

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 15, 2026, 9:00 am

4th Sunday in Lent

UMCOR Sunday

All are welcome here in the name of the Risen Christ!

An \* (asterisk) indicates when those who are able, are invited to stand  
UMH indicates United Methodist Church Hymnal (in pews)  
Hymnals, pew Bibles, and offering envelopes are in the racks.

## GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

Opening Voluntaries

Announcements

Welcome of first-time visitors & those visiting with family or friends.

Passing the Peace of Christ (Ephesians 5)

Aria and Faith

\*Praise and Worship Songs

*Shout to the Lord*  
*All in All*

Joyful Noise

\*Call to Worship (Ephesians 5, John 9, 1 Samuel 16, Psalm 23)

Aria and Faith

\*Opening Prayer (1 Samuel 16, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5, John 9)

All

\*Gloria Patri

UMH 70

Reading from the Old Testament 1 Samuel 16:1-13

Aria and Faith

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

## PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Prayer of Yearning (John 9, 1 Samuel 16, Psalm 23, Ephesians 5)

All

Words of Assurance (Psalm 23, Ephesians 5)

Pastor

Children's Moment

Kathilene Hagen

Sharing Our Tithes and Offering  
(Quarter Collection)

\*Doxology

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

UMH 95

\*Prayer of Dedication

All

\*Hymn of Preparation

*Great is Thy Faithfulness*

UMH 140

Preaching Text

Ephesians 5:8-14

Pastor

One: The Word of God for the people of God

**All: Thanks be to God**

Message

“Arise from the Dark, and Let Christ Shine Through You”

Rev. Cephas Davis

\*Responsive Hymn

*Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus*

UMH 349

Joys, Concerns, Prayers

Pastor

\*Closing Hymn

*We Are*

Joyful Noise

\*Benediction:

Rev. Cephas Davis

\*Postlude

### Thank you...

To *Aria Cali and Faith Mitchell* - for being our Worship Leaders.

To Radio Sponsors *Steve & Elaine Kahler* – In honor of those seeking faith, renewal, and spiritual growth.

### Announcements:

#### Easter Garden Pots

Mixed flower Easter Garden Pots will be delivered to the church for Easter (April 5). Cost is \$22. Order forms are on the back table. Order deadline is this **Wednesday, March 18th**.

#### Seder Meal

Seder Meal – **Wednesday, March 25th at 6:00 PM** in Maquoketa. Sponsored by the United Methodist Churches of Delmar, Maquoketa, and Preston.

#### Manna Center Donations

Preston Methodist Church is collecting toiletries, paper products, cleaning supplies, and monetary donations for the Preston Manna Center Food Pantry. Please bring items to your church by Palm **Sunday, March 29th**. Thank you for your support!

#### Community Meal

We're hosting the Community Meal on **March 29th**. Sign-up sheets are available on the back table. Please sign up if you're able to help with the meal or provide needed food items. Thank you for supporting this ministry!

#### 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Special Offering

On **Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**, we will receive our 5th Sunday Special Offering. This special offering will benefit our Children's Ministry, helping to provide meals for our Youth Group and Confirmation Class.

#### **Meetings and Events this Week:**

March 16	9:00 – 11:30 am	Plarn Mat Work Session
March 18	9:00 am	Circuit Meeting
	5:00 pm	Youth Group/Confirmation
	6:00 pm	UWF Meeting
March 19	4:00 pm	Care Team Meeting

#### Adult Bible Study: An Unlikely Lent

A Lenten Bible study led by Steve Kahler, Colleen Petaros and Steve Schmutde.

Sundays, **February 22–March 29** | 10:15 a.m. | Church Library

Adult Bible Study: Paul's Missionary Journeys - Resumes April 12th

Adult Bible Study: A Study of Galatians – Resumes April 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Pastoral Care Need**

If you have a pastoral care need, please contact

Pastor Cephas Davis - 903.714.9974 or Colleen Petaros – 563.321.0450

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### OUR MISSION

**To make disciples of Jesus Christ**

**Equipped to serve God and neighbor.**

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