

**First United Methodist Church**

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**the**  
**Mission**  
**Denton, Texas**

**“REVEALED IN PRAYER”**

**CELEBRATION WORSHIP**

**May 2, 2010**

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

**Ministers**

**All Members of the Congregation**

**Senior Pastor**

Rev. Matt Gaston

**Associate Pastor**

Rev. Lisa Marshall

**Associate Pastor**

Rev. Jessica Wright

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## WE GATHER

**Welcome** Deana Ferguson

**Prelude** *Forest Green (I Sing the Almighty Power of God)* Richard Purvis  
Dale Peters, organist

*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** Jett Cheek (8:30); Georgianne Burlage (11:00)

**One:** Thou who art over us, Thou who art one of us, Thou who art:

**Many:** **Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen.**

**\*Hymn 307** *Christ Is Risen*

*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** Shelly Renfro

**Hymn** *Without Seeing You*  
(see page 6)

**Ministry Witness** Ralph Slater

### Confession

**O God, source of all that makes life possible, giver of all that makes life good, we gather to give you our thanks, yet we confess that we have often failed to live our thankfulness. What we have we take for granted, and we grumble about what we lack. We have squandered your bounty, with little thought of those who will come after us. We are more troubled by the few who have more than by the many who have less. Forgive us, O God. In this hour of worship, accept our thanksgiving; and teach us to make gratitude and sharing our way of life; through the grace of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

(Paul J. Flucke, U.S.A)

### Words of Assurance

**One:** Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**Many:** **In the Name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All:** **Glory to God. Amen.**

**Our Offering** (8:30) *Give Me Jesus* arr. Henry  
 Credo Youth Choir  
 James Franklin, director; Donna Meinecke, accompanist

(11:00) *The Prayers I Make* Jane Marshall  
 Chancel Choir

*The prayers I make will then be sweet indeed if Thou the spirit give by which I pray.  
 My unassisted heart is barren clay, which of its native self can nothing feed.  
 Of good and pious works thou art the seed, which quickens only where thou say'st  
 it may. Unless Thou show us then thine own true way no man can find it, Father!  
 Thou must lead. Do Thou, then, breathe those thoughts into my mind by which such  
 virtue may in me be bred that in thy holy footsteps I may tread. The fetters of my  
 tongue do Thou unbind, That I may have the power to sing of thee and sound thy  
 praises everlastingly.*

*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** Acts 2:43-47  
 Page 120 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

**Message** "Revealed in Prayer" Rev. Matt Gaston

## **WE RESPOND**

### **The Great Thanksgiving**

One: The Lord be with you.  
**Many: And also with you.**  
 One: Lift up your hearts.  
**Many: We lift them up to the Lord.**  
 One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**Lord's Prayer** the people praying

**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.**

### **Receiving the Bread and the Cup**

***An usher will direct you to the front to receive communion. Please find an open  
 place at the rail where you may kneel or stand. There will be no formal dismissal;  
 you are welcome to remain as long as you like and return to your seat when you  
 are ready. Communion will also be served by intinction, where you may receive  
 the bread and dip it into the cup before partaking. If you prefer to be served in  
 your pew, please tell an usher.***

**Anthem (11:00)**

*Prayer to Jesus*

George Oldroyd

*Jesu, since Thou me made and bought, be Thou my love and all my thought,  
and help that I may to Thee be brought; withouten Thee I may do naught.  
Jesu, since Thou must do Thy will, and nothing is that Thee may let (hinder),  
with Thy grace my heart fulfill, my love and my liking in Thee is set.  
Jesu at Thy will I pray that I might be, all my heart fulfill, with perfect love to Thee.  
That I have done ill, Jesu forgive Thou me, and suffer me never to spill (perish) Jesus  
for pity. Amen.*

**As the congregation shares in the Sacrament of Holy Communion, please join in singing the first and last verses of the following hymns: 453 More Love to Thee, O Christ; 340 Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy; 365 Grace Greater than Our Sin; 463 Lord, Speak to Me; 468 Dear Jesus, in Whose Life I See; 472 Near to the Heart of God.**

**Prayer after Communion**

**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.*

**\*Hymn 463, v 1,4,5**      *Lord, Speak to Me*

**\*Blessing**

**Postlude**      *Ton-y-Botel (Once to Every Man and Nation)*      Richard Purvis

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The acolytes today are Rebekah Cheek and Jed Simms (8:30);  
Jack Wilde and Maddie Quintanar (11:00).

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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The **Miller Center Mission Corner collection** for May is diapers for the Diaper Depot  
maintained by Interfaith Ministries; both children and adults diapers are needed.

Please leave your donations in the Miller Center Mission Corner.

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**May 2**  
*Revealed in Prayer* Acts 2:43-47

**May 9**  
*Lived in Faith* Acts 4:23-31

If you did not receive a **devotional guide** as you entered worship this morning, the guides are also available:

- ✓ In the Narthex as you leave
- ✓ At the Reception Desk near the church offices
- ✓ In Miller Center
- ✓ On the website, [www.fumc-denton.com](http://www.fumc-denton.com)

The **Prayer Cards** in your worship guide today will be used for **the Prayer Vigil in Cole Chapel on Wednesday, May 19, 8:30 am to 8:30 pm**, allowing people to pray for our church, its ministries, friends and acquaintances, and themselves. Those attending the Prayer Vigil will be praying for your request(s). You are invited to participate in the Prayer Vigil and sign up for a 30 or 60 minute prayer time. There is a signup sheet in Miller Center, or you may come to Cole Chapel as your schedule permits. There is a morning children’s time from 9:15 am to 9:45 am, and the Youth are participating between 6:30 and 7:00 pm.

## Today . . .

- 9:40 am Sunday School Classes; Youth on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor in the Youth Loft
- 12:15 pm – 2:00 pm **Potluck Luncheon** following the 11 am worship service in Monroe Gym  
**May Days of Mission** – hands-on mission project  
**Vacation Bible School Registration** Activities
- 4:00 pm Credo Choir rehearsal, Room 331, East Wing
- 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) – Family Groups. Contact family group leaders for details.

## This Week . . .

- May 5** **Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch  
**1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Communion & Worship**, 6:30 pm, Cole Chapel  
*Listening for the Word of God*, a message by Jane Graner  
**Prayer & Meditation** in Cole Chapel, 7:15 – 8:00 pm.
- 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)).

# Coming . . .

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

## Without Seeing You

*Refrain*



Without see-ing You we love You. Without touch-ing You we em-  
brace. With-out know-ing You we fol - low. With-out see-ing You \_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_ we be - lieve.



1. We re - turn to You deep with - in, leave the  
2. The \_\_\_\_ spar - row will find a home near to  
3. For - ev - er we sing to you of your  
4. For \_\_\_\_ You are our shep - herd there is



past to the \_\_\_\_ dust. Turn to you with tears and  
You \_\_\_\_ oh \_\_\_\_ God; How \_\_\_\_ hap - py we who  
godd-ness, O \_\_\_\_ God; pro - claim - ing to \_\_\_\_  
noth - ing that we need. In green pas - tures we will



fast - ing, You are read - y to for - give.  
dwell with You, for - ev - er in Your house.  
all the world of your faith - ful-ness and love.  
find our way, near the wat - ers of peace.



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