

STORM LAKE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EASTER  
APRIL 28, 2024  
COLOR: WHITE

PRELUDE

"Andante"  
"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Deanna Larson, organist  
A. Guilmant  
D. Bish  
Joan Rude

WELCOME

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please stand and join in singing...*

**\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

**UMH # 139**

Praise to the Lord the Almighty  
The King of creation  
O my soul praise Him  
For He is thy health and salvation  
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near  
Join me in glad adoration

-Verse 2-

Praise to the Lord Who o'er all things  
So wondrously reigning  
Bears thee on eagle's wings  
E'er in his keeping maintaining  
God's care enfolds all whose true good he upholds  
Hast thou not known his sustaining

-Verse 3-

Praise to the Lord Who doth prosper  
Thy work and defend thee  
Surely His goodness and mercy  
here daily attend thee  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do  
Who with His love doth befriend thee

-Verse 4-

Praise to the Lord Who  
Doth nourish thy life and restore thee  
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee  
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed  
Spreading the wings of grace o'er thee

-Verse 5-

Praise to the Lord  
O let all that is in me adore Him  
All that hath life and breath  
Come now with praises before Him  
Let the amen sound from His people again  
Gladly forever adore Him

*Please join in the ...*

**CALL TO WORSHIP** (John 15)

*Shelby O'Bannon*

- L: Come to the vineyard of God.  
P: **We seek Christ, the vine of great love.**  
L: Drink from the waters of life.  
P: **We live in the light of God's grace.**  
L: Come to the vineyard of God.  
P: **All are welcome here.**

*Please join in the ...*

**\*OPENING PRAYER** (John 15)

*Shelby O'Bannon*

God of love, plant us in the soil of your grace. Nurture us with the strength of Christ, the vine of everlasting life. Enlighten us with the wisdom of your Spirit, which flows through us today and all days. Abide in us, that we may abide in you and live in your love. In your holy name, we pray. 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  
Amen Amen

*Please join in the...*

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (1 John 4)

*Shelby O'Bannon*

Merciful One, you know when we are afraid to love; you know when we are too cowardly to show mercy. Remind us again that perfect love casts out such fears. Surround us and strengthen us with your perfect love, even in the face of our imperfections. Imbue us with a love so strong, with such growth toward perfection, that we may cast aside our pride and embrace the power of love.

*Please be seated and hear these...*

**\*WORDS OF ASSURANCE** (John 15)

*Shelby O'Bannon*

- L: Christ is the vine. We are simply branches. If we abide in Christ, Christ's words will abide in us. Ask for whatever you wish in Christ's name and it will be granted. In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!
- P: **In the name of Christ, you who seek forgiveness are forgiven!**

**HYMN OF PRAYER**

"Turn Your Eyes upon Jesus"

**UMH # 349**

Turn your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in his wonderful face  
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim  
In the light of his glory and grace.  
(repeat)

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE, FOR THE PEOPLE, AND BY THE PEOPLE

*Please observe a short moment of silence after each prayer, then the leader would conclude: Lord, in your mercy, and all may respond: Hear our prayer.*

Together, let us pray:

L: for the people of this congregation...(moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

**P: Hear our prayer**

L: for those who suffer and those in trouble...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

**P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the concerns of this local community...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

**P: Hear our prayer**

L: for the world, its peoples, and its leaders...(Moment of silence)

Lord, in your mercy.

**P: Hear our prayer**

### CHURCH CHAT

Our Organ

Bob Bennett

### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

"Jesus Loves Me"

Laura Hansen

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"The NOW Singers"

Joan Rude, director

"God Put a Rainbow in the Clouds"

arr. by Sara Nussel

### HYMN OF ILLUMINATION

"Thy Word is a Lamp"

**UMH #601**

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

When I feel afraid  
Think I've lost my way  
Still you're there right beside me  
And nothing will I fear  
As long as you are near  
Please be near me to the end

Thy word is a lamp unto my feet  
And a light unto my path

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

*Levi Lindgren*

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

### THE GOSPEL READING

1 John 4:7-21

*Levi Lindgren*

### SERMON

"Love That Will Not Let Us Go"

Joan Rude

### SPECIAL MUSIC

"The NOW Singers"

Joan Rude, director

"Fully In Your Presence"

arr. By Robert Sterling

## MOMENT OF TRANSFORMATION

This is a moment for us to commune with God. Feel free to pray right where you are or you can come to the altar as we sing "Majesty, Worship His Majesty" UMH #176)

Majesty worship his majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory  
honor and praise  
Majesty kingdom authority  
Flow from his throne  
unto his own His anthem raise  
So exalt lift up on high  
the name of Jesus  
Magnify come glorify  
Christ Jesus the King  
Majesty worship his majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all Kings  
(repeat all)

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Colton Lindgren

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO GIVING

### OFFERING

"Love Divine"

D. Wood

**Tithing & Offerings / online giving / VENMO: @StormLake-UMC**  
**Offering plates will be passed.**

*Please sign the attendance books at the end of each pew, and pass down the row.*  
\*Presentation of Tithes & Offerings

*Please stand and join in singing...*

### \*DOXOLOGY

No 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, 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!

### \*OFFERING PRAYER (Based on John 3:14 - 21)

Shelby O'Bannon

God of unwavering love, you have held nothing back in your love for us, not even your Son. How we marvel at that kind of love, and how we long to reflect a portion of that devotion back to you. As we dedicate our offerings to you, lead us away from our tendency to hold back and worry that there will not be enough. Help us to live as the people of love and abundance you have called us to be. In Christ, we pray. Amen.

**\*CONGREGATIONAL HYMN**

"Shalom to You"

**UMH # 666**

Shalom to you now  
Shalom my friends  
May God's full mercies  
bless you my friends  
In all your living  
And through your loving  
Christ be your shalom  
Christ be your shalom

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*CLOSING PRAYER SONG**

A CLOSING PRAYER

The time has come, O Lord, for us to leave this place;  
Guide us and protect us and lead us in thy grace.  
Wherever life may take us as we go our sep'rate ways,  
Help us share with others the things we've shared today.  
May the peace of God the Father, and the love of Christ,  
His Son, Guide us in the days ahead and strengthen us, each one.  
May the blessings of the spirit fill us from within;  
God bless us and return us to this fellowship once again. Amen

**POSTLUDE**

"Voluntary in G

Deanna Larson, organist  
H. Heron

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## Sunday, April 28th

9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
10:00 am-Worship w/  
*The NOW Singers*

## Monday, April 29th

10:00 am-XYZ Exercise class  
4:00 pm-Food Distribution

## Tuesday, April 30th

9:30 am-Staff meeting  
3:30 pm-Zone 1st-3rd graders

## Wednesday, May 1st

1:30 pm-Women in Mission  
3:30 pm-Zone 4-6  
6:00 pm-Youth 7th -8th  
7:00 pm-Youth Meal  
7:30 pm-Youth 9th-12th

## Sunday, May 5th

9:00 am-Kids Sunday School  
10:00 am-Worship w/Communion  
**TEACHER APPRECIATION**

Dear former church members & congregations,  
Storm Lake UMC 2011-2017

Our whole family was glad to serve you in the past. We have retired and live in West Des Moines these past 3 years. I am asking for your help: Carol has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Would you send Carol notes & cards of encouragement, stories of how she was a blessing in Sunday School, VBS, bus driver, etc as we struggle with this news.

Please send these to:

Carol Miller  
2216 Locust St  
West Des Moines, IA 50265



clmiller3555@gmail.com

### New Internet:

UMG\_Guest  
Password: UMGGuest



## Prayer Requests

Jenny (Brouwer) Allen	Caroline Kluver
Melva Bainbridge	Frank Popp
Coleen Baughman	Nate Woodford
Lance Bellinghausen	Becky Robinson
Donna Blom	Nick Arends
Virginia Carlson	Carol Miller
John Nichols	Johnna Cox
Kim Piercy	
Karen Salmen	
Bev Schmidt	
Wayne Stark	
Kathy Wadsley	
Barb Hadenfeldt	

## Birthdays this week in April/May

Jennifer Moral	28th
Drew Schwint	29th
Jennifer Hecht	30th
Brent Low	30th
Gabe Barnett	1st
June Bryan	1st
Kim Carver	1st
Marie Fibelstad	1st
Dave Skibsted	3rd
Matt Brostad	4th
Mike Brostad	4th



## MISSION & MINISTRY PLAN 2024

To know Jesus Christ and make him known.