

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*The Glory of These Forty Days*

Gerald Near

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our salvation:

**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

\* THE SILENT PROCESSION

\* THE HYMN OF THE DAY No. 116

*The God of Abraham Praise*

Leoni

The God of Abraham praise,  
who reigns enthroned above;  
Ancient of Everlasting Days,  
and God of Love;  
Jehovah, great I AM!  
by earth and heaven confessed;  
I bow and bless the sacred name  
forever blest.

The heavenly land I see,  
with peace and plenty blest;  
a land of sacred liberty,  
and endless rest.  
There milk and honey flow,  
and oil and wine abound,  
and trees of life forever grow  
with mercy crowned.

\* 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

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Deuteronomy 26:1-11

<sup>1</sup>When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, <sup>2</sup>you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. <sup>3</sup>You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." <sup>4</sup>When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, <sup>5</sup>you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. <sup>6</sup>When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, <sup>7</sup>we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors;

the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. <sup>8</sup>The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; <sup>9</sup>and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. <sup>10</sup>So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. <sup>11</sup>Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 91:9-15

St. Agnes

**Because your refuge is the Lord  
and the Most High your home,  
No evil shall afflict you there,  
And there no plague shall come.**

**To keep you safe, the Lord shall give  
His angels strict command  
That, lest your foot should strike a stone,  
They bear you in their hand.**

**The lion and the adder both  
Your foot will trample down;  
I will protect those bound to me,  
To whom my Name is known.**

**So he will call, and I will hear,  
in trouble hold him fast,  
And rescue him from every foe,  
and honor him at last.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 10:8b-13

<sup>8b</sup>"The word is near you,  
on your lips and in your heart"  
(that is, the word of faith that we proclaim); <sup>9</sup>because if you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup>For one believes with the heart and so is justified, and one confesses with the mouth and so is saved. <sup>11</sup>The scripture says, "No one who believes in him will be put to shame." <sup>12</sup>For there is no distinction between Jew and Greek; the same Lord is Lord of all and is generous to all who call on him. <sup>13</sup>For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved."  
This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 2269

*Come, Share the Lord*

Divernon

We gather here in Jesus' name,  
his love is burning in our hearts like living flame;  
for through the loving Son the Father makes us one:  
Come, take the bread;  
come, drink the wine;  
come, share the Lord.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 4:1-13

<sup>1</sup>Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness, <sup>2</sup>where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over, he was famished. <sup>3</sup>The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread." <sup>4</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone.'"

<sup>5</sup>Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. <sup>6</sup>And the devil said to him, "To you I will give their glory and all this authority; for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please. <sup>7</sup>If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours." <sup>8</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is written,

'Worship the Lord your God,  
and serve only him.'"

<sup>9</sup>Then the devil took him to Jerusalem, and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here, <sup>10</sup>for it is written,

'He will command his angels concerning you,  
to protect you,'

<sup>11</sup>and

'On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'"

<sup>12</sup>Jesus answered him, "It is said, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"<sup>13</sup>When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

The Gospel of the Lord.

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

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 2269

*Come, Share the Lord*

Divernon

He joins us here, he breaks the bread,  
the Lord who pours the cup is risen from the dead;  
the one we love the most is now our gracious host:  
Come, take the bread;  
come, drink the wine;  
come, share the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Maurice Bevan

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*Doxology No. 95*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise him, all creatures here below;  
praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

In the name of God,  
who makes a way in the wilderness,  
walks with us, and guides us in our pilgrimage. **Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy One,  
**we confess that we have wandered far from you:  
we have not trusted your promises,  
we have ignored your prophets in our own day,  
we have squandered our inheritance of grace,  
we have failed to recognize you in our midst.  
Have mercy on us!  
Forgive us and turn us again to you.  
Teach us to follow in your ways,  
assure us again of your love,  
and help us to love our neighbor. Amen.**

Beloved in Christ,  
 the Word draws near to you,  
 and all who call out to God shall be saved.  
 In Jesus, God comes to you again and again  
 and gathers you under wings of love.  
 In Jesus' name, your sins are forgiven.  
 God journeys with you and teaches you how to live in love. **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.**

CALL TO PRAYER      *Come Unto Me*      Mark Blankenship

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
 Merciful God,  
**receive our prayer.**

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING      *see insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 117      *St. Anne*  
*O God Our Help in Ages Past*

O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come,  
 our shelter from the stormy blast,  
 and our eternal home.

Under the shadow of thy throne,  
 still may we dwell secure;  
 sufficient is thine arm alone,  
 and our defense is sure.

O God, our help in ages past,  
 our hope for years to come;  
 be thou our guide while life shall last,  
 and our eternal home.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY      *Chaconne*      Theodore Dubois

\* Congregation Standing

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, March 6**

9:30 a.m.      The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM  
 9:30 a.m.      Sunday School / Education Building  
 10:30 a.m.      Worship Service / Sanctuary  
 5:30 p.m.      UMYF and Bridge / Family Life Center (FLC)

**Monday, March 7**

8:30 a.m.      Preschool / Education Wing  
 12:00 p.m.      Lenten Adult Bible Study / FLC Room 101  
 6:00 p.m.      SPRC Meeting / Parlor  
 6:30 p.m.      Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
 6:30 p.m.      NA Meeting / Family Life Center Room 102

**Tuesday, March 8**

8:30 a.m.      Preschool / Education Wing  
 6:00 p.m.      Trustees Meeting / Commons  
 6:00 p.m.      CA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
 7:00 p.m.      Cub Scouts / FLC Room 104  
 8:00 p.m.      AA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
 8:00 p.m.      Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

**Wednesday, March 9**

8:30 a.m.      Preschool / Education Wing  
 12:00 p.m.      Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary  
 12:30 p.m.      Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC  
 3:00 p.m.      WW Snack and Fellowship / Room 121  
 3:30 p.m.      WW Activities / Room 121  
 3:45 p.m.      Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103  
 4:00 p.m.      Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104  
 4:45 p.m.      Chime Choir Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons  
 5:30 p.m.      Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m.      Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons  
 6:15 p.m.      Lenten Adult Bible Study / Room 216  
 7:00 p.m.      Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

**Thursday, March 10**

8:30 a.m.      Preschool / Education Wing  
 4:30 p.m.      Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
 5:00 p.m.      Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
 6:30 p.m.      NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Friday, March 11**

7:00 a.m.      Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC  
 8:30 a.m.      Preschool / Education Wing  
 12:15 p.m.      NA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
 6:30 p.m.      CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

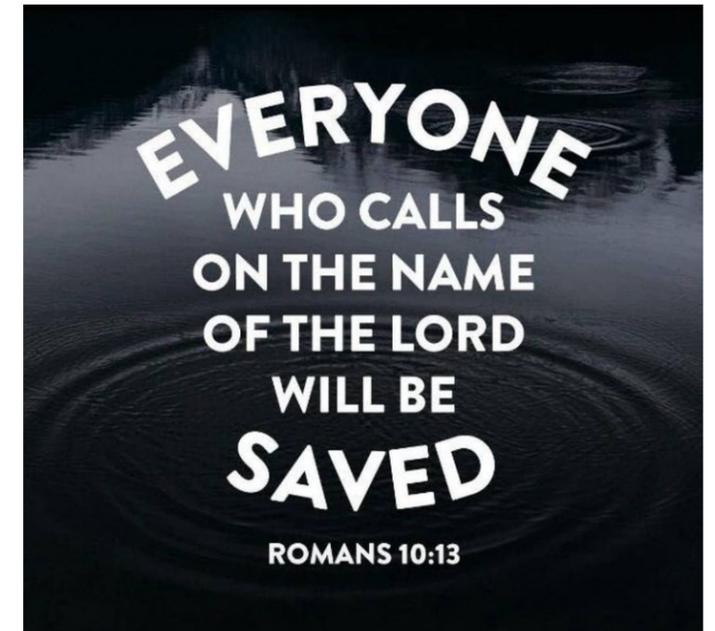
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March 6, 2022  
 First Sunday of Lent  
 10:30 a.m.



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.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,  
 by Dick and Lois Sayre



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