

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 (8:15 a.m.) Gerald Near
The Glory of These Forty Days

OPENING VOLUNTARY (10:30 a.m.) *Help Us, Lord* Ruth E. Schram
Asbury Ensemble and Choral Ensemble

Help us, Lord, to hide Your Word deep inside our hearts,
and to live what we have learned.
Help us as we leave this place to reflect Your grace to a hurting world.
Help us to be more like You.

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our salvation:
Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 144 *Terra Beata*
This Is My Father's World

This is my Father's world, and to my listening ears all
nature sings, and round me rings the music of the spheres.
This is my Father's world: I rest me in the thought of
rocks and trees, of skies and seas; his hand the wonders wrought.

This is my Father's world, the birds their carols raise, the
morning light, the lily white, declare their maker's praise.
This is my Father's world: he shines in all that's fair; in the
rustling grass I hear him pass; he speaks to me everywhere.

This is my Father's world. O let me ne'er forget that
though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father's world: why should my heart be sad? The
Lord is King; let the heavens ring! God reigns; let the earth be glad!

* GREETING

God who created all, who bore the cross,
and who dwells in us, be with you all.
And also with you.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 474 *Precious Lord*
Precious Lord, Take My Hand
vs. 1

Precious Lord, take my hand, lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I'm weak, I am worn;
Through the storm, through the night, lead me on to the light;
Take my ha-and, precious Lord, lead me home.

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 9:8-17

⁸God said to Noah and to his sons with him, ⁹“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, ¹⁰and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. ¹¹I establish

my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” ¹²God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: ¹³I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. ¹⁴When I bring clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, ¹⁵I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. ¹⁶When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” ¹⁷God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 25:3-9 *Germany*

**Show me your ways, O Lord, my God,
And teach my feet your path, I pray;
For my salvation comes from you,
I trust in you throughout the day.**

**Remember your compassion, Lord,
Your steadfast love of ancient days,
And in that love remember me,
Remember not my youthful ways.**

**Gracious and upright is the Lord;
He teaches sinners his way;
He guides the humble toward the right,
Instructs the lowly day by day.**

**The pathways of the Lord are love
And faithfulness to all his own
Who keep his covenant and all
The testimonies he made known.**

THE SECOND LESSON I Peter 3:18-22

¹⁸Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him. The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* HYMN BEFORE THE GOSPEL NO. 480 *St. Margaret*
O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go
vs 1 & 3

O Love that wilt not let me go, I rest my
weary soul in thee; I give thee back the life I owe, that
in thine ocean depths its flow may richer, fuller be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain, I cannot
close my heart to thee; I trace the rainbow thru the rain, and
feel the promise is not vain, that morn shall tearless be.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:9-15

⁹In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. ¹⁰And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. ¹¹And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.” ¹²And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. ¹³He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him. ¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

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.) *As the Deer* Martin Nystrom

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God hears us when we cry, and draws us close in Jesus Christ. Let us return to the one who is full of compassion.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Fountain of living water,
pour out your mercy over us.
Our sin is heavy, and we long to be free.
Rebuild what we have ruined
and mend what we have torn.
Wash us in your cleansing flood.
Make us alive in the Spirit
to follow in the way of Jesus,
as healers and restorers of the world you so love.
Amen.

Beloved, God's word never fails.
The promise rests on grace:
by the saving love of Jesus Christ,
the wisdom and power of God,
your sins are ✠ forgiven, and God remembers them no more.
Journey in the way of Jesus.
Amen.

* RESPONSE NO. 482 *Lord, Have Mercy* *Kriewald Kyrie*
Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then by all
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

* 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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 269

Land of Rest

*Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days
vs 1-3*

Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray, teach us with thee to mourn our sins, and close by thee to stay.

And through these days of penitence, and through thy passion-tide, yea evermore, in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.

Abide with us that, when this life of suffering over past, an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Psalm XX

Benedetto Marcello

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 21

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
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meetings / (FLC)

Monday, February 22

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:30 p.m. Lenten Bible Study / Sanctuary & Zoom

Tuesday, February 23

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Lenten Bible Study / Zoom
6:00 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center

Wednesday, February 24

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. Midweek Lenten Series and Holy Communion / Sanctuary

Thursday, February 25

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
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 26

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

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First Sunday in Lent

February 21, 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.