



CELEBRATION WORSHIP

COMMUNION SUNDAY

August 1, 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

Associate Pastor

Rev. Deana Ferguson

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GATHER

Welcome

John Priddy

Prelude

Let Us Break Bread Together

Charles Callahan

Dale Peters, organ

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**

Jan Dickson (8:30); Jeff Peters (11:00)

One: New every morning is your love, great God of light, and all day long you are working for good in the world.

Many: **Stir up in us desire to serve you, to live peacefully with our neighbors, and to devote each day to your Son, our Savior, Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen.**

***Hymn 158**

Come, Christians, Join to Sing

*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

Rev. Deana Ferguson

Hymn 339

Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast

Confession

Rev. Lisa Marshall

Holy and awesome God, we stand in your presence filled with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is greatness in us, and deep longing for goodness, we have often denied our better selves and refused to hear your voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity. For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach us to walk by the light of your truth.

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

Second Prelude

George Gershwin

Jeff Peters, soprano saxophone

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**

the people singing

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Him all creatures here below.
Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts. Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

Scripture

Luke 12:13-21

Page 74 in the New Testament of your pew Bible.

Message

“More Than We Ask For”

Rev. Jessica Wright

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.**

Response 1

Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Response 2

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Response 3

Amen. Amen. Amen.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

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) *Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One* McDonald
Chancel Choir

*Sovereign Lord, Creator, righteous one, most high and holy King,
my Redeemer, Father, dearest friend, my praise to you I bring.
I will praise your name forever, knowing that you loved me first;
for you feed my every hunger and quench my every thirst.
With my heart I'll ever worship you, my voice will sing your praise;
for your everlasting mercy and grace for every day.
All creation bows in humbleness before your heavenly throne;
and I shall forever thank you for making me your own.
You are higher than the highest and the God of all who live.
You are worthy of all honor and praise that I can give.
All my life shall be a witness of your majesty and grace,
and in heaven I'll bow before You and see You face to face. 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 590** *Christ Loves the Church*

***Blessing**

Postlude *Postlude on a Ground* Herbert Sumsion

Interested in knowing more about First UMC-Denton?

We will be giving a tour of the facility each week following the 11:00 service. Please meet your tour guide by the left door next to the choir loft for a short walk through our buildings. We will help you locate classrooms, the chapel, the gym, and point out several interesting features of our beautiful campus.

The white roses today are given in loving memory
of Billie Johnson, Robert Judy, Myra Peel.

The acolytes today are Jessica Duryea and Rebekah Cheek (8:30);
Maddie Quintanar and Sheridan Evans (11:00).

Childcare is provided for newborns through Pre-K on the 1st 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.

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

Today . . .

Children's Ministry is offering healthy snacks today at Miller Center Cafe for a love donation. Please support our Children's Ministry.

We have a few apples left on the Apple Tree in Miller Center to distribute. Please stop by the Mission Corner if you can help provide back-to-school supplies and clothing to a student of Denton ISD.

9:40 am Sunday School Classes; Youth on the 3rd Floor in the Youth Loft
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm United Methodist Youth Fellowship (UMYF) tonight – Picnic in the Park @ Eureka Park by the volleyball court.

This Week . . .

- August 3 United Methodist Women meet for breakfast** (9:30 am, Miller Center) and to hear, Ruth Robinson, North Texas Conference UMW President. She will present the program as Sojourner Truth, the 19th century slave heroine who coined the famous phrase: "Ain't I a Woman?"
- August 4 Community Bible Study**, noon, Flinn Hall, brown bag lunch, led by our Senior Pastor
- 1st Wednesday Communion Worship**, 6:30 pm, in Cole Chapel
Prayer & Meditation opportunity follows, 7:15-8:00 pm.

Coming . . .

- August 9 Administrative Board** meets, 7:00 pm, Room 231.
- August 15 Radical Hospitality: Going to the Next Level**, a special educational event, 9:30 am, in the Sanctuary
Small Group sign-up, all morning in Miller Center.
Family Night, with potluck and cookout in Quakertown Park and Swim Party at the Civic Center Pool.
- August 21 Children's Health and Safety Fair**, sponsored by the Mission Team, provides valuable information, services and screenings for children before heading back to school.
- August 22 Small Group sign-up**, all morning in Miller Center.
Prayer Walk for the Schools, sign up in Miller Center.
- August 29 Fall Kickoff Sunday**

OUR CHURCH IN MISSION

Mission Corner Collection/August

T-shirts, underwear, and socks for elementary and middle school students in Denton ISD to use in emergency situations.

Children's Health and Safety Fair/August 21

9:00 am – 2:00 pm, East Courtyard. Access to important health and safety information for children before the start of the school year. Local social agencies will be here to offer such things as free immunizations, vision and nutrition screenings, and much more. Last year we helped over 400 families. This year we are looking for people who are fluent in Spanish or can understand enough to help work the fair.

OUR CHURCH IN STUDY

Small Group Sign-Up August 15, 22

Come by Miller Center and sign up to participate in a small group to be held in the Fall. Small groups are a great way to grow in faith and make new friends.

Radical Hospitality: Going to the Next Level/August 15, 9:30 am, in the Sanctuary

Special Guest **Rev. Jim Ozier**, the New Church Development Officer for the North Texas Conference, will be leading an important event for all of our adult and youth Sunday School classes and all others interested. Jim believes that healthy congregations do not happen by accident. They require the same kind of diligent care and nurture as people do if they are to maintain vitality. Jim will share with us tools we can use to continue to be the open, friendly, and welcoming congregation we are today.

Head Start to Biblical Literacy/Disciple 1 Bible Study

Disciple 1 Bible study offers a 34-week overview of the Bible from Genesis to Revelation. Two Sessions of **Disciple 1 Bible Study**: Tuesday, 6:30-8:30 pm, beginning August 24; Wednesday, 9:30-11:30 am, beginning August 25. We must have 10 people for a class to make. Cost of the manual is \$35.00, payable at the first session. For information or to enroll in either class contact Gloria Thomas, 940.484.8092 or gvthomas930@verizon.net.

OUR CHURCH IN PRAYER

3rd Annual Prayer Walk for our Schools/August 22

Join the prayer walk and help surround every school in Denton with prayer of safety, well-being, and success before school starts on August 23! Choose a campus to pray for and enjoy fellowship and exercise as you walk around perimeter of the campus and pray together! What a blessing your prayers will be for all of the students, faculties, and staff in our city and beyond! Watch for sign-up sheets in Miller Center or contact Wilma Reinhardt for more information.

Prayer Walk: Sunday, August 22, beginning after the nourishing potluck that follows the 11:00 am worship. Directions and suggested prayers will be provided.

OUR CHURCH AT PLAY

Family Night, August 15

Please join us for our annual Family Night on Sunday, August 15. Join the youth for a potluck supper at Quakertown Park from 6:00 – 7:00 pm. Hamburgers and hot dogs will be provided; you just bring a side dish or dessert to share! Immediately following the potluck, we will head to the Civic Center Pool from 7:00 – 9:00 pm for a private party. Admission to the pool is a donation of a non-perishable snack item (peanut free) for the Children's Day Out Program. Feel free to bring snacks or drinks to share at the pool!

All Church Baby Shower for the Wright Family/August 21

On Saturday, August 21, come and go to the all church baby shower for the Wrights – Rev. Jessica and Andy -- between 4:00-6:00 pm at the Gaston's home, 7517 Rodeo Dr., Denton, TX. Contact Cammie, 940.566.2342; Sueann 940.272.0088, or Paula 940.565.1947 with questions.

