

First Church Family

PRAYER REQUEST CARDS

Your prayer requests are being prayed over by your pastors, staff and prayer teams. To submit your prayer requests call the church office at **605-336-3652**; go online at **sfumc.org/prayer-requests**; or email Pam at **knuthp@sfumc.org**. Prayer requests submitted without direct permission from the person you are requesting prayer for will remain confidential. Be sure to mark the online prayer request form appropriately.

JOYS & CONCERNS

- Al *(requested by Caitlin Marsh)*
- Family of Luke Reimers *(requested by Dawn Hieb)*
- Jerry Wadleigh *(father of Dina (Jason) Vostad, grandfather of Jacob & Justin Vostad)*
- Troy Baltzer *(husband of Rhonda Baltzer, son-in-law of Larry & Sue Engeltjes, brother-in-law of Pam (Nate) Knuth)*
- Jarred Nolte *(son of Lisa Utech)*
- Cort Schepeler *(brother of Bill (Renita) Schepeler)*
- Father and family of Carrie Schilling
- Roberta Callaghan
- Anna Gilbertson *(daughter of Traci & Brad Gilbertson)*
- David Dunlap
- Barbara Culey *(sister of Constance Culey)*

DEATHS

- Joyce Rosenberg

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THE THIRD DAY:

Living The Resurrection



Lent Sermon Series 2/14-3/31

Worship @ First, March 3, 2024

The Third Day: Living the Resurrection

8:30 Traditional Service

Prelude..... Marcia Klimes

Opportunities and Greetings

Time of welcome and greeting - please complete the online or in-person Connect Card.

Call to Worship †

One: In your doubt and in your fears...

ALL: Come! Come into the sanctuary and simply be.

One: In polarized times and violent days...

ALL: Come! Come into the sanctuary and simply love.

One: In the darkest night or brightest day...

ALL: Come! Come into the sanctuary and simply know.

Know that God is love. And God is with us through it all. Amen.

Hymn of Praise †..... *O, Church of God United*, No. 547

Lenten Reading

Invitation to Prayer

Unison Prayer of Confession †

Silent Prayer / Pastoral Prayer / Lord's Prayer †

Gift of Music..... *And Can It Be?*, Chancel Choir

Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Prayer †

Faithful God, even when we can't see it, we know you are moving. Move in these gifts and move in us so that we may offer sanctuary to others through hope, love, and encouragement. Amen.

Scripture †..... John 20:24-31 (CEB)

Message..... "Thomas", Pastor Jordan Louks

Holy Communion

O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread No. 613

Hymn of Commitment †..... *Crown Him with Many Crowns*, No. 327

Sending Forth (Unison) †

As we go from here, we go into the world to live as disciples of Jesus Christ to be a sanctuary of Christian hope, love, and encouragement in the heart of Sioux Falls. Be encouraged. Amen.

Sending Song †..... *Thine Be The Glory (v. 1)*, No. 308

Postlude..... Marcia Klimes

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The Third Day: Living the Resurrection

9:45 Unity Service

Centering Marcia Klimes

Opportunities and Greetings

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Call to Worship †

Holy Ground Unity Band

L: Let us pray

Time of Music †

O, Church of God United No. 547

Kids Connect

Lenten Reading

Tithes and Offerings

Offering

I Will Follow Unity Band

Prayers of the People / Lord's Prayer †

Gift of Music..... *And Can It Be?*, Chancel Choir

Scripture †..... John 20:24-31 (CEB)

Message..... "Thomas", Pastor Jordan Louks

Holy Communion

If We're Honest..... Unity Band

O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread No. 613

Closing Song †..... *Glory to God, Forever*, Unity Band

Sending Forth †

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Sending Song †..... *Glory to God, Forever (reprise)*, Unity Band

Postlude..... Marcia Klimes



Sermon Notes

Gather, Grow, Go Opportunities

- ✓ **Worship with us next Sunday** as we explore the Walk to Emmaus.
- ✓ **Our March Love the 605 is “Toy Lending Library.”** You can give to this wonderful organization and volunteer with them, too, on weekdays 9 a.m.–Noon. Ask Pastor Jordan for more information.
- ✓ **Join our Easter Egg-Stravaganza Team** (March 24). A signup sheet is available at the information center. Talk to LuAnn Berkhof, our Director of Children’s Ministries.

Prayer for the Week

Faithful God, give me strength in my doubts. And encourage me to love boldly, even when I do not have all the answers. Amen.

Grow Through Bible Study

1. Read the Scripture. What words or phrases stand out to you?
2. Read the Scripture again. Anything new stand out? If possible, discuss the Scripture with someone else or use a study Bible to go deeper. Some are available in the Leopard Library.
 - Day One – John 20:24-31 (CEB)
 - Day Two – Joshua 1:1-9 (CEB)
 - Day Three – Psalm 121 (CEB)
 - Day Four – Romans 8:28-39 (CEB)
 - Day Five – Mark 9:14-24 (CEB)

Spiritual Practice — Gratitude

The spiritual practice of gratitude can help us witness God’s fingerprints and bring us back from places of desolation. Even when we are not in a season of struggle, it can be important to refocus our attention on the good in our lives. Here are a few options of how you can practice gratitude.

1. At the end of each day, write down three things you are grateful for that happened. It could be conversations you had, food you ate, or simply that you woke up this morning.
2. Take a picture of people, places, or things each day that you are thankful for, or for which give you joy. Share the picture on social media or send it to a friend. Or, at the end of this week, make a photo collage of everything for which you were able to give God thanks.
3. Each time something happens that makes you happy or gives you joy, take a moment to say, “Thank you,” to God. These moments of prayer help center us on God’s presence each day.

