

Please check with a volunteer in the sound booth if you would like a hearing device to use during our worship service. Large-print bulletins and hymnals are also available. Please visit with one of our greeters if you need assistance. We encourage those present to sign one of the attendance logs. Attendance logs are located in the narthex near the sanctuary entrance, by the elevator entrance, and in the choir room.

TODAY’S WORSHIP STEWARDS

Lay Reader Joyce Colombo
Organist/Director of Music Scott Blankenbaker
Accompanist Lisa Nelson
Visuals Gary Mott
Sound Marcy Tempus
Greeters Cindy Kalvig, Lana McElroy
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Worship Services
Sunday 10:00 a.m. – Sanctuary or Facebook
Sunday 11:00 a.m. – Radio Broadcast on KCMR 97.9 FM

First United Methodist Church

“A Christian faith community to further God’s kingdom.”

July 28, 2024



<https://cornerstonechurches.org/media/generous-hearts-open-hands-part-4-the-equity-of-generosity>

Reverend Melanie Greengo
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Prelude Lisa Nelson

"Thy Word" – Arranged by Mark Hayes

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Welcome
Announcements

One: The ads online, on TV, and everywhere we look shout: "Buy me! You deserve me! You're only worthy with me!"

Many: Some days we shout back: Enough!

One: And other days we let a theology and attitude of scarcity overtake us.

Many: On those days we allow what we have to define us, control us, and restrict us.

One: God provides enough.

God created each of us as enough.

God creates a world of abundance.

Many: But our certainty of scarcity, our idolatry of the shiny, and our fears of others prevent us from gratitude, graciousness, and sharing.

One: We live in an abundant world.

Many: Our creator makes it so.

One: Move our hearts, lessen our fears in this hour.

Many: There is enough for all of us.

One: Praise be to the God of Abundant Love!

Many: Praise to the God of Enough!

-<https://liturgybits.wordpress.com/>

Hymn #66
"Praise My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Moment of Meditation
Be still and Know God is God Psalm 46:10

Opening Prayer

Special Music Lenette Baron, Jacey Baron
"Jesus Messiah" – *written by Daniel Carson, Chris Tomlin et al*

Scripture Reading Exodus 16: 1-23

Hymn #3117
"Rule of Life"

Sermon Reverend Melanie Greengo
"Enough"

Wondering with Mel

Hymn #3093
"Fill My Cup Lord" (sing through twice)

Invitation to the offering
Offering Prayer (in unison)

Loving God, in this sacred moment of offering, we come before you with humble hearts, recognizing your unwavering mercy and boundless compassion. As we present our gifts, may we also lay bare our shortcomings and seek your forgiveness and guidance. Grant us the courage to confront our humanity and the strength to strive for righteousness in all our endeavors. Amen.

- <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/worship-with-rejoicing/tenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-lectionary-planning-notes/tenth-sunday-after-pentecost-year-b-offertory-prayer>

Pastoral Prayer
Lord's Prayer

Closing Hymn #389
"Freely Freely"

Benediction

Postlude Lisa Nelson
"Doxology" – From the Genevan Psalter, Arranged by Mark Hayes

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July 28th – August 3rd 2024

THIS WEEK

Sunday, July 28th

Lori on Vacation

9:00 am Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall
10:00 am Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB
11:30 am Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM

Monday, July 29th

Lori on Vacation

9:00 am Turquoise Table

Tuesday, July 30th
No Church Events

Wednesday, July 31st

2:00 pm Music Moments, Facebook

Thursday, August 1st
No Church Events

Friday, August 2nd
No Church Events

Saturday, August 3rd
No Church Events

Supper Club

Supper Club will meet at Pasta Bella on August 22 at 5:15 pm. Please sign up on the sign-up sheet in the back of the sanctuary by Sunday, August 18 so we have a head count.

Prayer Chain

Please call the church office at 641-423-4905 to submit a request to the confidential prayer chain. Call Rev. Melanie Greengo at 641-781-0264 if there is an emergency and need for pastoral care outside of office hours.

Have you considered using the Prayer Chain?

Pastor Judy spoke of the Prayer Chain on Sunday June 30th. I personally have entrusted the Prayer Chain several times over the years. I find it rewarding and heartwarming to know others are praying with me and lifting my situation to God thru prayer.

Prayer does work!

All of our church family, please remember the Prayer Chain is a blessing to us. Ask for prayer when you, a family member, or a friend are in need, no matter what the situation. It is confidential.

Laree Morrise



Well, summer is almost over – but why not celebrate? Come join us for our “That’s a Wrap!” gathering on Wednesday, August 21st from 5-7 p.m. and help us wrap up summer with some fun.

We will be serving wrap sandwiches, chips, lemonade, and a dessert at 5 pm. Then at 6 p.m. we will have the pleasure of hearing local musicians Bob Grant and Sid Bohls play us some good ol’ gospel music – vocals and guitar. Bring your own lawn chairs, bug spray and be ready for a good time. This will be outside on the front lawn of the church.

(Free will offering/no charge) All are welcome to attend! RSVP for food purposes – call the church office or sign up sheet in the Narthex.

– Lori Elbermaw, Christian Administrator

SPECIAL MUSIC

There are still a couple of open Sundays (August 25 & Sept. 1) to be filled during the summer months. If you or someone you know would be interested in sharing your/their gifts, we would love to have that worship enhancement. Please contact Scott Blankenbaker for more information.

Changes are coming to the website! Visit us at masoncityfirst.com for live news updates, digital versions of the weekly bulletin and monthly newsletter, a calendar of events, prayer chain request submission form, and more!



Best Wishes

Happy Birthday to all who are celebrating their special day! Congratulations to the following couples celebrating an anniversary this week:

July 30th

Cathy & Jim Hrubbetz

August 1st

Dylan & Hayley Alitz

Mark & Lori Alitz

August 3rd

John & Beth Alverson

First UMC T-shirts

The new First United Methodist Church t-shirts are now available! We will be taking orders until August 15th, and the sign-up sheet as well as the design mock-up are at the back of the sanctuary. Prices start at \$18.50 for adult S-XL with prices going up slightly for larger sizes. Our intention behind the shirts is to be able to volunteer in the community as a cohesive unit, embracing the love and kindness of Mason City First. Please place checks written to FUMC memo line: *T-shirts* in the offering plate, as well as putting cash in an envelope from the pew with your name and marked *T-shirts* in the offering plate. Or stop by the office and drop off cash/check. Please remember to fill out the sign up sheet with your name(s) and size(s) as well! Thank you everyone!

- Lori Elbermaw

Mason City Elementary School Mission Project

For the months of July and August, the congregation is invited to join our United Women in Faith in a Mason City Elementary School Mission Project. We have learned there is a need right here in our own community for several things. Financial Gifts are also welcome with a memo note of "school project".

New socks (boys and girls)

New underwear (boys and girls) - sizes 6 to 12

Toiletries - e.g. child's toothbrush, soap, shampoo

Items may be placed in the labeled grocery cart in the entry. Thank you for your donations and supporting local children!

Beth Alverson

First UMC Women

The Swaledale UMC Women are inviting First UMC women to their Tea Luncheon on August 10th at 2 p.m. Their special guest will be Becky Litterer who will be discussing plants and spiritual gardening. Please RSVP to Linda Fessler at 641-998-2921 by August 5th.



Sunday, August 4th

Communion

9:00 am

10:00 am

11:30 am

1:00 pm

Coffee Hour, Fellowship Hall

Worship Service, Sanctuary or FB

Radio Broadcast, KCMR 97.9 FM

Spirit Filled Trails, Parking Lot

Monday, August 5th

9:00 am

12:30 pm

Turquoise Table

Card Writing, Nursery 2

Tuesday, August 6th

SPRC

6:30 pm

Wednesday, August 7th

Music Moments, Facebook

Beyond Praise

2:00 pm

5:15 pm

Thursday, August 8th

No UMW meeting

5:00 pm

Missions, Upper Room

Friday, August 9th

No Church Events

Saturday, August 10th

No Church Events



Radio Ministry Sponsors

11:30 a.m. Sunday - KCMR 97.9 FM

This Sunday's radio broadcast is sponsored by Coleen Lohrbach in memory of Jon's birthday.

Sign up to sponsor a radio broadcast by sending an email to

office@masoncityfirstumc.org

or calling 641-423-4905.

Cost to sponsor a Sunday is \$80. Thank you!

Available Radio Dates:

8/4, 8/11, 9/1, 9/8