

First United Methodist Church

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An Oasis of Grace in the Heart of Marion

An asterisk (*) indicates to stand, as you are able.

Congregation reads the words in **BOLD**.

THE CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

Fourth Sunday after Epiphany † January 31, 2010

GATHERING Elizabeth Shore

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please sign the attendance pad at the end of the pew, and pass it to your neighbor.

PRELUDE

The Light of Christ enters Acolytes

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Sing praise to God, all the peoples!

Praise God who loves us all!

God's steadfast love extends to everyone.

God reaches out to us in forgiveness and compassion.

Thanks to God for all the wonderful blessings we have received.

Let us celebrate God's joyful love for us!

*HYMN OF PRAISE "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" – Verses 1, 3, 4 No. 89

*ACT OF PRAISE "Psalm 36:5-10" Page 771

*GLORY BE TO THE FATHER

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!

*A TIME OF GREETING

Welcome to the Oasis of Grace, where lives are changed and God is praised!

Find faith, hope, and love in this place! Welcome to the Oasis of Grace!

A TIME FOR PRAYER

Sharing Our Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, the Pastoral Prayer, and the Lord's Prayer [Unison, No. 895]

PRAYER CHORUS

"The First Song of Isaiah"

No. 2030

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.

SHARING OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

"You are my rock and my fortress. My mouth is filled with your praise, declaring your splendor all day long." – Psalm 71:3,8

*DOXOLOGY

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! Amen!

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Gracious God, you remind us that faith without love is meaningless. We present these gifts with love. We rejoice in our ability to share. May this time of giving warm our hearts and stir our souls so that we remember to act out of love in the name of Jesus; in his name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN

"Take Time to Be Holy" – Verses 1, 3, 4

No. 395

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Following Children's Moments, Children's Church is available in the Education Building.

ANTHEM

"Follow Jesus Medley"

–arr. Whaley

Elizabeth Shore, Accompanist

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 1:4-10

OLD TESTAMENT PAGE 656

"Ah, Lord God! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy."

MESSAGE

"Who, Me?"

Deb Pollex

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

"Where He Leads Me" – Verses 1, 3, 4

No. 338

During the hymn, the altar rail is available to any who might wish to pray. If you would like to join this church or if you wish to acknowledge publicly a new or reaffirmed faith in Jesus Christ, you are invited to come forward at this time and make your desires known.

*DISMISSAL WITH GOD'S BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

Larry Sanders <i>Song Leader</i>	Yolonde Peterson <i>Director of Music</i>
Beth Bryant <i>Children's Church</i>	Marian Smith <i>Organist</i>
Amy Sanders <i>Projection</i>	Gail West <i>Sound Technician</i>
Deb Pollex <i>Pastoral Assistant</i>	Victor Long <i>Pastor</i>

THIS WEEK'S OPPORTUNITIES & ACTIVITIES

SUNDAY, JANUARY 31st

- 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Spot / *Hosts: John and Beth Bryant*
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Worship
- 6:00 p.m. "Souper Bowl" Planning Meeting, Jr. High & Sr. High Youth

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 1st

- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 2nd

- 11:30 a.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Closed)
- 7:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous – Women's Group

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 3rd

- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 4th

- 8:00 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th

- 7:30 p.m. Alcoholics Anonymous (Open)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 6th

- 9:30 a.m. Al-Anon

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7th

- 8:30 a.m. Informal Worship
- 9:00 a.m. Coffee Spot / *Host: Susan Whiting*
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:30 a.m. Celebration of Worship
- 11:30 a.m. "Souper Bowl of Caring" Soup & Salad Luncheon



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