

January 3, 2021

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

*Gathering Hymns

“Faith of Our Fathers” v 1-3 UMH 710
“My Faith Looks Up to Thee” ... v 1,2,4 UMH 452

*The Call to Worship

L: We gather together this morning in faith that the Lord is good.

P: We will call on the Lord when things don’t go our way.

L: When hardships come and life doesn’t seem good.

P: We will have faith that God is with us.

*Opening Prayer.....*Together as the Body of Christ*

Dear Lord of Heaven and Earth, this morning as we gather, we ask that you be with us in our hardships, and in our victories. We ask that you help us to have faith in the difficult times. Help us to keep our eyes focused on you. Help us to see what you want us to see, think what you want us to think, and speak what you want us to speak. We want more of you and less of ourselves. Help us to become more like you Jesus. We ask all of these things in the name of Jesus Christ, Lord of Heaven and Earth.

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. A-men, A-men.

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

The Lord’s Prayer UMH 895

Tithes, Gifts, and Offerings

*“Doxology” UMH p. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. A-men.

*The Reading and Hearing of the Holy Scripture

Hebrews 11:1-3 (ESV) Philip Shrimplin

¹ Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. ² For by it the people of old received their commendation. ³ By faith we understand that the universe was created by the word of God, so that what is seen was not made out of things that are visible.

L: This is the Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God!

This Morning’s Message

Ridiculous Faith Philip Shrimplin

*Closing Hymn

“Wonderful Words of Life” v 1-3 UMH 600

*Benediction

*Postlude

Today’s Volunteers **Thanks!**

COMMUNION STEWARD Patti Collins

LITURGIST Bob Nelson

GREETERS/USHERS Kevin & Kati Bradshaw

CHILDREN’S SERMON Bonnie Cox

ACOLYTES Dr. Ca Sophia Fraker/Vivian Cool

AUDIO Philip Shrimplin

VIDEO Greg Floyd

FELLOWSHIP No fellowship, 1st Sunday after New Year’s Day

MUSIC Sally Johnston

Not required

* Please stand if you are able.

Bold type invites congregational participation.

Looking Ahead

Wednesday, January 6, 6:00 p.m.....SPRC meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 6:30 p.m.....Choir practice
Sunday, January 10, 10:30 a.m..... On-line wordship service

Next Week's Volunteers, January 10, 2021

LITURGIST.....Al Rabenold
GREETERS/USHERS.....Roger & Kathy Cox
CHILDREN'S SERMON.....Meryll Hicks
ACOLYTES.....Stepha Parker/Conner Bradshaw
AUDIO.....Brayden Stockman
VIDEO.....Ron Hensel
FELLOWSHIP.....Myron & Vala Byers/Roger & Kathy Cox
MUSIC.....Carol Behounek

Not
Required
yet

Prayer Concerns (* new information)

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| 1. Bill Douglass | 12. Lois Evans |
| 2. Bob Nelson | 13. Mobley family |
| 3. Bonnie Schlesselman | 14. Rebekkah Shrimplin |
| 4. Carol Hall | 15. * Rick Linn |
| 5. Carol Helm | 16. Our first responders |
| 6. Dale Watts | 17. Our health care workers |
| 7. Denny Johnston | 18. Our U.S. Armed Forces |
| 8. Dixie Markun | 19. Our church |
| 9. Doris Kadel | 20. Our elected leadership |
| 10. Ellen Merck | 21. The great state of Iowa |
| 11. John Kercheval | 22. The United States of America |

*In Our Thoughts
& Prayers*



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Our Mission in Ministry Together:
*Making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the World
starting in Montezuma, Iowa*