

**\*COMMUNITY IN ACTION**

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” Red hymnal #577

**\*SENDING FORTH**

**POSTLUDE**

“In Thee is Gladness” Johannes Matthias Michel

# Welcome

**Today is Sunday, February 11, 2018**

8:15 am Toddler Nursery Opens, room 105  
**8:30 & 10:50 am Worship Service, the Sanctuary**  
 9:30 am Hospitality and Social Time, the Commons  
 9:35 am Faith Studies @First  
 9:35 am Stephen Ministry, the Conference Room  
 12:00 pm YES Meals, the Commons  
 12:00 pm Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall  
 1:30 pm Lectio Continua Bible Reading, room 111  
 5:00 pm Climate Discussion and Viewing on *An Inconvenient Sequel*, the Commons

**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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## Spiritual Practices @First

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

- ◆ Taizé Worship—1<sup>st</sup> Saturday monthly, 5:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Yoga—Mondays, 9:30 am Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Commit to Sit Meditation Group, Mondays, 6:00 pm, Ada Mead Hall
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 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

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**Office Hours:**  
 Monday-Thursday, 8:30 am-4:00 pm  
 Sunday, 8:30 am-12:00 pm; Closed Friday & Saturday



# Our Faith in Action



**Donation Box**—Please consider purchasing men and women’s coats that are on sale to be used for our Thanksgiving coat drive—place in the Donation Box and we will store them! **\*\*We are especially in need of 2XL and 3XL adult sizes.\*\***

The pantry at Living Hope is in need of microwaveable meals and easy-open fruit. If you can take hot dogs and small packages of hamburger to their location (2919 State Street) that would be very helpful! Hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00 am –4:00 pm.

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**Automated Giving Made Easy**—Would you like to have your donation withdrawn automatically from your checking account every month?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 4<sup>th</sup> 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 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders and meets every Sunday, and will be dropped off and picked up in their individual classroom on Sunday mornings.

- Tween Scene (5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> graders) **Room 208**

**Youth Faith Studies** – Our youth, in 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> 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 (7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> graders) **Room 107**
- Senior High (9<sup>th</sup> - 12<sup>th</sup> graders) **Room 114**

**Adult Classes—Sunday morning**

**Boomers +/-** — Explore topics around the theme “Progressive Christian Living.” **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. **Room 203**

**Explorers** — Seekers who inquire in depth by reading and discussing a book. We continue the study of *The (Un)Common Good*. **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.**

**Sunday, February 11, 2018**

**10:50 am**

**PRELUDE**

"Inward Light"



Margaret Sandesky

**WELCOME**

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

**\*THE SOUND OF THE BELL**

At the sound of the bell, please rise in body or spirit, and breathe deeply.

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Carter Schram

How tempting this morning to lounge beneath the warmth of blankets in fleece lined cocoons.

**We come to worship in the warmth of Christ and fellowship of one another.**

How tempting it was this morning to peruse the news, chuckle with the comics, or linger over a Sunday brunch.

**We come to worship seeking God's Good News bringing laughter to our hearts and food for the soul.**

How tempting to be consumed in the culture of our calendars and markers of success.

**How grand it is to be here!**

**We come to worship the God of all creation, the Christ who saves us from our self absorption, and the Spirit who sets us free to Love.**

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

"Jesus, Tempted in the Desert"

Black hymnal #2105

**\*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**

Kyle Sorys

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**

Mark 1:12-13

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

**SERMON**

Dr. Jane Florence

**HYMN OF RESPONSE**

"Great God, Your Love Has Called Us Here"

Great God, your love has called us here, as  
We come with self - in - flict - ed pains of  
Great God, in Christ you set us free your  
we, by love, for love were made. Your  
bro - ken trust and cho - sen wrong, half -  
life to live, your joy to share. Give  
liv - ing like - ness still we bear, though  
free, half-bound by in - ner chains, by  
us your Spir - it's lib - er - ty to  
marred, dis - hon - ored, dis - o - beyed.  
so - cial for - ces swept a - long,  
turn from guilt and dull des - pair  
We come, with all our heart and mind  
by pow'rs and sys - tems close - con - fined,  
and of - fer all that faith can do  
your call to hear, your love to find.  
yet seek - ing hope for hu - man - kind.  
while love is mak - ing all things new.

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**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

**Hymn of Prayer**

"Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying"

Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing,  
Lord, send your Spir - it in this place;  
Lord, lis - ten to your chil - dren pray - ing, send us  
love, send us power, send us grace.

**Prayers of Concern**

To Jerry Meis and his family as his sister, Barb Dunn, transitioned to new life. The white candle on the communion table celebrates her life.

Hospitalized this week: Lisa Ellis

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.

**BECAUSE YOU GIVE**

"The Lord's Prayer"

Chancel Choir

David Fanshawe

**\*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!**