

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

March 19, 2023 8:15 am Service

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Pastor Alberta Ervin

Passing of the Peace Wave

Praise and Worship

*I Could Sing of Your Love Forever
Breathe
Be Thou My Vision*

Call to Worship

Tom Petaros

Leader: We come into this place with human hearts.

People: Human hearts that carry burdens of anger and resentment against others.

Leader: We come into this place to find forgiveness

People: We know that without forgiveness we will live in a world of vengeance, alienation from you God, and we won't survive.

Leader: Forgiveness is difficult.

People: We come to you, Lord, with humbled hearts to learn how to forgive. Teach us, Lord.

Children's Moment

Offertory Doxology

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Offertory Prayer

Almighty God, sometimes it is difficult to lay at your feet, the offerings you deserve. Our hearts are troubled, we need to find forgiveness in ourselves and with others. What we offer you today is a heart willing to let go, so the gifts you have entrusted us to use, may offer blessings to others. May we be generous with our gifts so you may receive the offering you deserve. This is our prayer, we pray it confidently, in the name of your son, Jesus. Amen.

Pastoral Prayer, Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn of Preparation -- Quarter Collection

*More Precious than Silver
White as Snow*

Scripture Reading

Matthew 6:9-15 and Luke 23:32-34

Tom Petaros

Message

"Forgive...As we Forgive"

Pastor Alberta Ervin

Closing Song

Your Everlasting Love

Benediction

Pastor Alberta Ervin

Prayers for the week:

Pray for those dealing with flooding and landslides in California.

Thank you...

To **Steve Schmudde** for being our Scripture Reader.

To **Kay Meyer** - [Radio Sponsor] In honor of my family visiting from Japan.

Announcements:

Agape Feast (Lenten Potluck) Wednesdays During Lent

Wednesday, March 22nd

Gather 6:00 pm, Dinner 6:15, Study 7:00

Town Hall Meeting

Sunday March 19th at 2:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall. Question and answer session on disaffiliation.

Mental Health Matters Soup Supper

Thursday, March 30th Free Soup Supper 5:00 to 6:15 pm dinner 6:30 to 8:00 pm program

First Lutheran Church Maquoketa Hosted by Maquoketa & Baldwin Women's Clubs

Free-will donations will be given to area agencies to "End The Stigma"

Maundy Thursday and Good Friday Services

April 6th Maundy Thursday service 6:30 pm *No Live Stream

April 7th Good Friday service 6:30 pm *No Live Stream

A Palm Sunday Ecumenical Choral Service of Anthems and Scripture

Sunday April 2nd, at 2:00 pm at the First Lutheran Church of Maquoketa

Coffee Hour Sign Up

Please sign up to host coffee hour. A sign up sheet has been posted on the bulletin board in the Fellowship Hall.

Christmas In July:

We are still accepting items for the Christmas in July sale that our church will be having this summer. If you'd like to donate items, please leave them in the Fellowship Hall by the stage.

Ladies' Fall Retreat September 29, 30, October 1 Registration forms now available. Take one for yourself and your friends! Come for all or just part of the retreat.

Volunteer needed to take cans to redemption center.

If a volunteer can be found, we will start collecting cans again. If you'd like to volunteer to take the donated cans to the redemption center, please contact the church office.

We welcome donations to the General Fund. Please send contributions to:

First United Methodist Church

1019 Wesley Dr.

Maquoketa, IA 52060

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