



First United Methodist Church of Corvallis

February 24, 2019

In your prayers this week please remember:

- Norma Lachelle and Marjorie Thornburgh who are homebound or in care centers
- David & Elizabeth McCormick, Chicouque Rural Hospital in Mozambique

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH!

Office Hours: 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Thursday; Closed: noon to 1 p.m. Closed on Fridays
541.752.2491

We are a **Reconciling Congregation** that welcomes everyone into full participation in the life of this church! Your age, sexual orientation, gender identity, racial or ethnic background, economic situation, marital status, and physical or mental condition will enrich the fabric of our community. We accept all people as children of God.

We are a congregation on a journey to Sustainability, recognizing that we are stewards of God's creation for all generations, and believing that all human needs must be met equitably. The **Natural Step Framework** is our guide to Sustainability.

MINISTRY LEADERSHIP:

Rev. Barbara Nixon Pastor~revbabs2000@gmail.com~208.991.8464
 Rev. Rob Kirby Campus Minister
 Craig Hanson Organist/Pianist
 Dr. Sandra Babb Interim Choir Director
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OUR MISSION IS to bring people into a living relationship with God, through Jesus Christ, that we might love the world as God loves the world.

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The Danger of a Single Story

**indicates stand if you are able*

UMH = United Methodist Hymnal; TFWS = The Faith We Sing (Small Black Book)

Prelude

“Prelude and Fugue I in C Major”

Johann Caspar Ferdinand Fischer

*Greeting One Another

Pastor: May the peace of Christ be with you...

... and also with you.

*Opening Songs

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

(vs. 1,2)

UMH #277

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

(vs. 1,5)

UMH #62

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Prayer

God Whose Name is Love, We are gathered here this morning with our hearts and minds filled with stories - stories about ourselves and our community and our country and our world. We come to learn more from the stories of Jesus' life as well. We come to add to our stories of faith. May your love, your wisdom and your courage lead us forward, until your kingdom comes in fullness. Amen.

*Hymn from our Tradition

“What Gift Can We Bring”

UMH #87

Now Testament

Prelude to Prayer

Please have your prayer cards ready to pass quickly to the ushers during this musical interlude.

Prayers of the People

Pastor: God of love...

We thank you for your presence...

Silent Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sung)

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Offering

Offertory

“City Called Heaven”

Josephine Poelinitz

Offering Prayer

God of All, As we bring our offerings forward this day, we pray that our words and action may be an offering of love as well. May we be gifts of love to those we encounter. In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

*Offering Song

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH #94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise God 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!

Song

“Where Children Belong”

TFWS #2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

Kids and Grown-Ups Together

All children are welcome to stay for worship with their families or childcare is available for preschool through kindergarten in room 118. Special worship bags for children are outside the sanctuary entrance.

Scripture and Reflection

The Danger of a Single Story *

*Closing Song and Benediction (to the tune of Blessed Assurance refrain, UMH #369)

**These are our stories, this is our song,
Following Jesus, growing more strong.
Sharing our stories, sharing our song,
Living and loving, all the day long.**

Postlude

“Toccatina in F Major”

Dietrich Buxtehude

You are invited to sit and listen to the postlude, but you are also welcome to leave now quietly.

Liturgist: Cindy Dahl

Acolytes: Elaina Ponder and Mackenzie Straub

* Reflection title comes from a Ted Talk by Nigerian author Chimamanda Ngozi, Adichie