



First United Methodist Church

*Welcome! We're glad that you are here.
To all who need comfort; all who need friendship;
all who are lonely and need companionship;
all who want sheltering love, all who sin
and need a Savior; and whosoever will
—we open wide our doors and say,
“Come; let us worship together.”*

10:15am Sunday Worship Service

March 5, 2017

**Prelude
Words of Welcome and Announcements**

*** Prayer of Invocation (In Unison)**

God, as we take this journey that draws us ever closer to you, walk with us, sustain us, nurture us. Guide us with your hand, keep our feet steady, and our vision on you. God, whether we choose to give up something for lent or do something positive, let us not do it out of obligation, but out of love for you. Keep us in your paths of love, mercy and grace. Lord help us to remember we are not alone but that we are walking with our Christian brothers and sisters. Amen

*** Hymn #2068 “I Love You, Lord” (x2)**

*** Call to Worship**

L: To Noah, God said: “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth.
(Genesis 9:12-13, NRSV)

P: **Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.**

L: To Abraham, God said: “As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations.
(Genesis 17:4, NRSV)

P: **Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.**

L: To us, God gives a covenant. Jesus said: “For this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.” *(Matthew 26:28, NRSV)* This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds.”
(Hebrews 10:16, NRSV)

P: **Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us.**

ALL: **Blessed be the name of the Lord, who keeps covenant with us. God, help us, in return, to keep our covenant with you. Amen**

Words from the Cross

Molly Andersen

*** Sharing the Peace of Christ**

“Peace be with you. And also with you!”
(Take this time to greet one another in Christ’s love.)

Children’s Moment

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

Silent Prayer

Lord’s Prayer

Scripture Lesson

Exodus 32:1-24/ Hebrews 10:16-23

L: This is the word of God for the people of God.

P: **Thanks be to God.**

*** Hymn #2129 “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”**

*** Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 26:20-29

Message

The Stone of the Covenant

Rev. Joey Garcea

Offertory Sentence

Please use this time to register your attendance in the red booklets found at the end of each pew and pass it along your row.

Offertory

*** Doxology # 95**

*** Offering Prayer**

Forgiving God, you bring us the joy of salvation! Your steadfast love surrounds those who trust you. We are grateful that you nurture us with your Word. By your Spirit, help our congregation draw closer to you, even as we reach out to share your good news with our neighbors. We dedicate our tithes and offerings in the name of your faithful Son, Jesus Christ. Amen

*** Communion**

*** Apostle’s Creed**

*** Hymn #124 “Seek the Lord”**

*** Benediction**

*** Postlude**

In Our Prayers

John Hamm, Glen Brunner, John Powell, Rex Felten, Eli, Bill Remrey, Jerod Wood, Savannah Jones, Wilma Brunner, Ed Arb, Susan Mangler, Judy Orn, Joan Miller, Bob Law, Betty Guenzler, Joan Casselius, Elizabeth Rath, Shawn Roling, Tom Eckhardt, Family of Cody Donahue, Family of Don Adams, Military Personnel and their families

Birthdays & Anniversaries

Mar 5 Allen Beyer, Greg Jepsen
8 John Jachino Jr
9 Brianna Ducey, Carol Fosdick
10 Jean Bonjour
12 Ryan Haas
13 Sandra Pratt, John Heffelfinger, *John & Linda Jachino '71*

Calendar

Sunday, March 5

9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship
4 pm First Sunday @ Mt. Carroll Bowling Center

Monday, March 6

9 am Body & Soul Yoga
7 pm Worship Committee Meeting

Tuesday, March 7

4 pm Women’s Bible Study
7 pm UMW

Wednesday, March 8

7 pm Lent @ First Presbyterian

Thursday, March 9

8 am Breakfast (Café Crumbles)/ Bible Study
9 am Body & Soul Yoga
3:30 pm Lutheran Social Services

Saturday, March 11

8:30 am Weight Watchers- Fellowship Hall
5 pm Worship

Sunday, March 12 Daylight Saving Time

9 am Sunday School
10:15 am Worship

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **We welcome all visitors** to our Worship time today. We are glad you're here. Our slogan is Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. We are the people of the United Methodist Church.
2. **Friendly reminder** to LeaAnn Michels! You are the verifier for next Sunday!
3. If you need to get ahold of **Pastor Joey** and he is not in the office, please call him on his cell! 815-656-0362!
4. **First Sunday TODAY!!** We will be meeting at **4pm @ the Mt. Carroll Bowling Center**. We will be bowling, playing laser tag, and eating pizza!! **EVERYONE** welcome!!
5. **Women's Bible study will meet at 4:00 Tuesdays** beginning **March 7 through May 2** at Suzanne Atherton's home. We will be studying the book of Philippians – Jesus Our Joy. Cost of the book is **\$9.50 payable** to Peg Dauphin. All women **WELCOME!**
6. **United Methodist Women** will be having their first meeting of the year on **March 7th @ 7pm**. We will be meeting in the **library**. Our topic will be **domestic violence with a guest speaker** from the Riverview Center. Refreshments will be provided by LaVona. **All women WELCOME!** Feel free to **bring a friend!**
7. The **Rockford District Spring Lay Academy** will be held **March 18-19** in Lanark. If you are interested in attending, please stop in the office for registration information.

Worship Helpers

PASTOR: Rev. Joey Garcea

MUSICIAN:

Vivian Eaton

CUSTODIAN:

Kay Cavanagh

ADMINISTRATIVE ASST:

Shauna Roberts

GROUNDKEEPER:

Don Kramer

March 5

Acolyte: Tommie Falk

Audio: Kris Yingling

Children's Time: Pastor Joey

Coffee Hour: Pam Darrow

Communion: Max & Martha Purchis

Greeters: Susan White, Linda Jachino

Liturgist: Dave Davies

Media: Chris Falk

Nursery: Judy Davidson, Brennon Cavanagh

Ushers: Burt Dauphin, Bob Davidson, Melinda & Gary Dykema

March 12

Acolyte: Brigit Jepsen

Audio: Kris Yingling

Children's Time: Pastor Joey

Coffee Hour: Molly Andersen, Linda Jachino

Communion: x

Greeters: Deb Long

Liturgist: Peg Dauphin

Media: Susan Michelle Jepsen

Nursery: Bonnie Davies

Ushers: Bob & LaVona Grissinger, Brennon Cavanagh, Rhonda Law



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, 10:15am

*“You shall love the Lord your God
with all your heart, and with all your soul,
and with all your mind, and with all your strength,
and you shall love your neighbor as yourself.”*

--Jesus Christ

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