

**DODGE CENTER  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**December 24, 2023**

**8:15 AM**

**\*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**

**\*Advent Hymn-UMH 240 (all vs)**

**"Hark The Herald Angels Sing"**

**\*Call To Worship**

**Luke 1:26-55 Mary's Song of Praise: "The Magnificat"**

L: And Mary said, 'My soul magnifies the Lord,  
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,

**P: for he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant.**

**Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed;**

L: for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.

**P: His mercy is for those who fear him  
from generation to generation.**

L: He has shown strength with his arm;  
he has scattered the proud in the thoughts of their hearts.

**P: He has brought down the powerful from their thrones,  
and lifted up the lowly;**

L: he has filled the hungry with good things,  
and sent the rich away empty.

**P: He has helped his servant Israel,  
in remembrance of his mercy,**

L: according to the promise he made to our ancestors, to Abraham

**Children's Time**

**Hymn of the Day-UMH # 230 (all vs)**

**"O Little Town of Bethlehem"**

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

**Stir up your power, Lord Christ, and come. With your abundant grace and might, free us from the sin that would obstruct your mercy, that willingly we may bear your redeeming love to all the world, for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**New Testament Lesson-Romans 16: 25-27**

**The Nicene Creed UMH# 880**

**Prayers and The 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- Luke 2:8-24**

**Sermon**

***"What Love Is This?"***

**\*Closing Hymn-UMH #234 (vs. 1,2,3 &5)**

**"O Come, All Ye Faithful"**

**\*Benediction**

**\*Postlude**



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

**Upcoming Events:**

- **Pastor Chad will be on vacation tomorrow through January 2<sup>nd</sup>. You may reach him on his cell phone in case of an emergency. His number is 507-517-4160**
- **Caregivers Group** will meet December 28<sup>th</sup>
- **There will be no worship service on December 31<sup>s</sup>**
- **Confirmation** class will resume on January 3, 2024
- **Sunday school-** Class will resume on January 7, 2024
- **Community Dinner: The next Community Dinner** will be held on January 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00-6:00. Please consider signing up to donate food, set up, serve and/or clean up. Sign up at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F094CA5AC2AA1FA7-46892692-umcfree> or in the back of the church.
- **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 published in the February 7 newsletter is January 22, 2024.

**Thank you to our volunteers today:**

Reader: Kelly Amunrud

Counters: Kelly Amunrud and Doris Weber

Acolyte: Kinley O'Neil

**Next Sunday: No Service**

**January 7**

Reader: Tyler Kispert

Counters: Kim Marquardt and Doris Weber

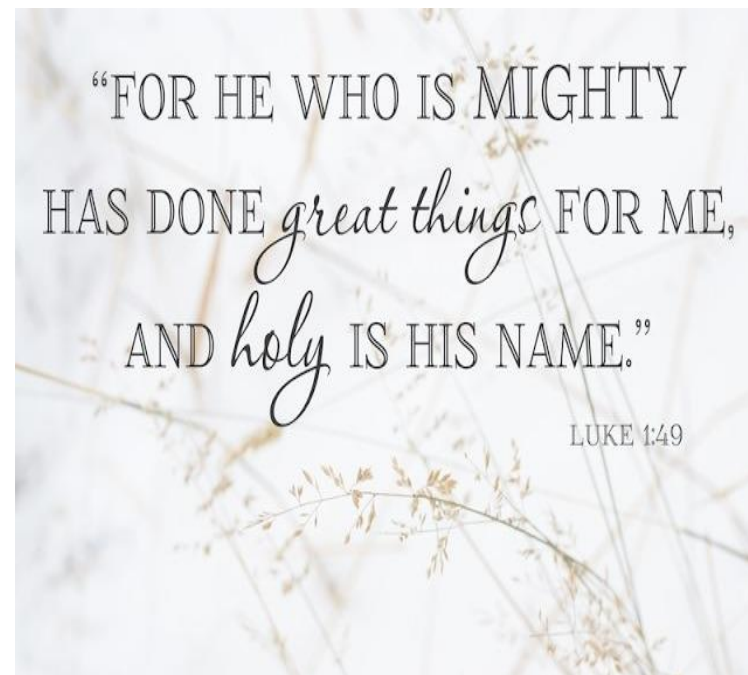
Acolyte:

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: \$1,824.00



**DODGE CENTER**  
**UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**  
**DECEMBER 24, 2023**  
**8:15 AM**