

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

\*RECESSIONAL HYMN

"On the Journey to Emmaus"

On the jour - ney to Em - ma - us with our  
 And our hearts burned with - in us as we  
 And that eve - ning at\_\_ ta - ble as he  
 On the jour - ney to Em - ma - us, in our  
 hearts cold as stone the One who would save us had  
 talked on the way, how all that was prom - ised was  
 blessed and broke bread, we\_ knew it was Je - sus a -  
 sto - ries and feast, with Je - sus we claim that the  
 left us a - lone. Then a stran - ger walks  
 ours on that day. So we begged him, "Stay  
 ris'n from the dead; Though he van - ished be -  
 great - est is least: And his words burn with -  
 with us and, to our sur - prise, he\_\_  
 with us, and grant us your word." We\_\_  
 fore us we\_ knew he was near, the\_\_  
 in us let\_\_ none be ig - nored; Who\_\_  
 o - pens our\_\_ sto - ries and he o - pens our eyes.  
 wel - comed the\_\_ stran - ger and we wel - comed the Lord.  
 life in our\_\_ dy - ing and the hope in our fear.  
 wel - comes the\_\_ stran - ger shall\_\_ wel - come the Lord.

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\*SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

"Jubilation" John Leavitt

# Welcome

**Today is Sunday, April 15, 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
- 12:00 pm Fellowship Meal, the Commons
- 2:00 pm Evicted: How Omaha is Impacted Book Discussion, the Commons
- 4:30 pm Gastronomy Club, the Main Kitchen

**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



**Donation Box—Please consider purchasing cereal boxes, both large and small, for the Living Hope UMC Food Pantry. Please bring donations to the Gathering Place!**

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



## 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.

*Children will meet in the Sanctuary to rehearse for Hosanna Choir and be dismissed to their individual classrooms.*

*Due to upstairs renovation, all children will be picked up from the following locations. Classes will resume to their normal classroom next Sunday. Please see Kyle Sorys for more information.*

- 3-year-old/Pre-K **Rainbow Factory**
- Kindergarten (5 & 6-year-olds) **Rainbow Factory**
- 1st and 2nd graders **Rainbow Factory**
- 3rd and 4th graders **Room 108**

**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 109**

**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. **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:**

- ◇ **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.**

## 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
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Meditation—Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Centering Prayer, Sundays, 9:35 am, 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday monthly, 4:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Outdoor Labyrinth, Garden & Gazebo—24/7

Sunday, April 15, 2018

10:50 am

First United Methodist Church



PRELUDE

"Awake, My Soul, with Gladness"

arr. Flor Peeters

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, 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

Dr. Cynthia Lindenmeyer

"Christ the Lord is Risen"

Musical notation for the first part of the Call to Worship.

Musical notation for the second part of the Call to Worship.

Ghanian folk song

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"Shake Up the Morning"

Musical notation for the first part of the ProceSSIONAL HYMN.

Shake up the morn - ing, let the dawn un - dress; let Shake up the world and let the King - dom come, the Shake up the Church and let all Chris - tians show that Shake up the eve - ning, let the shad - ows range as

Musical notation for the second part of the ProceSSIONAL HYMN.

dew re - glis - ten na - ture's love - li - ness. dumb be lis - tened to, the lost find home. faith is real, that God is good to know. clouds to cas - tles in the sun - set change;

Musical notation for the third part of the ProceSSIONAL HYMN.

Wak - en the song - bird and un - seal the throat that Make earth - ly pol - i - tics the stuff of prayer 'till Fash - ion new sym - bols of the com - ing age when Kin - dle the moon and stars which through each night re -

Musical notation for the first part of the sermon.

greet the day - break with a crys - tal note. want and war - ring are dis - pelled by care. hope and love will take the cen - ter stage. flect the glo - ry of to - mor - row's light.

Musical notation for the second part of the sermon.

Praise to the Lord, whose morn - ing we in - her - it; Praise to the Lord, whose world we in - her - it; Praise to the Lord, whose Gos - pel we in - her - it; Praise to the Lord, whose eve - ning we in - her - it;

Musical notation for the third part of the sermon.

praise cre - a - tion's fuse, the Ho - ly Spir - it; praise God's cat - a - lyst, the Ho - ly Spir - it; praise God's bird of love, the Ho - ly Spir - it; praise God's pres - ence in the Ho - ly Spir - it;

Musical notation for the fourth part of the sermon.

praise to the Son who ris - es with the dawn, praise to the Son whose choice it is to bless praise to the Son whose will and words de - cree praise to the Son whose bright - ness none can kill,

Musical notation for the fifth part of the sermon.

leav - ing grave - clothes scarce - ly three days worn. those who work for peace and live on less. all are one in his com - mu - ni - ty. light - ing paths for those who seek his will.

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\*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!

Musical notation for the first part of Children's Word.

This is the day, yes! This is the day, yes!

Musical notation for the second part of Children's Word.

This is the day that God has made!

SCRIPTURE

Luke 24:13-21a

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

"Emmaus Eyes"

Dr. Jane Florence

\*SALAAM, SHALOM, PEACE be with you. And also with you.

BECAUSE YOU GIVE

Chancel Choir

"He is Risen"

He is risen, he is risen! Tell it out with joyful voice: He has burst his three days' prison; let the whole wide earth rejoice. Death is conquered; we are free; Christ has won the victory. Alleluia! Come, with high and holy hymning, hail our Lord's triumphant day. Not one darksome cloud is dimming; yonder, glorious morning ray, breaking o'er the purple east, symbol of our Easter feast, alleluia! He is risen, he is risen! He has opened heaven's gate. We are free from death's dark prison, risen to a holier state; and a brighter Easter beam on our longing eyes shall stream. Alleluia! Amen!

\*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!

\*GREAT THANKSGIVING

Black hymnal #2257a-d

Prayers of Concern

Sympathies to the family of Helen Nipper, who transitioned to new life. Sympathies to Karma and Steve Nehrig, as her father, George Umbarger, transitioned to new life. The white candle on the communion table celebrates their lives.

This we pray.

Loving God, hear our prayers.

Prayers of Thanksgiving

This we pray.

Loving God, we give you thanks.

Blessing of Elements

Sung Lord's Prayer

The Cantor will sing a phrase and the Congregation will repeat it.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

All present, regardless of age or denominational affiliation, are invited to share in this holy sacrament.

As a symbol of receiving God's gifts with open hands, please cup your hands to receive the bread.

Then touch the bread lightly in the cup.

Gluten-free bread is available by request at the front on the piano side.

During Communion, the congregation will sing: "You Are Mine" Black hymnal #2218