

# First Church at Worship

The 10:30 a.m. service will be broadcast live via Facebook. Links to the broadcast can be found on the church's Web Page. [www.fumcconway.org](http://www.fumcconway.org)

OPENING VOLUNTARY                      *Hornpipe*                      John Dixon

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

God comes into a world filled with uncertainties and darkness.

**God seeks out the voids of belief and conviction.**

God embraces the wounded and broken.

**God knocks down the walls of division and strife.**

God is the candle shining in the darkness of our days.

**God is the light of our lives.**

God is the one who makes all things new.

**Praise be to God, now and forevermore!**

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 101

*From All That Dwells Below the Skies*  
*vs. 1, 3 & 4*

*Duke Street*

From all that dwell below the skies,  
let the Creator's praise arise; let the Redeemer's  
name be sung, through every land by every tongue.

Your lofty themes, ye mortals, bring,  
in songs of praise divinely sing; the great salvation  
loud proclaim, and shout for joy the Savior's name.

In every land begin the song;  
to every land the strains belong; in cheerful sounds all  
voices raise, and fill the world with loudest praise.

\* GREETING

God who sent the Light into our world,  
God who shone in the Bethlehem manger,  
God who spreads the Spirit's rays, be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 40:21-31

<sup>21</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
Has it not been told you from the beginning?  
Have you not understood from the foundations of the earth?

<sup>22</sup>It is he who sits above the circle of the earth,  
and its inhabitants are like grasshoppers;  
who stretches out the heavens like a curtain,  
and spreads them like a tent to live in;

<sup>23</sup>who brings princes to naught,  
and makes the rulers of the earth as nothing.

<sup>24</sup>Scarcely are they planted, scarcely sown,  
scarcely has their stem taken root in the earth,  
when he blows upon them, and they wither,  
and the tempest carries them off like stubble.

<sup>25</sup>To whom then will you compare me,  
or who is my equal? says the Holy One.

<sup>26</sup>Lift up your eyes on high and see:  
Who created these?

He who brings out their host and numbers them,  
calling them all by name;  
because he is great in strength,  
mighty in power,  
not one is missing.

<sup>27</sup>Why do you say, O Jacob,  
and speak, O Israel,

“My way is hidden from the LORD,  
and my right is disregarded by my God?”

<sup>28</sup>Have you not known? Have you not heard?  
The LORD is the everlasting God,  
the Creator of the ends of the earth.

He does not faint or grow weary;  
his understanding is unsearchable.

<sup>29</sup>He gives power to the faint,  
and strengthens the powerless.

<sup>30</sup>Even youths will faint and be weary,  
and the young will fall exhausted;

<sup>31</sup>but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,  
they shall run and not be weary,  
they shall walk and not faint.

The word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 147

*St. Peter*

**Hallelujah! How good it is  
To praise our God in songs,  
A pleasant thing to honor him  
To whom our praise belongs.**

**The Lord rebuilds Jerusalem,  
Re-gathers Israel;  
He heals the brokenhearted ones  
And binds their wounds up well.**

**He counts the number of the stars,  
Each one is in his sight;  
Great is our Lord and strong in power,  
His wisdom infinite.**

**The Lord casts all the wicked down,  
Lifts up the lowly poor;  
Make music to him on the harp  
And praise him evermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Corinthians 9:16-23

<sup>16</sup>If I proclaim the gospel, this gives me no ground for boasting, for an obligation is laid on me, and woe to me if I do not proclaim the gospel! <sup>17</sup>For if I do this of my own will, I have a reward; but if not of my own will, I am entrusted with a commission. <sup>18</sup>What then is my reward? Just this: that in my proclamation I may make the gospel free of charge, so as not to make full use of my rights in the gospel.

<sup>19</sup>For though I am free with respect to all, I have made myself a slave to all, so that I might win more of them. <sup>20</sup>To the Jews I became as a Jew, in order to win Jews. To those under the law I became as one under the law (though I myself am not under the law) so that I might win those under the law. <sup>21</sup>To those outside the law I became as one outside the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law) so that I might win those outside the law. <sup>22</sup>To the weak I became weak, so that I might win the weak. I have become all things to all people, that I might by all means save some. <sup>23</sup>I do it all for the sake of the gospel, so that I may share in its blessings.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 143

*On Eagle's Wings*

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And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39

<sup>29</sup>As soon as [Jesus and the disciples] left the synagogue, they entered the house of Simon and Andrew, with James and John. <sup>30</sup>Now Simon's mother-in-law was in bed with a fever, and they told him about her at once. <sup>31</sup>He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her, and she began to serve them.

<sup>32</sup>That evening, at sunset, they brought to him all who were sick or possessed with demons. <sup>33</sup>And the whole city was gathered around the door. <sup>34</sup>And he cured many who were sick with various diseases, and cast out many demons; and he would not permit the demons to speak, because they knew him.

<sup>35</sup>In the morning, while it was still very dark, he got up and went out to a deserted place, and there he prayed. <sup>36</sup>And Simon and his companions hunted for him. <sup>37</sup>When they found him, they said to him, “Everyone is searching for you.” <sup>38</sup>He answered, “Let us go on to the neighboring towns, so that I may proclaim the message there also; for that is what I came out to do.” <sup>39</sup>And he went throughout Galilee, proclaiming the message in their synagogues and casting out demons.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30 a.m.)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

*O Great God*  
*FUMC Quintet*

Dan Forest

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.  
*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,  
**you search us and know us.**  
**You are acquainted with all our ways.**  
**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—**  
**our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**  
**We turn inward, failing to follow**  
**your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**  
**We exploit the earth and its resources**  
**and fail to consider generations to come.**  
**Forgive us, gracious God,**  
**for all we have done and left undone.**  
**Even before the words are on our tongues,**  
**you know them;**  
**receive them in your divine mercy.**  
**Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!  
 Through the power and promise of ☐ Christ Jesus,  
 our sins are washed away  
 and we are claimed as God's own beloved.  
 Indeed, we are forgiven.  
 In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
 we are called to be the beloved community  
 living out Christ's justice  
 and the Spirit's reconciling peace. **Amen.**

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;  
 And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, dead, and buried,  
 the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
 and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
 from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
 the holy catholic church,  
 the communion of saints,  
 the forgiveness of sins,  
 the resurrection of the body,  
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

\* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
 Let us pray.  
**Have mercy O God.**

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING *see insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2213 *Healer of Our Every Ill*  
*Healer of Our Every Ill*  
*vs 1, 3 & 4*

**Refrain:**  
 Healer of our every ill, light of each tomorrow,  
 give us peace beyond our fear, and hope beyond our sorrow.

You who know our fears and sadness, grace us with your  
 peace and gladness; Spirit of all comfort, fill our hearts. **[Refrain]**

Give us strength to love each other, every sister,  
 every brother; Spirit of all kindness, be our guide. **[Refrain]**

You who know each thought and feeling, teach us all your  
 way of healing; Spirit of compassion, fill each heart. **[Refrain]**

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Chaconne* Theodore Dubois

\* Congregation Standing

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of the  
 First UMC staff in grateful thanks for their faithful service and dedication  
 by Kyle, Nancy, Jonas, and Sara Randle

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, February 7**

8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
 9:30 a.m. Meet and Greet with Rev. Kyle / Family Life Center Room 101  
 9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School / Education Wing  
 9:30 a.m. Journey Seekers Sunday School / 5th Ave. Parking Lot  
 9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center  
 9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School / Facebook  
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
 4:30 p.m. Youth Meet for Front Porch Pickup / Bell Room  
 5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meetings / (FLC)

**Monday, February 8**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Choir Room

**Tuesday, February 9**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 6:00 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center  
 6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir / Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting In-Person / Commons  
 7:00 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room

**Wednesday, February 10**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / FLC  
 3:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons  
 4:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103  
 4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104  
 4:15 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons  
 6:00 p.m. Evening Communion / Sanctuary

**Thursday, February 11**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Choir Room  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / Family Life Center Room 104

**Friday, February 12**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 6:30 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center

**All Visitors Must Use the  
 Bell Tower Entrance on Fifth Avenue**

- We are limiting visitors at this time.
- All visitors (deliveries, church guests, or otherwise) must ring the bell to your left.
- A staff member will open the door if you need to come inside for any reason.
- You may also call the church office at 843-488-4251.

**Masks MUST be worn** prior to entering once the staff greets you at the door.

# First United Methodist Church

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**5th Sunday after the Epiphany**

February 7, 2021

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 a.m.

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of all persons, with a particular concern for the most vulnerable. It is our collective responsibility as Christians to be good neighbors in our community. As we join together in worshipping God to experience the transforming love of our Savior, let us honor God and love one another.

- Masks must be worn inside the buildings
- Family members are invited to sit together on pews
- Sit in every other pew
- No more than four persons per pew except for families with appropriate spacing
- Follow the instructions of the ushers/health team
- Cough & sneeze into your sleeve
- No hugging or handshakes. Find alternative ways of greeting
- Avoid gathering in the Sanctuary, Narthex or near the doors of the church before and following Worship.
- Thank you for joining us in loving one another.