

November 21, 2021



Worship ~ We Welcome & Affirm Everyone

First Church - 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.

10:30 AM

First United Methodist Church

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Des Moines, IA

SERVICE OF WORD
Stewardship Sunday

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

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

Prelude

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Mark Hayes,
arr. Wagner

Welcome and Announcements

Centering Moment

*Call to Worship

The eternal God who loves us invites us to praise him.

The Alpha and Omega welcome our worship.

All creation is telling the glory of God.

All creation proclaims God's mighty acts.

God is present with us, eager to speak for our good.

Jesus is here, inviting us to see God's promises.

The Word of God brings hope for the future.

God's words are sure, making wise the simple.

We come before the Lord with open hearts.

We are ready to listen for God's counsel.

May our worship before God be sincere and pure.

May our thoughts and our words be acceptable to God.

*Hymn UMH #87

"What Gift Can We Bring"

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Old Testament Reading – Isaiah 43:18-21

Christine Anders

After the reading:

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Music Ministry

“Come Before the Lord with Praise”

Natalie Sleeth

The Chancel Choir

Julie Poulson – piano, Scott Davis – trumpet, Stan Dahl – percussion

Chuck Kuba - bass

*Gospel Reading – John 14:1-7

Christine Anders

After the reading:

The Word of God for the people of God!

Praise to the living Word!

Children’s Time

Christine Anders

Good News Message

“Refocus on God’s Promises”

Pastor Edgar

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) [The Voice]

Our Father in heaven, let Your name remain holy. Bring about Your kingdom. Manifest Your will here on earth, as it is manifest in heaven. Give us each day that day’s bread—no more, no less— And forgive us our debts as we forgive those who owe us something. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. But let Your kingdom be, and let it be powerful and glorious forever. Amen.

Ministry of Sharing

Offertory Invitation

Blessing Our Pledges

Offertory Prayer

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn TFWS #2223 "They'll Know We Are Christians"

*Commission and Blessing

We are ready to look forward.

Now we are seeing God's promises for us.

With minds renewed, we go out with hope.

With hearts revived, we will move forward.

We are eager to see Jesus' promises in our lives.

We will follow Christ always and everywhere.

We seek to gain Christ and share with others God's love.

God's promises strengthen our faith for the journey.

We seek to grow in our service to God.

We are sure to walk our path counting on God's presence.

We will press on toward a brighter future with God.

Our faith in God's promises gives us hope always!

Amen.

Amen.

Benediction

Pastor Edgar F. Solís

Chimes

Postlude

"All Hail the Power of Jesus Name"

Holden, arr. Rippon



**VOLUNTEERS
are key!**

Volunteers are needed to help prepare and/or serve the evening meal for the Central Iowa Shelter on Thursday, December 2. We prepare the meal that afternoon and serve the meal at the shelter at 6:30 p.m.

If you are able to help, please contact Shirley at shirley.christoffersen@dnr.iowa.gov or call 276-3112.

Unique Gifts



Looking for a unique Christmas gift? Today after worship in Fellowship Hall, we will be selling some beautiful hand embroidered items created by Palestinian women. There will also be some olive wood pieces. Stop by and take a look.

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



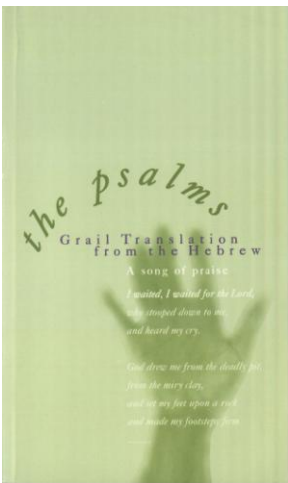


In-Person Fellowship Time

After church coffee will be held today in Fellowship Hall. Please remember to stay socially distanced as you visit. Due to shortages of environmentally friendly cups and lids, we encourage all to bring your own drink cup/coffee thermos.

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!



the psalms: Grail Translation from the Hebrew (book)

Pastor Kevin LaGree is looking for copies of the psalms: Grail Translation from the Hebrew. A number of years ago Pastor Keven used this book to teach a class on the Psalms. The book is out of print and if you have a copy you would be willing to sell back to him, please let Christine know at discipleship@dmfirstchurch.org or 515-244-6209.

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Worship Participants This Morning

Preaching:	Rev. Edgar F. Solís
Liturgist:	Christine Anders
Organist:	Ben Allaway
Special Music:	The Chancel Choir Julie Poulson – piano, Scott Davis – trumpet, Stan Dahl – percussion, Chuck Kuba - bass
November Greeters:	Arnie Brown, Millie Wade
November Ushers:	Craig Strayer (Head Usher) Ron Roulet
Nursery:	Renea Losee (Nursery not currently open)
Children's Church:	Laurie Hoskins (Coordinator)

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