

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Come Christians Join to Sing
Asbury Ringers

Berry/Van Valey

Nearer To God To Thee
Chime Choir

Lowell Mason

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 102

Now Thank We All Our God

Nun Danket

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Strength is commanding
the wind and sea to obey,

**Strength is wielding
a slingshot in the face of a raging giant.**

Strength is accepting vulnerability
from inside the boat,

**Strength is standing in solidarity
with the powerless.**

Strength is turning a cheek,

Strength is loving an enemy.

We come to worship

a God who redefines our vision of strength

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Genesis 45:3-11, 15

³Joseph said to his brothers, “I am Joseph. Is my father still alive?” But his brothers could not answer him, so dismayed were they at his presence. ⁴Then Joseph said to his brothers, “Come closer to me.” And they came closer. He said, “I am your brother, Joseph, whom you sold into Egypt. ⁵And now do not be distressed, or angry with yourselves, because you sold me here; for God sent me before you to preserve life. ⁶For the famine has been in the land these two years; and there are five more years in which there will be neither plowing nor harvest. ⁷God sent me before you to preserve for you a remnant on earth, and to keep alive for you many survivors. ⁸So it was not you who sent me here, but God; he has made me a father to Pharaoh, and lord of all his house and ruler over all the land of Egypt. ⁹Hurry and go up to my father and say to him, ‘Thus says your son Joseph, God has made me lord of all Egypt; come down to me, do not delay. ¹⁰You shall settle in the land of Goshen, and you shall be near me, you and your children and your children’s children, as well as your flocks, your herds, and all that you have. ¹¹I will provide for you there—since there are five more years of famine to come—so that you and your household, and all that you have, will not come to poverty.’ ¹⁵And he kissed all his brothers and wept upon them; and after that his brothers talked with him.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 37

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**Trust God, do good, dwell in the land,
And let your wealth increase;
Take your delight in God and he
Will give your heart true peace.**

**Commit your journey to the Lord;
Trust him, it will be done;
Your righteousness will then shine forth,
As clear as noonday sun.**

**Be still before the Lord and wait
Most patiently indeed;
Fret not for those who increase wealth,
Whose evil schemes succeed.**

**Let neither rage nor anger gain
In you the upper hand;
The Lord shall cut the wicked off
And give his own the land.**

THE EPISTLE LESSON

I Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50

³⁵But someone will ask, “How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?” ³⁶Fool! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. ³⁷And as for what you sow, you do not sow the body that is to be, but a bare seed, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. ³⁸But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ⁴²So it is with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable, what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³It is sown in dishonor, it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness, it is raised in power. ⁴⁴It is sown a physical body, it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a physical body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵Thus it is written, “The first man, Adam, became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit. ⁴⁶But it is not the spiritual that is first, but the physical, and then the spiritual. ⁴⁷The first man was from the earth, a man of dust; the second man is from heaven. ⁴⁸As was the man of dust, so are those who are of the dust; and as is the man of heaven, so are those who are of heaven. ⁴⁹Just as we have borne the image of the man of dust, we will also bear the image of the man of heaven. ⁵⁰What I am saying, brothers and sisters, is this: flesh and blood cannot inherit the kingdom of God, nor does the perishable inherit the imperishable. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

It Is Well With My Soul

Tom Fettke

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 6:27-38

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you. ³²“If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. ³³If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. ³⁴If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. ³⁵But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. ³⁶Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

³⁷“Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. Forgive, and you will be forgiven; ³⁸give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”

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CHILDREN’S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

*Children ages three through first grade may go to Children’s Church in room 123.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.*

SERMON

New Life

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 707 *Hymn of Promise*

Promise

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostles’ 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

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Gathered in God’s presence, let us confess our sin.
Mighty and loving God,
**we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves.
We seek our own way. We divide the body of Christ.
In your mercy, cleanse us and heal us.
Let the words of our mouths, the thoughts of our hearts,
and everything we do be filled with faith, hope, and love. Amen.**

Hear the voice of Jesus:
“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me to proclaim release to the captives.”
In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven and released.
The joy of the Lord is your strength,
and the gifts of the Holy Spirit are yours forever.
Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
** All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *And Can It Be* Linda Lamb
Voices In Bronze

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 428 *CWM Rhondda*
For the Healing of the Nations

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
A Mighty Fortress is Our God

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are to the glory of God and in loving memory of
George H. Martin and Benjamin S. Land
by Julia Martin Land.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, February 24

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:00 a.m. Voices in Bronze Warm Up / Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. UMYF Destination Unknown / Meet at Family Life Center
5:00 p.m. Bridge Group Destination Unknown / Meet at the FLC

Monday, February 25

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, February 26

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, February 27

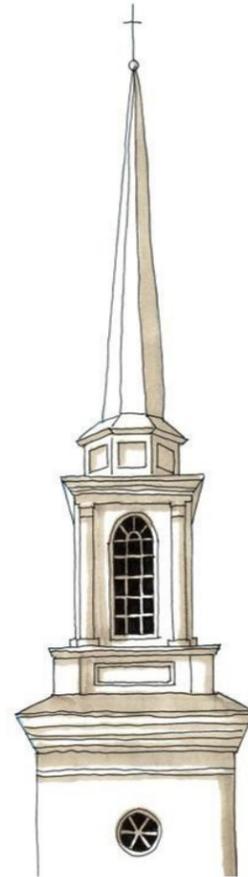
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Fellowship / Room 216
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Adult Study / Room 218
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, February 28

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, March 1

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Seventh Sunday after the Epiphany
February 24, 2019
10:30 a.m.

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Welcome to First United Methodist Church

Out of a broken and sinful world, all people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. As children of God, together we join in worship to experience the transforming love of our Savior.

We are here this morning to worship God. Through our songs, words of praise, prayers and scripture reading, we give honor and glory to God. Wondrous things happen as we worship. Lives are changed. The presence of God brings hope, comfort, healing, and joy. Let us worship in gladness. Jesus, the Lord of Life is with us.