



Mission Statement:

Tipton First United Methodist Church

"To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world."

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

10:30 am Service

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Dee Wallace - Choir Kids Accompanist

April 12, 2015

Chapter 28 of THE STORY

10:30 a.m.

"New Beginnings"

We're glad you're here. If you've not been here before, relax. We aren't going to ask you to stand up and introduce yourself or anything like that. If you're new to First, we do have print materials on the table at the back of the main level of the worship center... or just ask someone!

If children are with you, that's wonderful. Jesus loves children and so do we. You might sit near the front so the children can see and hear everything. There are children's activity bags on the coat tree at the back of the sanctuary; and children's bulletins on the table. We do offer a staffed nursery for pre-school children during worship if you'd prefer to use it for part or all of the service. The easiest way to get there is go have an usher provide an escort. In each program is a half-sheet insert. Please fill it out and use it for an "offering" at that time of the service!

Beverage and light refreshments are offered in the dining room, in the lower level, at the conclusion of worship. Everyone is welcome!!

PRELUDE "All Because of Jesus" Christian Chaos
Lighting of the Candles Ringing of the Bell

SETTING THE STAGE

PRAISE & PRAYER "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" #557 vs 1-3

Loving God, We praise you for sending your son, Jesus Christ, who set us free from sin and death. We thank you for the gift of the Holy Spirit that we may live a full life with you in eternity. Each day we strive to live in a way that is worthy of your sacrifice. We are empowered by the Holy Spirit to become disciples of your Word, and we labor each day to become courageous enough to reach out to others. Let us prepare ourselves to hear Your word and open our hearts to become closer to you. Amen.

EARLY CHRISTIAN WRITING Acts 1:1-11

CHILDREN'S LESSON Dusty Johnson
(Pocket change collected in the copper kettles each week is given to missions.)

ACT OF PRAISE "This Is The Stuff" Christian Chaos

* A JESUS STORY Matthew 28:16-20
L: This is the Word of our Lord. **Response: Thanks be to God.**

MESSAGE "New Beginnings"

JOYS AND CONCERNS... and the Power of Persistent Intercession!
"Surely the Presence of the Lord" #328
Prayers of the People The Lord's Prayer

GIVING TITHES and OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

Choir Kids

(The ushers will bring the offering forward during the prayer.)

* A PRAYER Of DEDICATION (unison)

From 1 Peter 4:8-10.

Gracious God, we dedicate these gifts to you. In doing so, we acknowledge that we are called to love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. Through your Holy Spirit, empower us to offer hospitality to one another without grumbling and use whatever gift we have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of your grace.

* "Doxology" # 95

* SENDING FORTH Litany based on Matthew 28:18-20 and John 20:19-22

L: Jesus came and stood among them and said "Peace be with you."

P: We accept your peace and extend it to others.

L: Jesus said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

As the Father has sent me, so I send you."

P: Where are you sending us? What do we have authority to do?

L: "Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them and teaching them to obey what I have commended you."

P: We will go to our homes and communities with the good news and good works of salvation.

L: As believers, you have received the Holy Spirit

P: He is with us, to the end of the age. Amen.

* MARCHING SONG "Make Us One" #2224

ANNOUNCEMENTS: How We'll Each Put Hands & Feet To The Gospel This Week

Always use a microphone so everyone may be included. Thank you.

POSTLUDE "All Because of Jesus" Christian Chaos

Personal Reflection and Application:

As Christians, we are called to be different from the world and the culture we live in. If we aren't, how are we different from the world and culture of today, and how would non-Christians or believers see us and how we live, differently? There would be no difference.

Reflect this week on the people who shared the gospel of Jesus with you. What did they say? How did their lives reinforce the message of God's great love? Seek to use their examples as inspiration as you share the grace and good news of Jesus with those you encounter each day.

If we are caught up in the hype and hysteria of the current news cycle, facebook status or town gossip, we will be distracted from the great commission to share the Good News. Last week, Christians around the world celebrated victory in the death of Jesus and his resurrection. Good News! Jesus conquered the grave and death in dominating fashion and won the eternal battle. No longer are we

separated from God by our sin if we accept and believe in his son Jesus Christ. Now, what will you do with him and his Good News? Will you tell the world about him?

The early Christians loved to open their homes for meals with others. In the coming weeks, make two invitations. First, invite a few Christians over for a meal and a time of sharing life and faith.

Second, invite a few people you care about who are not followers of Jesus and have them share a meal with you and some of your Christian friends.