

**DODGE CENTER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 10, 2023**

**\*Stand as you are able**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Joys and Concerns**

**Prayer of Confession, Assurance, and Pardon UMH #893**

**Lighting of the Advent Candle**

**\*Centering Hymn-UMH #246 (vs. 1-3)**

"Joy to the World"

**\*Call To Worship**

**Psalm 85:1-2, 8-1**

L LORD, you were favorable to your land;  
you restored the fortunes of Jacob.

**P You forgave the iniquity of your people;  
you pardoned all their sin.**

L Let me hear what God the LORD will speak,  
for he will speak peace to his people,  
to his faithful, to those who turn to him in their hearts.

**P Surely his salvation is at hand for those who fear him,  
that his glory may dwell in our land.**

L Steadfast love and faithfulness will meet;  
righteousness and peace will kiss each other.

**P Faithfulness will spring up from the ground,  
and righteousness will look down from the sky.**

L The LORD will give what is good,  
and our land will yield its increase.

**P Righteousness will go before him,  
and will make a path for his steps.**

**Children's Time**

**Hymn of the Day-UMH # 213 (vs. 1-3)**

"Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates"

**Prayer of the Day (In unison)**

Stir up our hearts, Lord God, to prepare the way of your only Son. By his coming strengthen us to serve you with purified lives; through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**New Testament Lesson- 2 Peter 3:8-15a**

**The Nicene Creed UMH# 880**

**Prayers and Lord's Prayer**

**After minister says, "Merciful God,"**

**The congregation responds: "Receive our prayer."**

**\*Doxology UMH #95**

**"Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"**

**\*Gospel Lesson- Mark 1:1-8**

**Sermon**

**\*Closing Hymn-UMH # 216 (all vs.)**

"Lo, How A Rose E'er Blooming"

**Benediction**

**\*Postlude "The Lord Bless You And Keep You"**

† **Welcome to all visitors, please sign our guest book before leaving.**

**-Upcoming Events:**

**-Book Study:** You Are Never Alone by Max Lucado offered via Zoom. The last session will be December 14 at 6:00 PM

**-Sunday school-** There will be Sunday School on December 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.

**-Confirmation-**The last two Confirmation classes this year are December 13<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup>.

**-Caregivers Group** will meet December 14<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup>

**-Sunday School Potluck Snacks** will be on December 17<sup>th</sup> following worship

**-Community Dinner** will be December 20<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-6:00

**-There will be no worship service on December 31st**

**PASTORAL CARE:** If you desire a pastoral visit while in the hospital before a medical procedure or in an after-care setting, please let him know (call or text (507-417-4160). Also because of HIPPA privacy rules, only hospitalized patients can put down who they want on their visitors list. Keep this in mind if you want Pastor to visit. His name will need to be added to your list.

**-Coffee Fellowship** There is a sign-up sheet in the back to bring treats and serve fellowship. Coffee will be made each Sunday and juice is provided.

**-Newsletter deadline:** The deadline for items to be in the January newsletter is December 17<sup>th</sup>.

**Thank you to our volunteers today:**

Reader: Janet Bugarin

Counters: Kim Marquardt and Doris Weber

Acolyte:

**Next Sunday:**

Reader: Kathy Bartz

Counters: Lisa O'Neil and Kathy Bartz

Pastor- Rev. Chad Christensen    Pianist- Janet Bugarin

Secretary- Janet Bugarin        Sound- Colin Lepp

Total donations needed each week- \$1,637.00.

Last Sundays offering amount: \$ 1,060.00



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