

*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"Toccata on 'Old Hundredth'"

Robert Hebble

Welcome

Today is Sunday, October 8, 2017

8:15 am	Toddler Nursery Opens, room 105
8:30 & 10:50 am	Worship Service, the Sanctuary
9:15 am	Hospitality and Social Time, the Commons
9:30 am	Chin Immanuel Church, Ada Mead Hall
9:30 am	Community Supported Agriculture, North Outdoor Courtyard
9:35 am	Exploring First Church, the Parlor
9:35 am	Faith Studies @First
9:35 am	Stephen Ministry, the Conference Room
10:00 am	Youth Choir Rehearsal, the Sanctuary
12:00 pm	CROP Walk, 1031 Sunset Trail
12:00 pm	YES Meal Prep, Main Kitchen
3:00 pm	Bystander Intervention Training, room 112

Transportation Volunteers Needed— Anyone with a sedan or small SUV who is willing to drive a member to or from church to northwest Omaha once or twice a month. Our members in need of transportation can offer rich conversations with a wonderful opportunity for intelligent and inspiring dialogue. Please call Carol LaCroix at 402-551-2177 if you are willing or would like more information.

From Participants to Partners

All are always welcome to participate in the life and ministries of FUMC Omaha. When you are ready to move from participant to partnership through your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness, please contact Jane or Cynthia by e-mail or phone; we'd be delighted to answer your questions and get to know one another!

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Our Faith in Action



In October we are collecting peanut butter, jelly, tuna, canned chicken, cake mixes, canned fruit, soup, cereal and beans for Living Hope Pearl Pantry. Gift cards to HyVee are also very welcome!

Mercy and Justice

Meals for Youth Emergency Services—Join Feeding Ministries the second Sunday of each month after 2nd service in the main kitchen. We will prepare casseroles for Y.E.S. Each night, 50-70 youth drop by their Harney Street location for something to eat. Contact Judy Prenzler, prenzlerjk@gmail.com, 402-889-8091, if you can assist or want more information.

Today! October 8,, 12:00 pm, the Main Kitchen

Spiritual Practices @First

All are welcome to join in at any time—no cost involved~

- ◆ Taizé Worship—1st Saturday monthly, 5:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Yoga—Mondays, 9:30 am Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Gentle Aerobics— Tuesdays and Thursdays, 10:00 am, room 204
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance—Tuesdays, 3:30 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Meditation—Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Spiritual Practices—Wednesdays, 5:00 pm, the Parlor
- ◆ Centering Prayer, Sundays, 9:35 am, 1st Sunday monthly, 4:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Outdoor Labyrinth, Garden & Gazebo—24/7

Automated Giving Made Easy—Would you like to have your donation withdrawn automatically from your checking account every month? If so, you can contact Gina Torres at Gina.Torres@fumcomaha.org or leave a voided check in the finance office. If you would like to e-mail, please send your bank's routing number and your checking account number. The monthly withdrawal will occur on the 10th of each month or the next business day if the 10th falls on a weekend. If you have any questions, please contact Gina. Thanks!

Thank you for supporting the ministries of FUMC. Contribution letters are provided to identified donors for tax-deduction records at year end.



Giving Station. There is a black stand with an iPad attached in the Narthex (foyer). It's a giving station that allows people to make donations and/or purchase FUMC items. More and more people do not carry checks or cash with them. Our Giving Station is another way to support our ministries. Whether you give by cash, check, automatic bank transfers, or the new credit card station, we give thanks for faithful and generous giving that allows our ministries to continue and our community to share God's love.



Faith Studies @First

Children & Youth

Children Faith Studies/Kids Zone – We offer fun, friendly, and up-beat faith learning for the youngest members of our faith community. We have classes year-round for children ages 3-year-old to 4th grade. Children will be dropped off and picked up in their individual classrooms.

- 3-year-old/Pre-K **Room 210**
- Kindergarten (5 & 6-year-olds) **Room 205 & 206**
- 1st and 2nd graders **Room 207**
- 3rd and 4th graders **Room 209**

Tween Scene – Moving from Elementary into Jr. High is an exciting time in the life of our children! Our tween scene Faith Studies group is for our 5th and 6th graders and meets every Sunday, and will be dropped off and picked up in their individual classroom on Sunday mornings

- Tween Scene (5th and 6th graders) **Room 208**

Youth Faith Studies – Our youth, in 7th through 12th grade, meet in Junior High and Senior High classes, and combine for service projects, fellowship events, and even special worship planning. Youth Faith Studies center around dynamic current events and motivating faith topics, and concentrate on faith formation, scripture literacy, interfaith dialogue, and all the stuff that matters.

- Junior High (7th and 8th graders) **Room 109**
- Senior High (9th - 12th graders) **Room 114**

Adult Classes—Sunday morning

Boomers +/- — We will continue the White Privilege Informational Study and invite all to join. **Room 112**

Centering Prayer — This prayer time begins with 10 minutes of fellowship, followed by a 20-minute sit in silence, closing with The Lord's Prayer. All are welcome! **Mead Chapel**

Connections — These Gen-Xers meet to discuss the place of faith in addressing current social challenges. They will join the Boomers +/- group to discuss the White Privilege Informational Study. **Room 112**

Explorers — We will continue our discussion of *The Citizen's Share* by Douglas L. Kruse. **Adult Education Library**

Faithlinks — This inter-generational class looks at a current issue through the lens of our Christian faith. **Room 111**

Sunday Afternoon & Weekday Opportunities:

◇ **Spiritual Practices**—All are welcome to explore a variety of ways to connect with the Holy and Journey in faith. **Wednesdays, 5:00 pm, the Parlor.**

◇ **ZUMBA**—Zumba is open to all skill levels. Join Pastor Cynthia move and groove! **Wednesday evenings, 6:30-7:30 pm, the Commons.**

◇ **Earth Vigil**—A small group gathering for silent meditation for the earth. **Third Wednesday monthly, 6:30-7:00 pm, Mead Chapel.**

◇ **Worship in the Tradition of Taizé** — A 45-minute spiritual service. **First Saturday monthly, 5:00 pm, Mead Chapel.**

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Office Hours:

Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm

Sunday, 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Closed Friday & Saturday



Sunday, October 8, 2017

10:50 am



PRELUDE

"Partita on 'All Are Welcome'"

Charles L. Lenz

WELCOME

Personal listening devices and large-print hymnals & worship guides are available from the ushers. Please silence your phones. Children are always welcome in worship; childcare is also available in the Nursery, room 105.

***THE SOUND OF THE BELL**

At the sound of the bell, please rise in body or spirit, breathe deeply, and face the center to see the Christ in one another.

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

"Come Follow Me"

The grace of God _____ is like a road _____
 _____ that draws the heart _____ from its first home; _____
 _____ we long to go, _____ but we hate to _____ leave, _____
 _____ and the Spir - it calls, _____ "Come fol - low me."

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***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Bring Forth the Kingdom"

Black hymnal #2190

***LIGHTING THE PEACE CANDLE**

GATHERING OF CHILDREN

"Where Children Belong"

Black hymnal #2233

The children are invited to gather at the front of the church.

CHILDREN'S WORD

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer

Today is a gift from God.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

This is the day, yes! This is the day, yes!
 This is the day _____ that God has made! _____

SCRIPTURE

Matthew 6:19-21

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"A Heart Condition"

Dr. Jane Florence

HYMN OF RESPONSE

"My Gratitude Now Accept, O God"

Black hymnal #2044

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hymn of Prayer

"Weave, Weave, Weave Us Together"

Weave, weave, weave us to - geth - er.
 Weave us to - geth - ther in u - ni - ty and love. Weave, weave,
 weave us to - geth - er. Weave us to - geth - er, to - geth - er in love.

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Prayers of Concern

Those who have had loved ones transition to new life: Sonja Michelsen (father), Barb Bredthauer (father), the family of Doris Olson. The white candle on the Communion Table celebrates their lives.

This we pray.

Hymn of Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving

This we pray.

Hymn of Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

***SALAAM, SHALOM, PEACE** be with you.

And also with you.

MISSION MOMENT

Living Hope UMC

OFFERING

Youth Choir

"Hold My Hand"

Claude Kelly, Akon, and Giorgio Tuinfort

This life don't last forever, so tell me what we're waiting for? We're better off being together than being miserable alone. 'Cause I've been there before and you've been there before, but together, we

can be alright. 'Cause when it gets dark and when it gets cold, we hold each other 'til we see the sunlight. So if you just hold my hand, then I'll promise that I'll do all I can. Things will go better if you just hold my hand. Nothing can come between us if you just hold my hand. The nights are getting darker, and there's no peace inside. So why make our lives harder by fighting love? I could tell that you're tired of being lonely. Take my hand, don't let go, hold me. Though it's dark, we can make it to the dawning, 'cause the sun is gonna rise in the morning.

***Doxology**

"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***COMMUNITY IN ACTION**

***CLOSING HYMN**

"Believe, Belong, Become"

There's a place where I _____ be - long, _____ where my bro -
 - ken heart _____ is mend - ing. There's a place where I _____ be - come
 _____ ev - 'ry - thing _____ that God's in - tend - ing. And be strong,
 _____ and re - ceive, _____ and be - come _____ a new cre - a -
 - tion in the fam - 'ly, in the fam - 'ly, I can be - long!
 _____ I can be - lieve! _____ I can be - come _____ all _____ that I _____ want
 _____ to; _____ Je - sus' hand _____ in my hand _____ as a friend
 _____ who walks _____ be - side _____ me _____ in the fam -
 - 'ly, _____ in the fam - 'ly _____ of love. _____

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