

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

OPENING VOLUNTARY Concerto in D (Allegro) Giuseppe Torelli
James Canty, *trumpet*; Jessica Eaton, *piano*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

We have seen the light of God;
**on high mountains of celebration
and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.**

We have seen the light of God;
**through the bitter scorn of betrayal
and the searing chasm of grief.**

We have seen the light of God;
**with eyes that have been shaded,
with eyes that have been opened,
with eyes that have been blinded.**

We have seen the light of God.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 2103

We Have Come at Christ's Own Bidding

Hyfrydol

We have come at Christ's own bidding
to this high and holy place,
where we wait with hope and longing
for some token of God's grace.
Here we pray for new assurance
that our faith is not in vain,
searching like those first disciples
for a sign both clear and plain.

Light breaks through our clouds and shadows,
splendor bathes the flesh joined Word,
Moses and Elijah marvel
as the heavenly voice is heard.
Eyes and hearts behold with wonder
how the Law and Prophets meet:
Christ with garments drenched in brightness,
stands transfigured and complete.

Strengthened by this glimpse of glory,
fearful lest our faith decline,
we, like Peter, find it tempting
to remain and build a shrine.
But true worship gives us courage
to proclaim what we profess,
that our daily lives may prove us
people of god we bless.

* 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

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 703

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot
vs. 1-2, & 4

Swing Low

Refrain:

Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home;
swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan, and what did I see,
coming for to carry me home? A band of angels
coming after me, coming for to carry me home. **Refrain**

If you get there before I do,
coming for to carry me home; tell all my friends I'm
coming too, coming for to carry me home. **Refrain**

The brightest day that I can say,
coming for to carry me home; when Jesus washed my
sins away, coming for to carry me home. **Refrain**

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

2 KINGS 2:1-12

¹Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. ²Elijah said to Elisha, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel." But Elisha said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he said, "Yes, I know; keep silent."

⁴Elijah said to him, "Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, "Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?" And he answered, "Yes, I know; be silent."

⁶Then Elijah said to him, "Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan." But he said, "As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you." So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, "Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you." Elisha said, "Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit." ¹⁰He responded, "You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not." ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, "Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!" But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. The word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 50:1-6

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**The Lord has spoken, God of gods,
He calls the earth from east to west;
From Zion, perfect in its grace,
He makes his glory manifest.**

**Our God will come with raging storm,
Consuming flame, and not be still;
He calls the heavens and earth to see
As now his people hear his will.**

**"Assemble all my followers
Who sealed the bond with sacrifice;"
For God the Lord himself is judge;
Let heaven declare his cause is right.**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, "Let light shine out of darkness," who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

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

* GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043

Alleluia (4x)

Celtic Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:2-9

²Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, "Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, "This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!" ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 2043

Alleluia (4x)

Celtic Alleluia

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

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

ANTHEM (10:30 a.m.)

I Believe

Mark Miller

Katherine Brooks, Janet Lawrence, Melinda Hyman, Will Brown and Patrick Carter

~ 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/THE LORD'S PRAYER
 Let us pray.
Have mercy O God.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 157 *Duke Street*
Jesus Shall Reign
 vs 1-3

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its
 successive journeys run; his kingdom spread from
 shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To Jesus endless prayer be made, and endless
 praises crown his head; his name like sweet
 perfume shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his
 love with sweetest song; and infant voices
 shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

W.A. Mozart

Alleluia! (from **Exultate, Jubilate**)

* Congregation Standing

The Altar Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of
 Ed Sauer for his birthday, February 9 and
 to remember when we first met 62 years ago at a church Valentine's Dance,
 with love, Polly Sauer.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 14

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. 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. Bell Ensemble Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons
 5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meetings / (FLC)

Monday, February 15

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing

Tuesday, February 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 5:30 p.m. Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper and Activities / Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 17

7:30 - 8:00 a.m. Ashes and Blessing / FLC Portico
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 12:00 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary
 2:00 - 2:30 p.m. Ashes and Blessing / FLC Portico
 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
 6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service / Sanctuary

Thursday, February 18

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 19

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

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Transfiguration Sunday
 February 14, 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.