



***“GROUNDED IN GRATITUDE”***

## **CELEBRATION WORSHIP**

**April 25, 2010**

**8:30 & 11:00 am**

<b>Ministers</b>	<b>All Members of the Congregation</b>
<b>Senior Pastor</b>	Rev. Matt Gaston
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Lisa Marshall
<b>Associate Pastor</b>	Rev. Jessica Wright

***SHINE GOD’S LOVE INTO EVERY LIFE***

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# WE GATHER

**Welcome**

Rev. Lisa Marshall

**Prelude (8:30)**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

Frank Ferko

Dale Peters, organ

(11:00)

*Magnificat*

Javier Busto

UNT Women's Chorus

James Franklin, conductor; Min Kim, accompanist

*My soul magnifies the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has regarded the lowliness of his handmaid. Behold, henceforth all generations shall call me blessed because He who is mighty has done great things for me, and holy is His name, and His mercy is from generation to generation, on those who fear Him. He has shown might with His arm. He has scattered the proud in the conceit of their heart. He has put down the mighty from their thrones and has exalted the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He has sent away empty. He has given help to Israel, His servant, mindful of His mercy -- even as he spoke to our fathers -- to Abraham and to his posterity forever. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

*If you have prayers of joy or concern to share with the congregation and the Prayer Ministry Team, please write those on a blue Prayers of the People card located in the pew rack in front of you. These cards will be picked up during the first hymn.*

## **\*Call to Worship**

David Moses (8:30); Bill Cooksey (11:00)

**One:** All things come from you, O God, and with gratitude we return to you what is yours.

**Many:** **You created all that is, and with love formed us in your image. When our love failed, your love remained steadfast.**

**One:** You gave your only Son Jesus Christ to be our Savior. All that we are, and all that we have, is a trust from you.

**Many:** **And so, in gratitude for all your gifts, we offer you ourselves, And all that we have, in union with Christ's offering for us.**

**One:** By your Holy Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, And one in ministry to all the world.

**Many:** **Through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.**

(Hoyt L. Hickman, U.S.A., 20<sup>th</sup> Century)

## **\*Hymn 139**

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*

*The Prayers of the People will be picked up during the singing of this hymn. The children are invited to the front for Children's Time.*

# WE PROCLAIM

**A Time for Our Children**

Deana Ferguson

**Hymn 92, v 1,4,5,6**

*For the Beauty of the Earth*

**Ministry Witness**

Martha Livingston

**Call to Prayer**

John Priddy



Hear our prayer, O Lord; In - cline your ear to us, and grant us your peace

**Pastoral Prayer**

Rev. Jessica Wright

**Lord's Prayer (8:30)**

**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.**

**Prayer Response (11:00)**

*The Lord's Prayer*

Frank Martin

**Our Offering (8:30)**

*Joyous Spirit*

Valerie Stephenson

Youth Bells

Carol Lynn Mizell, Conductor

(11:00)

*Every Time I Feel the Spirit*

arr. Kari Ala-Pollanen

*Please register your attendance on the registration pads. After you have completed your information, pass it down the row, and then back up the row so that everyone can see who is sitting nearby.*

**\*Doxology 318, v.5**

the people singing

***Christ is alive, and come to bring good news to this and every age,  
till earth and all creation ring with joy, with justice, love, and praise.***

**Scripture**

Philippians 1:3-11

Page 196 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

**Anthem**

*A Welsh Folk Tune*

Margaret R. Tucker

Youth Bells

**Message**

"Grounded in Gratitude"

Rev. Matt Gaston

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

## WE RESPOND

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

*If you would like to explore becoming a part of this church family, please come down at the close of the service to express that desire and see one of the pastors who will be happy to guide you in those next steps through our Methodism 101 class.*

**\*Blessing**

**\*Hymn 102**

*Now Thank We All Our God*

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The acolytes today are Alex Poston and Jessica Duryea (8:30);  
Tyler Delzer and Adrienne Carpenter (11:00).

We welcome the members of the University of North Texas Women's Chorus,  
who are helping to lead our 11:00 am worship service.

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
of the East Wing during worship.

A television is set up downstairs in Miller Center Dining Room during the 11:00 am  
worship service for those who feel the need to leave the Sanctuary  
but still wish to be a part of the service.

New members are always welcome at First United Methodist Church of Denton.  
For more information, call one of our pastors at 940.382.5478.

One of your pastors is always available for after hours emergencies at 940.566.6500.

A Stephen Minister is available to help you through a difficult time. All you need  
to do is call one of our pastors, 940.382.5478.

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First United Methodist Church

**Fulfilling  
the  
Mission**  
Denton, Texas

**April 25**

*Grounded in Gratitude* Philippians 1:3-11

**May 2**

*Revealed in Prayer* Acts 2:43-47

**May 9**

*Lived in Faith* Acts 4:23-31

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## Today . . .

- 9:40 am Sunday School Classes; Youth on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Youth Loft  
4:00 pm Credo Choir rehearsal, Room 331, East Wing  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) – Denton Arts & Jazz Festival. Meet at Monroe Gym to walk over to the festival together. Bring your own funds for food.  
6:00 pm First UMC-Denton Connection Band plays on the Festival Stage at the Arts & Jazz Festival.

## This Week . . .

- April 27** *All Church Mission Study: Sudan*, 7:00 pm, Sanctuary. Hear from Priscilla Kuer and Beverly Parkhurst Moss, author of *Dark Exodus, the Lost Girls of Sudan*. A reception follows the presentation.
- April 28** **Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch  
**Prayer & Meditation** in Cole Chapel, 6:30 – 8:00 pm.

## Coming . . .

- May 2** **Potluck Luncheon** following the 11 am worship service in Monroe Gym.
- May 8** **Introduction to the Bible (for Busy People)**, 9:00 am – noon, led by Senior Pastor, Rev. Matt Gaston. This short course will give you a visual and hands-on overview of the books, themes, and tools for better understanding scripture. Coffee and donuts provided. RSVP to Suzanne Dees Taylor, [sdtaylor@fumc-denton.com](mailto:sdtaylor@fumc-denton.com) or 940.382.5478.
- May 9** **Financial Peace University** begins a new session @ 4:00 pm. Contact the leader, Joe Carbonaro, our Church Business Administrator, for more information about costs, registration, and childcare reservations. (940.382.5478 or [jcarbonaro@fumc-denton.com](mailto:jcarbonaro@fumc-denton.com)).

**May 19**      **Prayer Vigil** for the Debt Reduction Campaign, Cole Chapel, 8:30 am – 8:30 pm.

**May 10-16**    **Children’s Book Week.** Bring the kids for a special time in wonderful children’s section of the Library.

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## ***Mission Opportunities . . .***

### **GOD’S HEART, OUR HANDS**

May-Days of Mission

#### **Saturday, May 1**

9 am – Noon

##### ***From Our House to Yours***

Lawn Work & Home Repair

##### ***Easter Egg Rock Hunt***

Cleaning up our back yard for summer fun and mission

#### **Sunday, May 2**

Noon – 2pm

##### ***Family Cookout/Potluck Lunch***

##### ***Easter Egg Rock Hunt***

##### ***& School Kits***

Assembling supplies for children without other educational resources

More information? Contact Rev. Jessica Wright,  
940.382.5478 or [jwright@fumc-denton.com](mailto:jwright@fumc-denton.com)

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#### **Drivers Needed for Meals on Wheels.**

Contact Mike Mizell to volunteer: 940.382.8551 or [birdmizell@msn.com](mailto:birdmizell@msn.com).

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The **Miller Center Mission Corner collection** for April benefits UMCOR (United Methodist Committee on Relief):

- 1 pair blunt scissors (rounded tip)
- 3 pads (or loose leaf) of 8 1/2" x 11" ruled paper
- 1 30-centimeter ruler
- 1 hand held pencil sharpener
- 6 unsharpened pencils with erasers
- 1 eraser, 2 1/2"
- 1 box of 24 crayons (only 24)

Please leave your donations in the Miller Center Mission Corner.

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