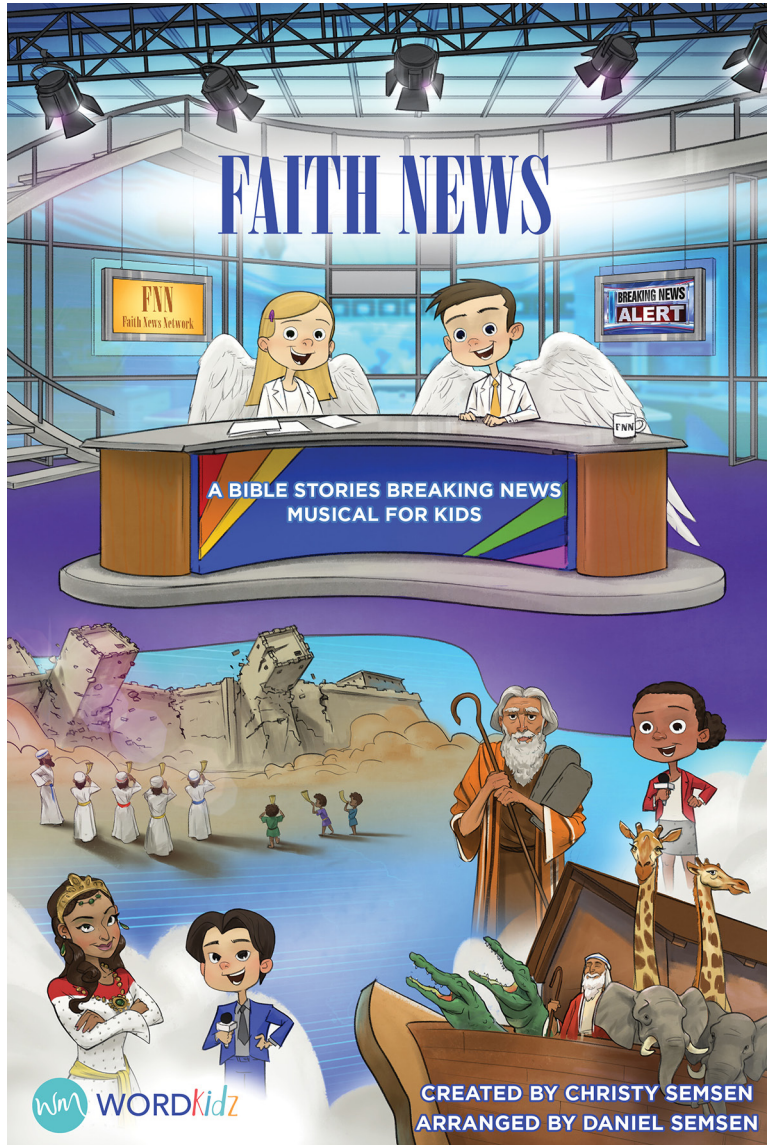


First United Methodist Church
Cherub, Chorister, and Connection Choirs
Present



Sunday, May 15, 2022

10:00 service

Downers Grove First United Methodist Church

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Thought for the Day

“Try to be a rainbow in someone else’s cloud.”

– Maya Angelou

Prelude *Children of the Heavenly Father*
Prelude in Classic Style

Diane Bish
Gordon Young

Gathering Tolling of the Church Bell
Words of Welcome
Announcements
Please sign and pass the attendance pads.

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

***Call to Worship**

Lord, take our hands and walk with us.

Bring the brightness of your love to us.

Help us see your face, O Lord.

For we are ready to receive your healing love.

– ministrymatters.com

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offering

Offertory *Sonatina in C Major, Op. 55 No. 3*
Allegretto Grazioso
Dax Spring, piano

Friedrich Kuhlau

***Doxology** Hymnal #94

***Prayer of Dedication**

Pastoral Prayer

Reading of the Holy Scripture John 13:31–35

***Hymn #2193** *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying*
from *The Faith We Sing* Supplemental

Faith News

Words and Music by Christy Semsen, arr. Daniel Semsen

Presented by the
Cherub, Chorister, and Connection Choirs

Directed by Becky Kriz and Debbie Phillips
Accompanied by Kevin Zehme and Dave Sandfort

There will be no Sunday School today.
Please enjoy this Cantata service with your families.
Nursery care will be available.

The Cast

Announcer	Evan Loo
Cameron	Andrew Klepper
Summer	Emileigh Gallagher
Sara Fim	Audrey Ostwald
Chera Bim	Natalie Rogalla
Mrs. Noah	Eloise Lewandowski
Noah	Ryan Gallagher
Nosy Neighbors	Natalie Rogalla, Grace Covino
Esther	Harper Lykins
Wingspan	Addy Chelmecki, Ethan Neidlinger-Vogt
Joshua	Michael Klepper
Moses	Ethan Klepper
Pharaoh	Jack Rogalla
Abraham	Austin Reibling
Sarah	Claire Tolson

Faith News

Cherub, Chorister, and Connection Choirs
Soloists: Emileigh Gallagher, Audrey Ostwald,
Ryan Gallagher, Harper Lykins

****Please rise as you are able.
Bold text indicates congregational response.
Hearing assistance devices are available in
the back of the sanctuary.***



*Faith News Network coming to you Live from Israel! Who will trust His faithfulness?
Our Angel Reporters interview Noah and Mrs. Noah. Do they have faith in God?*

It's Gonna Rain

Chorister and Connection Choirs

Soloists: Eloise Lewandowski, Ryan Gallagher, Grace Covino, Natalie Rogalla

It's a beautiful day! There can't be a flood - it's not even raining! . . . Or is it?!

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Sara Fim interviews Esther in the Persian capital of Susa. Esther has quite a story to tell.

For This Moment

Chorister and Connection Choirs

Soloist: Harper Lykins

We learn that Esther, through her faith in the One Who brought her there, does the right thing, using her influence to help others. She saves the Jewish people!

Leap of Faith

Cherub Choir

Soloists: Julianna Eliopoulos, James Fredrich, Finley Loane,

Ella Loane, Maggie Mayborne-Roose

Percussion: Evan Loo

We now head to the Hall of Faith for the Heaven's Angel Championship between the Halos and the Flappers. Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith. Be courageous, be strong, do everything in love. Have faith and nothing will be impossible.

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Cameron and Wingspan give us the traffic report from the Gate of Awesomeness.

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Chera Bim and Sara Fim interview Joshua near Jericho. He is listening to God and has been walking around Jericho for six days. Will the walls of Jericho fall to the ground?

Walkin' Shoes

Chorister and Connection Choirs
Soloist: Eloise Lewandowski, Austin Reibling

Joshua and his people will listen to God, put on their walking shoes and walk, walk, walk, walk around Jericho. They took the step of faith and . . . those walls came down!

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Chera Bim and Sara Fim interview Moses who has an amazing story. He heard the voice of God calling to him from a burning bush. God told Moses to go to the Pharaoh tell him to "Let God's people go!". Moses is terrified!

Go, Go, Go!

Chorister and Connection Choirs
Soloists: Claire Tolson, Grace Covino

Moses went to talk to the Pharaoh and to tell him the God of the Israelites has a message for him. God wants Moses to lead the Israelites out of Egypt and into the Promised Land. Pharaoh says, "No!" Moses had the Lord to guide him and fight for him. Halo-lujah! The Lord used Moses to save Israel from the Egyptians!

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Summer and Cameron reporting. Sara Fim and Chera Bim interview Abraham and Sarah. God wants to make them and their descendants into a great nation. But they don't have any children! Abraham and Sarah believe God, even when they can't see Him or feel Him, they trust that He is near.

I Know Who Leads Me
Chorister and Connection Choirs
Soloists: Claire Tolson, Austin Reibling

Should Sarah and Abraham go? Will they really have children and many descendants?

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*Wow! These people of faith listened to God and knew Who called them and
Who led them. That's what faith is!*

Alleluia, Amen!

Cherub, Chorister, and Connection Choirs
Soloists: Madison Fredrich, Julianna Eliopulos, Finley Loane, Colette
Lewandowski, Ivar Chalberg, Hazel Chelmecki, Colton Reibling

*God is big, big, bigger than we could ever know! That's a headline you can count on.
That's Faith-a, Faith-a, Faith News!*

Words of Appreciation

***Benediction**

***Postlude**

A Festal Fanfare

J. S. Bach

Special Thanks!

Directors

Chorister and Connection Choirs
Cherub Choir

Becky Kriz
Debbie Phillips

Accompanists

Chorister and Connection Choirs
Cherub Choir

Kevin Zehme
Dave Sandfort

Choir Helpers

Sound
Set Up, Take Down, etc, etc, etc.
Music Coordinator Pro Tem

Tom Lykins
Don Dunham
Andi Kinsella

Thank you to all who helped with the children's choirs this year!

Cherub Choir

Directed by Debbie Phillips

Accompanied by Dave Sandfort

Ivar Chalberg	Colette Lewandowski
Hazel Chelmecki	Ella Loane
Julianna Eliopoulos	Finley Loane
James Fredrich	Maggie Mayborne-Roose
Madison Fredrich	Colton Reibling

Chorister Choir

Directed by Becky Kriz

Accompanied by Kevin Zehme

Jack Brockway	Eloise Lewandowski
Harry Chalberg	Harper Lykins
Addy Chelmecki	Ethan Niedlinger-Vogt
Grace Covino	Nolan Quirk
Ryan Gallagher	Austin Reibling
Ethan Klepper	Jack Rogalla
Michael Klepper	Natalie Rogalla

Connection Choir

Directed by Becky Kriz

Accompanied by Kevin Zehme

Emileigh Gallagher	Audrey Ostwald
Andrew Klepper	Camryn Tallarico
Evan Loo	Marlo Tallarico
Claire Tolson	



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EVENTS HAPPENING THIS WEEK*

Administrative Council Meeting Tuesday, May 17; 7:00 p.m.

Our Administrative Council will be meeting on Tuesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. All church members are invited to attend the meetings. Join us!

Graduating this Year? Let us know! Form Deadline: Friday, May 20

Are you or someone you love, graduating from high school or higher education this year? We'd love to honor you on this year's Graduation Sunday, May 22! If you would like to be honored in the service and/or receive a graduation sign, please fill out the Google form found in our *Happenings* e-newsletter by Friday, May 20 at 9:00 a.m. Congratulations from your church family!

Chancel and Westminster Ringers Concert Saturday, May 21 – 7:00 p.m.

Celebrate spring with the Chancel and Westminster Ringers when they present their annual spring concert, *Ringin' True*. Come enjoy our 200+ bronze bells! Tickets are \$8 in advance; \$10 at the door. Child care is provided.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Becky Kriz Retirement Celebration Sunday, May 22; 11:00 a.m.

Join us next Sunday, May 22 after our 10:00 service to celebrate with Becky Kriz upon her retirement. Come celebrate and thank Becky in the parlor for her 20 years of service with us!

Special Charge Conference Notice Sunday, May 22; 11:30 a.m.

A Special Charge Conference is required to be held to vote on the sale of the church's vacant lot on Grove Street. This meeting is scheduled for Sunday, May 22 at 11:30 a.m. in Fellowship Hall. Pastor Claude has been directed, by the Lake South District Superintendent, Jacques Conway, to be the Presiding Elder assigned to convene this meeting.

Fifth Sunday after Easter

Senior Pastor: Claude R. King, Sr.

Associate Pastor: Andi Voinovich

Director of Christian Education: John Smoke

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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, May 15

8:15 am – Worship Service – Chapel

10:00 am – Children's Cantata Service – Sanctuary

11:30 am – Chapel Choir Rehearsal – FH

Monday, May 16

8:00 pm – Missions, Justice, Comm. Mtg – Rm 202

Wednesday, May 18

10:00 am – Prayer Shawl Ministry – Parlor

Thursday, May 19

7:30 pm – Chancel Choir Rehearsal – FH

Saturday, May 21

7:00 pm – Spring Handbell Concert – Sanctuary

Sunday, May 22

11:00 am – Becky Kriz Retirement Celebration – Parlor

11:30 am – Special Charge Conference – FH

6:30 pm – Movie Matinee – Safford Home Theater

CH – Chapel Hall FH – Fellowship Hall YR – Youth Room

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Register Now for Summer Camp

Register now to join us for Summer Camp on June 27 – 30 at Wesley Woods. Pastor John needs your registrations soon so planning can begin! To register, see the *Happening* e-newsletter. For questions, contact John Smoke at 630.968.7120, ext. 203 or john@dgfumc.org.

Music Coordinator Needed

SPRC is hiring a Music Coordinator for the Chancel and Children's Choirs. This is a part-time administrative support position of approximately 15 hours per week, and is salaried. For a complete job description and to apply, contact Angela Loveless at 630.601.8188 or angelaloveless@prodigy.net by June 1.

Children's Choir Director Needed

The church is seeking a director for the Chorister (grades 3-5) and the Connections Choirs (grades 6-8). For more detailed information or to apply for the position, contact Scott Hudson at ffftenor@comcast.net with your letter of intent and resume by May 23.