***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 #64  *Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty*

Bible Reading Acts 16:16-34

Message *Praying and Singing*

*About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God,*

*and the other prisoners were listening to them. Acts 16:25*

Hymn #363 *And Can It Be that I Should Gain*

Offering *Shepherd of My Life*  Choir

+Offering Response #95 *Praise God…*

Prayer

+Hymn #370  *Victory in Jesus*

+Benediction

+Postlude

Thank you for worshiping with us this morning!

**This Week’s Calendar…**

**Monday, May 9**

 4 – 6p Community Dinner at Zion Lutheran Church, Chisago City

 6:15p LAST Bell Choir Rehearsal

**Tuesday, May 10**

 9:15a Women’s Bible Study

 Men’s Softball begins

**Wednesday, May 11**

 5:00p LAST Family Dinner - POTLUCK

 6:00p LAST Adult Bible Study

 7:00p Choir

**Thursday, May 12**

 9:30a Hope Circle

**Friday, May 13**

**Saturday, May 14**

**Next Sunday, May 15**

 9:00a Worship / Sunday School for Children

 Message based on Acts 2:1-21

10:150a Fellowship

10:30a Intercessory Prayer – chapel

Last week’s offering: $5,075 Budgeted Weekly: $3,618

Monthly giving (May): $5,075 Budgeted Monthly: $15,679

Attendance last Sunday: 102

Carpet Project Giving (Phase Two): $8,199 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

**Please Pray For:** Cole Anderson; Chuck Loula; Kimberly Carlson; Doris Brand; Roger Anderson; Steve & Sue Hernick; Pat Videen; Jim McDermott; Nancy Paurus; Judy Green; Bruce Heilig

**Here’s What’s Happening…**

**Happy Mother’s Day!**

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

**Our Mission Focus this month: Minnesota Conference Love Offering.**

The theme of the 2016 Annual Conference session is “Living Generously: Unleashing God’s Gifts,” and funds from this year’s offering to these four projects~ \*\* MN council of Churches Refugee Services; \*\* UM Committee on Relief for Health Kits; \*\* International Child Care, Dominican Republic;

\*\* Volunteers in Mission Scholarships

**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.

**Spring Cleaning Month:** May will be "Spring Cleaning Month" at FUMC. There will be a list of things around the church that could use a little attention. If you have some time during the month stop by and help out at your convenience. If you have any questions you can talk to Cindy Kopp or Mark Vanderwerf. Thanks for your help!

**Rev. John C. Blackford Scholarships:**

¨ Funded by the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom Foundation

¨ All are eligible if a member or regular worshiper at the First United Methodist Church of Lindstrom, a relative of a church attendee, or a youth regularly involved in activities associated with the church

¨ Applications can be obtained through the church office, on the information table in the back of the church, or on the church website.

¨ Applications will be evaluated by the Foundation team members and awarded on need and merit. A detailed, thoughtful application will influence the final evaluation and selection. Please be as specific as possible.

**Deadline:** June 10.

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***May 8, 2016***

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