

February 8, 2015

## THE RETURN HOME



**Mission Statement:**

**Tipton First United Methodist Church**

*“To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.”*

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**10:30 am Service**

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Paul E. Frederiksen - Pastor  
Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director  
Sylvia Gould - Accompanist  
Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos  
Don Griffith - Custodian  
Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director  
Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

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## Chapter 19 of THE STORY

10:30 a.m.

### “The Return Home”

*We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... or just ask someone!*

*If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort.*

*In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an “offering” at that time of the service!*

*Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room, in the lower level, at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!*

PRELUDE  
Lighting of the Candles

“Forever “  
Ringing of the Bell

Xn Chaos

SETTING THE STAGE

“Psalm 137: Uprooted”

Hymnal p. 852

PRAISE & PRAYER

“Step By Step”

(unison prayer) **We are people who must sing, for the sake of our very lives.  
You are a God who must be sung, for the sake of your majesty and honor.  
We thank you for the long parade of mothers and fathers who have sung you;  
We thank you for the company of artists, poets, musicians, cantors, and  
instruments that sing for us and with us, toward you.  
We will not keep silent... ever again. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!

Call to Prayer “Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying” No. 2193

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

\* A JESUS STORY Matthew 7:24-27

L: This is the Word of our Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S LESSON Pastor Paul

*(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)*

ACT OF PRAISE “How Great Is Our God” Christian Chaos

HEBREW BIBLE READING Haggai 1:2-9

MESSAGE

“A Home To Return To”

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Choir Kids

*(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)*

\* A PRAYER (unison)

**We are grateful for your abiding love, O God. May we embody a spirit of love grounded in the power of your grace. We are taught in so many ways – some subtle, some blatant – to fulfill all of our wants by consuming, buying, attaining. Remind us now that we are called to ‘invest’ in you. With Christians around the world, may we draw strength from that unity. In the name of Jesus the Christ. Amen.**

\* SENDING FORTH

L: Holy Trinity, send us in your name and in your image.

**ALL: Teach us to delight in otherness, difference and variety.**

L: and because we and our world are bent and broken,

**ALL: build between us the longing to forgive and be forgiven.**

L: May we make a ‘home’ for others to return to.

**ALL: Amen.**

\* MARCHING SONG

“Awesome God”

(join in the chorus) No. 2040

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We’ll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week

*Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.*

POSTLUDE

“Sing, Sing, Sing”

Christian Chaos

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**Considering the lessons of Chapter 19:**

*Do you need to repent and return to your first love, your first passion for God?*

*Is God speaking to you through a season of testing? Are you listening?*

*Are you being distracted from God’s purpose for your life? How?*

*Commit to come back and make God’s big things... your big things.*

**February 15 Sunday Servants:**

Liturgist: Erma Lyle; Acolytes: Jack & Ava Boldt; Power Point: Trina Hill-Create and run; Video: Ryan Stonebraker; Nursery: Kim Walter; Ushers: Bob & Glenda Holets, Wally & Judy Reidel; Fellowship Coffee: Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson, Rich & Karen Zobel, J & Roberta Gesling; Greeters: Rhonda Waugh & Pam Spear; Children's Lesson: Dusty Johnson

**February 22 Sunday Servants:**

Liturgist: Kathy Houstman; Acolytes: Nicholas Eicher & Davis Webb; Power Point: Comstock family, Create & run; Video: Ruel Wehde; Nursery: Cheryl Person; Ushers: Bob & Glenda Holets, Wally & Judy Reidel; Fellowship Coffee: Karen Streffling, Rick & Judy Rouse, Gail Fleming; Greeters: Rick & Heidi Schumacher; Children's Lesson: Pastor Paul

**PRAYERS**

**Healing:** Joyce Abbot (Candi Duesenberry's mom), Kathy Carson (J Reidel's sis), Joe Cheshareck (G.Fleming's bro-in-law,) Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Melissa Davis, Jean Heil (Brian's mom), Arlene Hein, Rex Idlewine, Calvin Kuehl, Ken McKay, Edna Miller (J Ohrt's sister), Rev. Gene Miller, Marvin Miller, Jim Shontz, Charlotte Wagaman (Bert's g'dau.), Gary Taylor, Carolyn Wiggins (S. Gould's sis), Keith Wood, and others under care or treatment.

**Prayers for those in Life Transitions:**

Families and friends of Vesta Kern.  
Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions  
Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.  
Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.  
Couples/Families searching for the way forward.  
Persons & families of incarceration;  
Persons in employment limbo;

**In Treatment:** Wally Reidel, Carol Cartwright(Jack's sis,) Barb Knack (B. Cummin's sis),

**Hospice/Palliative Care:** Elmer Flory, Henry Wiskus

**Armed Services:** Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean Hannes, Billy Hoffman, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby, Mike Ploeger (McKinney's Nephew), Jake Reidel, Cole Weih

**Attendance:** Worship - xx; Sunday School - xx. General Fund \$3,635., Shared Blessings \$4.00, Grand Total \$3,639

**This week:**

Sun. 2/15: 9am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 4:45pm Haiti Mission Group Mtg. (GP), 6pm Valentine Dinner  
Mon. 2/16 4:30pm Grief Group(Rm 113)  
Tue. 2/17: 8:30am Pastor @ District Fat Tuesday Breakfast & Worship, 5:30pm Fat Tuesday Pancake Supper (DR)  
Wed. 2/18: Ash Wednesday 10am Pastor @ Bible Study, 6pm G.I.G (Rm113), 6pm G.I.G. (Johnson Home), 7:15pm Ash Wed Service (GP), 8pm Abigail Circle (Dr/K)  
Thu. 2/19: 8:30am Pastor @ ECI, 10am G.I.G.(Rm113) 6:30pm Girl Scout Troop #5302 (rm111), Girl Scout Troop#8719 (DR), 6:30pm Xn Chaos  
Fri. 2/20: 1:30pm Mary Martha Circle  
Sun. 2/22: 1st Sunday of Lent, 9am Confirmation, 9am G.I.G., 9am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship,