

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
MAY 05, 2024  
COLOR: WHITE

PRELUDE

"Toccata"  
"Blessed Assurance"

Deanna Larson, organist  
J. Pachelbel  
M. Roberts  
Joan Rude

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee"

**UMH # 89**

Joyful joyful we adore Thee  
God of glory Lord of love  
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee  
Opening to the sun above  
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness  
Drive the dark of doubt away  
Giver of immortal gladness  
Fill us with the light of day

-Verse 2-

All Thy works with joy surround Thee  
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays  
Stars and angels sing around Thee  
Center of unbroken praise  
Field and forest vale and mountain  
Flowery meadow flashing sea  
Chanting bird and flowing fountain  
Call us to rejoice in Thee

-Verse 3-

Thou art giving and forgiving  
Ever blessing ever blest  
Wellspring of the joy of living  
Ocean depth of happy rest  
Thou our Father Christ our Brother  
All who live in love are Thine  
Teach us how to love each other  
Lift us to the joy divine

-Verse 4-

Mortals join the mighty chorus  
Which the morning stars began  
Love divine is reigning o'er us  
Binding all within its span  
Ever singing march we onward  
Victors in the midst of strife  
Joyful music lifts us sunward  
In the triumph song of life

*Please join in the ...*

*Brittany Boeset*

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Based on John 15)**

L: Beloved, we are called to love one another, because love is from God.

P: **God's love is poured in us from our birth.**

L: We are called to extend the love of God to all people.

P: **God's love is taught to us through the witness of God's faithful people.**

L: We are called to proclaim God's love in all that we say and do.

P: **In all creation, in all our relationships, may God's love be made known. AMEN.**

*Please join in the ...*

*Brittany Boeset*

**\*OPENING PRAYER (Based on John 15)**

Loving and creative God, we praise and bless you for your mighty acts of creation. As we gather here this day, we hear your message of power and love through the witness of Jesus Christ as he prepared his disciples for his departure. He gave to them the words of encouragement about living in your love, and through that love being witnesses to the whole world of your peace and hope. Be with us this day, Lord. Open our hearts and minds to receive your word. AMEN.

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

"Glory Be to the Father"

**UMH # 70**

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 Amen

*Please join in the...*

*Brittany Boeset*

**\*PRAYER CONFESSION (Based on 1 John 4)**

Easter is such a wonderful season, Lord. Hope springs anew in our hearts. As the earth is being refreshed by the warmth of spring, so we have been refreshed and made new by the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. And we want to stay in this euphoria forever. But you have called us to go into the valley, to those who need to hear of your love and to feel your caring presence. In his words of hope, Jesus prepared his disciples to be witnesses. We have heard these words before, but far too often, we have turned our backs to this message. We don't quite believe that we can live our whole lives in your love. So, we act in ways that are often neglectful and hurtful of others. We take more time pampering ourselves than we do helping other people. It is easier to justify our selfish desires than it is to witness your transforming love. Stop us in our tracks, O Lord. Turn us around. Help us to face our weakness and your forgiving grace. Heal us of our sins and place us again on the paths of peace. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*Please be seated and hear these...*

*Brittany Boeset*

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

L: God has remembered His steadfast love to all the people. We are healed and called to again be God's beloved children and witnesses. Receive that healing love and share the good news with all you meet, that God is love and in God there is no darkness or fear. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven.

P: **In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!**

## HYMN OF PRAYER

"Shout to the Lord"

TFWS #2074

Shout to the Lord all the earth let us sing  
Power and majesty praise to the King  
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar  
at the sound of your name  
I sing for joy at the work of your hands  
Forever I'll love you forever I'll stand  
Nothing compares to the promise I have in you  
(repeat all)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.*  
Together, let us pray:

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**  
L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**  
L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**  
L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)  
Lord, in your mercy. **P: Hear our prayer**

## TEACHER APPRECIATION

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Joan Rude

### HYMN OF ILLUMINATION "Thy Word is a Lamp"

UMH #601

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Erica Boeset*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

## THE GOSPEL READING

Erica Boeset

(Philippians 4:4-8, Psalms 118:24, Proverbs 11:25, Matthew 5:13-16, and Matthew 6:25-34)

## MESSAGE

Carl Turner

"The Fish Principles: Embracing Joy and Purpose in Everyday Life"

## MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION

This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are or you can come to the altar as we sing "Sanctuary" TFWS #2164)

Lord prepare me to be a sanctuary  
Pure and holy tried and true  
With thanksgiving I'll be a living  
Sanctuary for you  
(repeat all)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Colton Lindgren

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.

## INVITATION TO GIVING

### OFFERING

"What a Friend We Have in Jesus"

A. Jordan

Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC  
Offering plates will be passed.

*Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.*

\*Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Please stand and join in singing...*

### \*DOXOLOGY

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below; Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

### \*OFFERING PRAYER (Based on John 15:9 - 17)

Brittany Boeset

Gracious God, we offer our gifts this day, as we reflect on the wisdom of your Word. Jesus urges us to hold onto him, to stay connected to his example, presence, and the fulfillment he brings. He reveals that our joy finds completeness when it is woven into his divine joy. Help us abide in him through love, obeying his commandment to love one another. In acts of service, healing, and selfless generosity, may our joy be sustained, a shared and everlasting gift from the source of all joy. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Shalom to You"

**UMH # 666**

Shalom to you now  
Shalom my friends  
May God's full mercies  
bless you my friends  
In all your living  
And through your loving  
Christ be your shalom  
Christ be your shalom

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our separate ways,  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,  
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

"Allegro maestoso"

Deanna Larson, organist  
G. Young

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, May 5th

9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
10:00 am-Worship w/Communion  
**TEACHER APPRECIATION**

## Monday, May 6th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
4:00 pm-Food Distribution

## Tuesday, May 7th

9:30 am-Staff meeting  
3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

## Wednesday, May 8th

3:30 pm-Zone 4-6  
6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th END OF YEAR  
7:00 pm-Youth Meal  
7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

## Thursday, May 9th

5:30 pm-SPRC meeting

## Saturday, May 11th

7:30 am-UMM meeting

## Sunday, May 12th

9:00 am-Kids CARNIVAL!  
10:00 am-Worship w/Communion  
& Scholarships

Dear former church members & congregations,  
Storm Lake UMC 2011-2017

Our whole family was glad to serve you in the past. We have retired and live in West Des Moines these past 3 years. I am asking for your help: Carol has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Would you send Carol notes & cards of encouragement, stories of how she was a blessing in Sunday School, VBS, bus driver, etc. as we struggle with this news.

Please send these to:

Carol Miller  
2216 Locust St  
West Des Moines, IA 50265



clmiller3555@gmail.com

## *Prayer Requests*

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Frank Popp
Melva Bainbridge	Nate Woodford
Coleen Baughman	Becky Robinson
Lance Bellinghausen	Nick Arends
Donna Blom	Carol Miller
Virginia Carlson	Johnna Cox
John Nichols	Harold North
Kim Piercy	
Karen Salmen	
Bev Schmidt	
Wayne Stark	
Kathy Wadsley	
Caroline Kluver	

Sunday School Teacher Appreciation  
Sunday, May 5th

Show your Sunday School  
Teacher a little LOVE!



## Birthdays this week in May

Shelley Scuffham 11th



**GREETERS:** Cory & Alicia Gatzemeyer, Hannah and Haylee