

***The law of love is reigning in our hearts.***

Amen.

***Amen.***

Benediction

Rev. Edgar F. Solís

Chimes

Postlude

"St. Anthony Chorale by Brahms  
from Variations on a Theme"

Joseph Haydn

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Creative Center for Young Children (CCYC) is starting a food drive for Bidwell Riverside Food Pantry. They will start collecting on November 15 and will collect items through the end of the month. Here are some items that are needed:



- Canned Meat (Tuna, Chicken)
- Cereal
- Soup
- Spaghetti Noodles
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Peanut Butter
- Canned corn and green beans
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned Fruit
- Mac-n-Cheese
- Chef Boyardee with meat
- Healthy Breakfast Bars

## **In-Person Fellowship Time**



After church coffee will be held today in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to stay socially distanced as you visit.

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**Please be considerate of all who use the church kitchen.**



If you use the upstairs kitchen, please clean up after yourself. Do not leave used dishes draining and dirty towels on the counter. If the dishes in the dishwasher are clean, put them away and put your dirty dishes in. Thank you!

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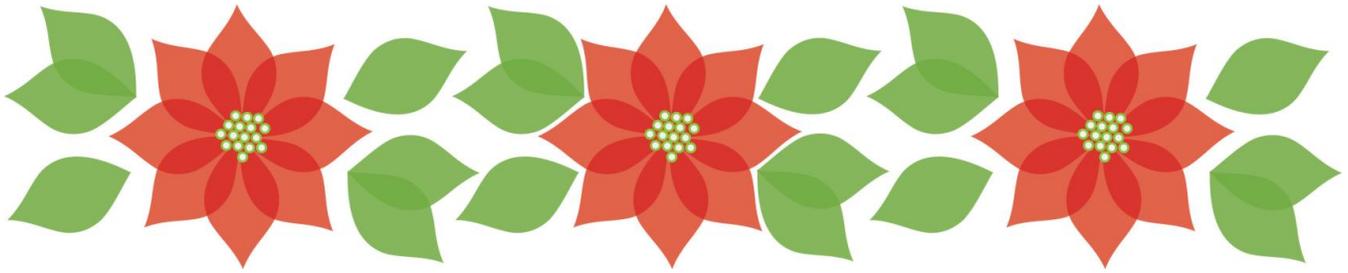
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**Worship Participants This Morning**

Preaching:	Rev. Edgar F. Solís
Liturgist:	Christine Anders
Reader	Laurie Hoskins
Organist:	Ben Allaway
Soloist:	Lani Ecklett
November Greeters:	Arnie Brown, Millie Wade
November Ushers:	Ned Johnson & Craig Strayer (Head Ushers) Ron Roulet
Nursery:	Renea Losee (Nursery not currently open)
Children's Church:	Laurie Hoskins (Coordinator)
Bus Driver:	Tammy Nelsen

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## 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 5. A poinsettia from their 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 Sunday, December 5

Please indicate your willingness to help with this ministry by completing the following form and returning your form and your payment by mail, leaving it in the church office or dropping it in the offering plate **by Sunday, November 28**. Checks should be made out to First United Methodist Church, marked for the **Saints at Home Poinsettia Project**. Thank you for your help in this important ministry!

<p>___ I / We wish to purchase _____ poinsettias for our Saints at Home.</p> <p>___ I / We will help deliver poinsettias to our Saints at Home on Sunday, December 5.</p> <p>Name: _____</p> <p>Phone #: _____</p> <p>Total paid: _____</p>
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