

<u>Mission Statement:</u> 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 Greg Brown - Director of Xn Chaos Karis Horstmann - Administrative Ministries Coordinator Don Griffith - Custodian Alice Ann Gallagher - Chancel Choir Director Denise Cartwright - Choir Kids Director Sylvia Gould - Accompanist Jamie Bahr - Xn Chaos Keyboard

Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist Sam Semotan-Dir. Little Friends

Welcome visitors — Whether you're related to a 'regular,' or if you're here by a mysterious, guiding hand, 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... help yourself 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 are 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.

Ask an usher about using a hearing assist device; or for a large print Hymnal.

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 of the building at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE Lighting of the Candles

"Open the Eyes of My Heart"
Ringing of the Bell

Christian Chaos

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's love for our world is so great, God sent Christ as a blessing for us all.

People: God loves us. We share that love with joy!

Leader: Everyone who believes in Christ will never perish but will have eternal life.

People: We live forever with Christ!

Leader: God has not abandoned us to the darkness, but has blessed us with light.

People: Jesus is the light of the world!

Leader: God is rich in mercy. God's great love brings us life with Christ.

People: God's mercy is forever! Amen!

* SINGING OUR PRAISE

"How Great Is Our God"

* PRAYER OF WORSHIP

Merciful Lord, we ask for your presence with us this morning, as we consider our Lenten journey through the wilderness of this world. As Moses gave the Hebrew people your symbol of forgiveness and healing, renew to us your symbol of forgiveness and grace — your Son Jesus Christ. Amen.

THERE IS A TIME FOR EVERYTHING... Joys & Concerns CALL TO PRAYER "Sanctuary"

No. 2164

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Praver

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen

LEARNING from the HEBREW TESTAMENT Isaiah 43:16-21

A Time for YOUNG DISCIPLES

Kris Clark

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

ACT OF PRAISE Choir Kids

LESSON from the Apostle Paul

Philippians 3:4b-14

MESSAGE

"Bigger & Better"

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

"Amazing Grace (My chains Are Gone)" Christian Chaos Offertory

* PRAYER OF COMMITMENT (unison)

Gracious God, we rejoice in your tender care when we are in wilderness. You lead us to the living water of Christ to refresh and sustain us. May your Church's ministries provide encouragement as people reach out for the things ahead, especially the prize of your upward call in Christ Jesus. It's to his glory we dedicate these offerings. Amen.

* THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL

Leader: We have gathered to offer God thanks and praise. People: Bless us as we scatter to tell our stories of faith.

Leader: Amen. People: Amen.

* SONG "I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" No. 2153

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 "In the Hands of God" Christian Chaos

Today's Sunday Servants

Liturgist: Ron Salmonson; Acolytes: Jacob Boedeker & Meredith Coppess; Power Point: Ken McKay Create, & Kelly Lieser Run; Children's Lesson: Pastor Paul; Fellowship Coffee: Deb & Ken McKay, Jerry & Sylvia Ferguson; Ushers Jesse Lieser, Madison O'Leary, Landan Hill; Greeters Stephen & Cheryl Person; Nursery: Volunteer Needed

March 20 Sunday Servants

Liturgist: Ruel Wehde; Acolytes: Adam Heil & Lucas Lieser; Children's Lesson: Pastor Paul; Power Church: Melinda Stonebraker; Ushers: Kamryn, Molly, Stacy Chapman & CJ Eicher; Greeters: Bob & Barb Rickard; Fellowship Coffee: Rick & Judy Rouse, Scott & Karen Anderson; Nursery: Alec & MJ Heil

PRAYERS

Hospitalized/Procedures:

Grace Nichols @ UIHC (JComstock's mom)

Healing: Darlene (Marjorie Stonerook's sister), Jerry Ferguson, Marvin/Frances Ford, Donna Gault, Arlene Hein, Linda Huff, Rex Idlewine, Erma Lyle, Ron Martin, Lynn McIntosh, Katherine Moen(Jane's mom), Warren Nielson (L&K Houstman's bro-inlaw), Ray Penningroth (M. Stonerook's bro); and others under care or treatment.

Prayers for those in Life Transitions:

Lois Whitlatch now at Cedar Manor

Kaitlyn McKinney (& folks!) as she leaves soon for Coast Guard Basic Training.

Family/friends of Elmer Flory

Aaron/Jennifer Comstock family & the myriad decisions in this 'wilderness.'

Couples/Families searching for the way forward.

Persons & families of incarceration;

Persons in employment limbo;

Families struggling with the impact of drug and alcohol abuse or other addiction.

Persons uprooted due to "natural" and/or "human" disaster; and those who are called to help.

Persons/people persecuted for religious convictions.

In Treatment: Jean (Jayne Erickson's sis), Gary Kline, Linda (Kay Miller's sis), Dan Conrad, Rod Ferris

Hospice/Palliative Care: Mabel Lamp, Henry Wiskus

Armed Services: Thomas Brown (Seydel's son-in-law), Sean

Hannes, Kyle Marchik, Corey Ormsby

Worship 98, Sunday School 57, General Fund \$3337.00, Apportionments \$10.00, GIG Books \$20.00, Shared Blessings \$6.80, Missions-One Great Hour \$50.00, Copper Kettle \$46.83. Grand Total \$3470.63

This Week

Sun. Mar 13: 10:30am Worship, 2:30pm KFC, 6:00pm Dominoes

Mon. Mar 14: 2-4:00pm. Youth Grp Painting Party, 4-6:00pm Youth Grp Pool Party, 6:30pm XnChaos

Wed. Mar 16: 1:00pm GIG, 6:00pm GIG, 6:30pm GIG, 7:00pm. Choir, 8:00pm Abigail Circle

Thurs. Mar 17: 10:00am GIG, 12:00pm TMA, 5:30pm Abigail Circle Potato Bar

Sun. Mar 20: Palm Sunday, Children's Sunday, 8:30am Choir Kids, 9:00am GIG, 9:00am Sunday School, 10:30am Worship, 2:00pm GIG Painting