

Welcome, Visitors!

Information about our church and ministries is available on the Welcome Table near the main doors. Standing nearby are church members who will be happy to answer your questions. Interested in joining the church? Our next Membership Exploration will be April 11, 2018.

For the convenience of those who need to leave the Sanctuary during worship, the service is video broadcast in the Chapel, Upper Lounge and Nursery.

Large-print bulletins are available. Please ask the ushers for a copy.

Children in Worship

Child care for infants and toddlers is available in the Children, Youth and Family Center. The Family Worship Area is open during service for children ages 3-10.

Sensory Boxes

First Congregational offers Sensory Boxes for any of our friends on the autism spectrum – adult or child. These boxes are filled with “fidgets” galore, headphones and much more. Please let us know if you or a loved one needs one of these tools.

Donating to First Congregational UCC

If you are enrolled in automatic contributions, you may still participate in the weekly offering by submitting a Giving Card, found in the pews. We encourage members and friends of First Congregational to assist us in planning our budget by pledging each year. Pledge cards are available in the pews and may be placed in the offering plates at any time.

Online Streaming and Podcasting Now Available!

Audio and video recordings of our sermons and a written transcript are accessible from www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons. To subscribe to a podcast of the sermon audio, please visit www.firstcongoappleton.org/sermons/feed and choose an option. Videos are also accessible through our YouTube channel at www.firstcongoappleton.org/youtube.

WATCH LIVE: You can watch a live stream of First Congo services on YouTube at www.firstcongoappleton.org/youtube or on Facebook at www.facebook.com/1stCongo.

Online Documents and Information

Official documents of First Congregational and links to announcements, news and other information reside on our website. Visit www.firstcongoappleton.org/read-it-here to connect with First Congregational in a variety of ways: an electronic version of *The Open Door* newsletter, social media, blogs and more.

Communion

We celebrate communion the first Sunday of each month. Our communion elements are gluten-free; however, they are made in a facility that also processes wheat products.

Baptism

Our next scheduled Baptism Sundays are April 22 and May 13.

If you would like to be baptized or have a child baptized, please request a baptism registration form from the church office or download and print one from www.firstcongoappleton.org/worship/baptism. Please return baptism registration forms to the church office a month ahead of your desired baptism date.

Easter Egg Hunt

April 1

**9:45 AM immediately following
the 8:45 AM worship service**

BYO basket or bag to collect your eggs!

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

April 1, 2018

7:00 AM

Welcome to The Church of the Open Door.

Our door is open to you at whatever point you are in your journey of faith.

(You are invited to take a flower and place it on the cross upfront to celebrate Christ' resurrection this Easter morning. The cross will be moved to the sanctuary where it will be covered in flowers at the later services as well.)

PRELUDE

Music for Guitar and Voice Various
Tami Johnson, *guitar and voice*

Morceau de Concours Fauré

Siciliano Bach
Jane Bent, *flute* Linda Sparks, *piano*

(Please sign the registration form on the end of the pew, pass it down the row, and then return it, that all may know the names of those sharing in worship today. Prayer request cards are collected at the ends of the pews as well.)

WELCOME AND GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: It was still dark when Mary went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been rolled away.

People: Help us to also see the stone that has been rolled away.

Leader: Soon others came to the tomb so that they might look inside.

People: Help us to see an empty tomb when we look inside today.

Leader: The disciple who went to the empty tomb, looked inside, saw the empty tomb and believed.

People: Help us to believe.

Leader: Jesus came to Mary, calling her by name.

People: Help us to see you and share with others what we have seen, Lord.

Leader: He is not here, for he is risen!

All: Hallelujah, He is risen, indeed!

*OPENING HYMN #205

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

EASTER HYMN

*UNISON OPENING PRAYER

As the sun rises, you are ever near us, risen Christ. We give you thanks and praise for your presence in all its surprising forms. Wake us up to your new life, Holy God! Amen.

SOLO

Was It a Morning Like This

Jim Croegaert

Tami Johnson, *guitar and voice*

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 118:21-29 (OT p. 695)

GOSPEL READING

John 20:1-18

Leader 1: Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them,

Right Side: "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him."

Leader 2: Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went toward the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

Leader 1: But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her,

Left Side: "Woman, why are you weeping?"

Right Side: "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him."

Leader 2: When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her,

**Left Side: "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?"
Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him
away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."**

Reader 1: Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew,
"Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her,

**Left Side: Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father.
But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your
Father, to my God and your God.'"**

**Right side: Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen
the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.**

BRIEF MEDITATION

"On the Outside"

Rev. Nick Hatch

*RESPONSE HYMN #203

Woman, Weeping in the Garden

KAKIS

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

A MUSICAL OFFERING

Meditation

Flute and Piano

Bach/Christensen

*DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION BY INTINCTION

INVITATION

COMMUNION PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER (In unison)

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come.**

Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever. Amen.

SHARING OF THE ELEMENTS

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION #195

Eat This Bread

TAIZÉ

Verses sung by soloist, **refrain sung by ALL.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

You give us marvelous gifts ever-present Creator. Jesus Christ is the bearer of your most generous gift; your loving mercy, grace, and forgiveness that you lavish upon us. How can we ever thank you? We can show our gratitude by accepting this meal, this worship, these songs, and the resurrection as opportunities to celebrate and spread your message. May this meal be fuel for your gospel, energy for discipleship, and a centering act to remind us that we are loved and forgiven. In Jesus' name! Amen.

*CLOSING HYMN #214

Thine is the Glory

JUDAS MACCABEUS

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Festival Fanfare

Callahan

Flute and Piano

*The Congregation Standing

TODAY'S MUSICIANS

Linda Sparks, *piano*

Jane Bent, *flute*

Tami Johnson, *guitar and vocals*

Upcoming Worship Schedule

April 8, 2018

Holy Humor Sunday

8:45 and 10:30 AM

“Appearance to Thomas”

Rev. Steve Savides

Scripture readings: John 20:19-31

Music: 8:45 AM: LU Music Scholars; Dixieland Combo

10:30 AM: Sanctuary Choir; Dixieland Combo

Join the 50th Anniversary of the Assassination of Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King

“Remember Reverend King: A Community Worship Encounter”

Unity • Freedom • Love • Justice • Peace

When: April 8 • 3:00 PM

Where: Grand Ballroom, Paper Valley Hotel

Speakers:

Pastor Alvin Dupree

Trinity Vang

Pastor Shawn Whitworth

Reverend Linda J. Morgan-Clement

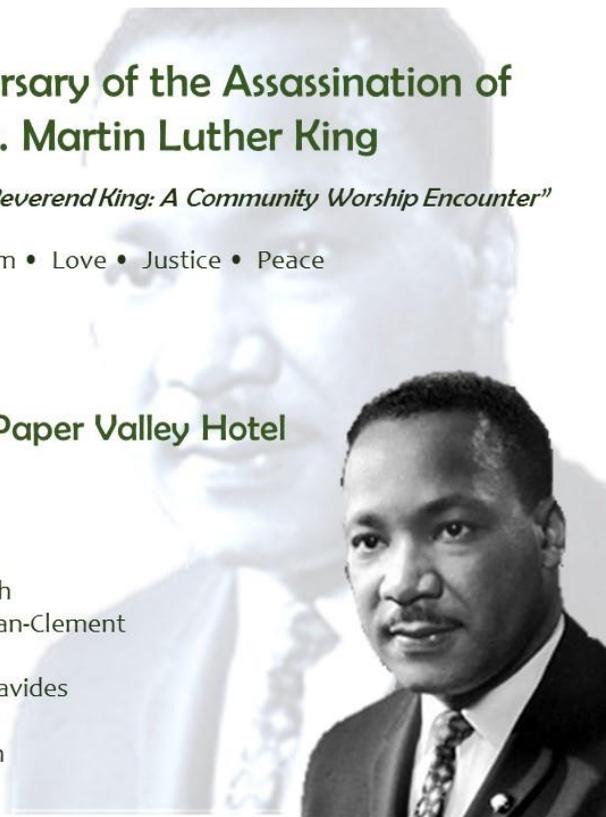
Father Joe Mattern

Reverend Dr. Stephen Savides

Pastor Dennis Episcopo

Reverend Mike Goodwin

Pastor Bee Vang



2018 Easter Flowers

In celebration of:

Grandson, Robert McClory Jr. born on 2/28/18 at almost 37 weeks and that mom and baby are healthy and doing well

given by Phil and Brenda Gabrielson

Our parents are at peace with God

given by Ann and Mary Lou Lambies

Return of Ross Pflum from Afghanistan deployment

given by Melissa Pflum and Curt Detjen

Cheryl and Ron Reissmann's 49th Wedding Anniversary

John Albrecht and Jon Riehle, and the beautiful music they create

given by Sharon Radke

A successful stewardship campaign

given by Barb and Fred Pahl

In honor of:

Shirley Hoft

given by the Hoft-March Family

Sally Donahue Prah and Allison Prah

given by Nancy Donahue

Our sons, daughters and grandchildren

given by Jim and Rachel Edwards

In memory of:

Carlton Lee Beyer (Joan's dad)

given by Steve and Joan Hawkins

Willard and Gene Brown

given by John and Nancy Brown-Koeller

Their parents Dolores and Jack Frederick and Judy and Norman Clay

given by Carolyn and Dave Frederick

Jim Collins

given by Ann Collins and Denver

Phil Crawford

given by Karen L. Crawford

Alicia Dorn, a young mother lost to breast cancer
given by her best friend, Anne

Douglas and Shirley George
given by Eric, Sandy, Jeff, and Chuck

Jack and Margaret March and Bill Hoft
given by the Hoft-March Family

My husband, Elton and my parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Froehlich
given by Sylvia Huth

Bowman Family and Gosse Family
given by Karen and Dick Gosse

Leslie W. Gunter
given by Ellen Gunter

Joyce Hanstedt
given by the Len Hanstedt Family

My father, Robert E. Henke
given by Kris Henke

My uncle Frederick Henke, killed on active duty in WWII, March 20, 1945, age 18
given by Kris Henke

In loving memory of Rev. Harvey Kandler
given by his family

Clarence and Myrtle Koeller
given by John and Nancy Brown-Koeller

Quentin and Ermagard Kuenzli
given by Ann and Mary Lou Lambies

Paul Kustermann
given by Lori and Jeff Murphy and sons

Larry Loomis
given by Mike and Linda Loomis

Nathan Melhorn, Caroline's brother
given by Caroline Brandenberger

Kevin Payette
given by his daughters, Alexis and Natalie

Jake Siebers
given by Isaac and Monica Uitenbroek and family

My husband John, brother Walter, and sisters Maryann and Trudy
given by Patricia Streur

John Wilson

given by his wife Dera

Bill and Lolly Miller and Mike and Marie Wisneski

given by Gary and Sue Wisneski



STOCK SALES
SUNDAYS • APRIL 15, 22, 29
IN THE NARTHEX AFTER WORSHIP SERVICES

Please support our high school mission trip to Pine Ridge, SD by purchasing "stock" in our youth. All proceeds will go towards sending our teens on this important mission!