

COMMUNITY IN ACTION

**\*RECESSIONAL HYMN**

"Sing of the Lord's Goodness"

Sing of the Lord's good-ness, mak - er of all wis - dom,  
 Cour - age in our dark - ness, com - fort in our sor - row,  
 Praise God with your sing - ing, praise God with the trum - pet,  
 come to the Lord, bless God's name. \_\_\_\_\_  
 Spir - it of our God most high; \_\_\_\_\_  
 praise God with the lute and harp; \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mer - cy you have shown us, your love is for ev - er,  
 sol - ace for the wear - y, par - don for the sin - ner,  
 praise God with the cym - bals, praise God with your danc - ing,  
 faith - ful to the end of days.  
 splen - dor of the liv - ing God.  
 praise God till the end of days.  
 Come, then, all you na - tions, sing of your Lord's good - ness,  
 mel - o - dies of praise and thanks to God.  
 Ring out the Lord's glo - ry, praise God with your mu - sic,  
 wor - ship the Lord, bless God's name. \_\_\_\_\_

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**\*SENDING FORTH**

**\*POSTLUDE**

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



# Welcome

**Today is Sunday, September 16, 2018**

- 8:30 & 10:50 am **Worship Service, Sanctuary**
- 9:15 am Social Time, Gathering Place
- 9:35 am Blood Pressure Screening, Crossroads Commons
- 9:35 am **Faith Studies @First**
- 9:35 am Hosanna Choir Rehearsal, the Sanctuary
- 9:35 am Ministry Fair, the Commons
- 10:15 am Chancel Choir and Tween Scene/Confirmation Class
- Choir Rehearsal, the Sanctuary
- 12:00 pm Youth Choir, Clark Rehearsal Hall (Music Room)
- 6:00 pm UMYF, meet in the Commons

Please join us for the All Church Ministry Fair during the Faith Studies Hour (9:35-10:35 am) in the Commons. We will consecrate our Time & Talent Cards next Sunday, September 23, during both worship services.

**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 Kent 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 September, we will be collecting for Living Hope Pantry which is in great need for rice, pasta, tuna, canned chicken, beans, canned fruit and vegetables, soup, cereal and hygiene products. Please bring your donations to the Gathering Place!

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## Faith Studies @First

**Children & Youth—Sunday morning, 9:35-10:35 am**

**Children Faith Studies/Kids Zone** – We offer fun, friendly, and up-beat faith learning for the youngest members of our faith community. Children meet with their age group, as well as spend time singing together in Hosanna Choir.

Children 3-years-old to 4th grade will meet in the Sanctuary at 9:35 am for Hosanna Choir Rehearsal. Pick-up for children will be in their individual classrooms. Drop-off and pick-up for 5th-6th grade children will be in their individual classroom, room 208.

- 3-year-old/Pre-K, and Kindergarten **Room 205/206**
- 1st & 2nd grade **Room 207**
- 3rd, & 4th grade **Room 209**
- 5th & 6th grade **Room 208**

**Youth Faith Studies** – Our 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. Confirmation for 7th graders (and 8th graders we missed last year) will meet at 9:35 am in room 108. Grades 8-12 meet in room 114.

- Confirmation (7th & 8th grade) **Room 108**
- Jr High & Sr High (8th-12th grade) - **Room 114**

**Adult Classes—Sunday morning, 9:35 –10:35 am**

All adults are encouraged to join us at the Ministry Fair in the Commons!

**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. This week we will continue discussion on *Beyond Belief* by Elaine Pagel. **Adult Education Library**

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

## 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
- ◆ Morning Yoga—Mondays, 9:30 am, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Tai Chi For Balance—Tuesdays and Thursdays, 3:30 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Meditation—Wednesdays, 12:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Earth Vigil—Third Wednesday monthly, 6:30 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Zumba— Wednesdays, 6:30 pm, the Commons
- ◆ Evening Yoga—Thursdays, 6:15 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Centering Prayer—Sundays, 9:35 am and 1st Sunday monthly, 4:00 pm, Mead Chapel
- ◆ Outdoor Labyrinth, Garden & Gazebo—24/7

**Sunday, September 16, 2018**

**10:50 am**



**PRELUDE**

“Sunday Morning Suite”

Frank Mills

**HOSANNA CHOIR**

“Jesus Put This Song into Our Hearts” Graham Kendrick  
Jesus put this song into our hearts: it's a song no one can take away. Jesus taught us how to live in harmony: different faces, different races, he made us one. Jesus taught us how to be a family: loving one another with the love that he gives. Jesus turned our sorrow into dancing: changed our tears of sadness into rivers of joy. Halle, halle, halle, hallelujah!

**WELCOME**

Rev. Kent H. Little

*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.*

**\*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

“Sing to God with Joy”

Sing to God, with joy\_ and\_ glad - ness,  
hymns and psalms of gra - ti - tude; with the voice of  
praise dis - cov - er that to wor - ship God is\_ good.

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**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

“Great Voice of God”

Great voice of God that thun - ders through the pro-phets,  
Teach us the skills to build your peace - ful king-dom,  
Yours is the voice that cries out for com - pas - sion,  
Plant in us peace that grows through hap - py child-ren,  
Lit - tle or great, our lives are for your pur-pose,

sound - ing, re - sound - ing till we un - der - stand,  
that we not wor - ship flag or coun - try's fame,  
Spi - rit to spi - rit, leap - ing time and space,  
mu - sic and laugh - ter, food in ev - 'ry bowl,  
tuned to be more than we can ev - er guess.

great heart that draws the world to - wards your pur - pose,  
teach us the Cross can ne - ver be a wea - pon  
yours is the Word that comes a - live in Je - sus,  
sport that in - spires and cel - e - brates a - chieve - ment,  
Great voice of God in all your good cre - a - tion,

peace, al - ways peace with jus - tice hand in hand:  
held by the pow'r - ful, wield - ed in your name.  
strong face of cour - age, sac - ri - fice and grace.  
minds met in search - ing for a high - er goal.  
make us your in - stru - ments of bles - sed - ness.

**\*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**

Psalm 98:4-9

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.  
**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON**

“Harmony”

Rev. Kent H. Little

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

**MUSIC DEDICATION**

**BECAUSE WE GIVE**

Chancel Choir

Tween Scene / Confirmation Class Choir

“Sing”

Andrew Lloyd Webber and Gary Barlow

Some words, they can't be spoken, only sung. So hear a thousand voices shouting love. There's a place, there's a time, in this life, when you sing what you are feeling. Find your feet, stand your ground, don't you see right now the world is listening to what we say. Sing it louder, sing it clearer, knowing everyone will hear you. Make some noise, find your voice tonight. Sing it stronger, sing together, make this moment last forever. Old and young, shouting love tonight. To sing, we've had a lifetime to wait and see a thousand faces celebrate. You brought hope, you brought light, conquered fear, no it wasn't always easy. Stood your ground, kept your faith, don't you see right now the world is listening to what we say. Sing it louder, sing it clearer, knowing everyone will hear you. Make some noise, find your voice tonight. Just sing.

**\*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

*We invite all to enter into a time of centering silence.*

*Prayer candles are located in the front, back, and sides of the Sanctuary for reflective and personal representation of prayers. All are welcome to light a candle as a symbol of your spoken or unspoken prayers;*

**Prayers of Concern**

This we pray.

**Loving God, hear our prayers.**

**Prayers of Thanksgiving**

*For Lorraine Dalziel and Donelle Leach, coordinators of the 2018 Ministry Fair*

This we pray.

**Loving God, we give you thanks.**

**Sung Lord's Prayer**

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

**GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP**

*All present, anyone and everyone, 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 the serving of Communion, the Congregation will sing:  
“In the Singing” Black hymnal #2255*

*followed by::*

*“Sing Alleluia to the Lord” Black hymnal #2258*