***Celebrating the Richness of God’s Grace***

***Proclaiming the Kingdom: beginning in Chisago County***

*+ Please stand if you are able*

*To enhance our worship, please turn off all cell phones and electronic devices.*

*Hearing devices are available at the sound booth.*

Prelude and Silent Prayer

Words of Welcome/Attendance Registration

Announcements and Greeting

Call to Worship

Praise and Worship (please stand or sit as you wish)

Children’s Moment

\* Children 2 years – 5th grade are invited to go to Sunday School at this time

+Hymn #514 *Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus*

Bible Reading Matthew 17:1-23

Message *Saw No One Except Jesus*

*When they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus. Matthew 17:8*

+Hymn #454 *Open My Eyes, That I May See*

Offering

+Offering Response #95 *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

Prayer

+Hymn #451  *Be Thou My Vision*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, February 27**

4 – 6p Community Meal – Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

 6:15p Bell Choir

**Tuesday, February 28**

 9:15a Women’s Bible Study

**Wednesday, March 1 Ash Wednesday**

 5:30p Family Dinner ~ Soup

 5:30p Children’s Bell Choir

 NO Adult Bible Study – lounge

 NO Choir

 NO Worship Team

 7:00p Worship Service

**Thursday, March 2**

**Friday, March 3**

 2:30p Club Rock – youth room

**Saturday, March 4**

**Next Sunday, March 5 First Sunday in Lent**

 9:00a Worship / Sunday School

 Message based on Psalm 51:1-19

10:15a Fellowship

10:15a Intercessory Prayer – chapel

Last week’s offering: $1,810 Budgeted Weekly: $3,510

Monthly giving (Feb): $7,290 Budgeted Monthly: $15,208

Attendance last Sunday: 77

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $10,390 Goal: $23,500

**Carpet Project:** If you would like to make a contribution, please make your check out to First UMC, marking “carpet project” in the memo.

**Children at First**

* ‘Worship Bags’ are in the foyer for children to borrow
* A Nursery for babies and toddlers is available every Sunday

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Fellowship:** Join us for coffee & treats in the fellowship hall following the service.

**Our Mission Focus this month: Red Bird Mission.** Jesus still inspires righteous ministry and justice to the poor and needy through Red Bird Mission and Red Bird Clinic on daily basis. The deaf hear again because audiologists give their time and others give funds to provide hearing aids. Healing flows from our dental clinic because we have a dentist again and funds are available to provide care for those with desperate dental needs. Thousands of hungry people are fed through our food pantries and meal programs because churches and individuals are donating funds and food that supplement base funding of other organizations. The elderly and children have safe, warm housing because volunteers give of their time and money to make essential home repairs through our Work Camp ministry. Children and youth have opportunity to break the cycle of poverty because generous people support our work to form Christian leaders at Red Bird Christian School.

**Mission Envelopes:** Mission Envelopes can be found in each pew rack. You are welcome to give to our monthly Mission Offering throughout the month using the designated envelope. Please make your check out to FUMC, marking “Missions” in the memo.

**Sign up for Youth Summer Camp: G**rades 1 through 12 sign up for summer camp in the fellowship hall. Contact Cheryl Lecy for more information.

**Women’s Tuesday Bible Study:** Women's Bible Study begins again on Tues., Feb. 28 at 9:15. We will be studying *24 Hours That Changed the World* by Adam Hamilton. This is a 7 week study that will walk us through Jesus' final hours before he was crucified. Please talk to Cindy Kopp if you would like to join us. (257-8526)

**Funds available:** The Foundation Board would like to inform you that if you are involved with a church related activity and need some funds to help finance an event, we may be able to assist you. To get more information, talk to Donn Arnold or any other board member. Applications for the grants are available in the church office or from Donn Arnold.

**Mission Trip:** Jan & Dave Freemore (Wyoming UMC) would like to invite First UMC folks to join them at Wyoming UMC for a potluck on Sunday, March 5th at 11:00 a.m. to fellowship, view pictures, and ask questions about Dick Berglund’s trip to Costa Rica with a mission team.

**Please Pray For:** Cole Anderson; Doris Brand; Jim McDermott; Roxy Bahn; Beth & Duane Lunsford

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***February 26, 2017***

 ***9:00 a.m.***