

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Fugue on the *Kyrie*

Francois Couperin

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 159

Lift High the Cross

Crucifer

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We are met in the presence of God
And we do not meet alone.

With the angels in the highest heaven
We gather to worship the Lord.

With Abraham and Sarah
We gather to worship the Lord.

With the saints of every age
We gather to worship the Lord.

We embark on our own journey of faith
God's Holy name be praised.

God makes of us a great people
God's Holy name be praised.

In the desert and in the den, in barrio and basilica
God's Holy name be praised.

We journey in the presence of God.
And we do not journey alone.

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

RECOGNITION OF SCOUTING MINISTRIES

ANTHEM

Jesus Walked the Lonesome Valley
Mark Rollins, *baritone*

American Folk Tune

~ **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 12:1-4a

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. ²I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. ³I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

⁴So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 121

Arlington

**I lift up my eyes to the hills,
From where shall I find aid?
My help will come from God himself
By whom the world was made.**

**He will not let your foot be moved,
He watches day and night;
He does not sleep, for Israel
Is always in his sight.**

**The Lord keeps watch above his own,
And gives you shade at noon;
The sun shall not strike you by day
Not yet, at night, the moon.**

**The Lord shall save you from all harm,
Preserve your life in peace;
He watches as you come and go,
His care will never cease.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 4:1-5, 13-17

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? ²For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. ³For what does the scripture say? "Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness." ⁴Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. ⁵But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

¹³For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. ¹⁴If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. ¹⁵For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

¹⁶For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, ¹⁷as it is written, "I have made you the father of many nations") —in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Such Love

Jack Schrader

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. ²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." ³Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." ⁴Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" ⁵Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. ⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. ⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' ⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes

from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." ⁹Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" ¹⁰Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

¹¹"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. ¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? ¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. ¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, ¹⁵that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

¹⁶"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

¹⁷"Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

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

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 121

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Wellesley

* 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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

If you were to keep watch over sins, O Lord, who could stand?
Yet with you is forgiveness, and so we confess.

Gracious God,
have mercy on us.

**We confess that we have turned away from you,
knowingly and unknowingly.**

**We have wandered from your resurrection life.
We have strayed from your love for all people.**

Turn us back to you, O God.

**Give us new hearts and right spirits,
that we may find what is pleasing to you
and dwell in your house forever. Amen.**

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 8

8:30 a.m. Scholarship Committee / Family Life Center Room 101 (FLC)
9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra / Choir Room
4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 205
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / FLC

Monday, March 9

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary
6:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting / FLC 101
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC 102

Tuesday, March 10

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Trustees 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, March 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / Education Wing
3:30 p.m. Children's Weekly Lesson/Games/Crafts / Education Wing
3:45 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Fast Track Adult Bible Study / Room 218
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Thursday, March 12

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / Chick-fil-A Conway
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Missions Committee Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, March 13

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

Receive the good news: God turns to you in love.

"I will put my spirit in you, and you shall live," says our God.

All you sin is forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ,
who is the free and unbounding gift of God's grace for you. **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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind* H. H. H. Parry

Janet Lawrence, clarinet

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 98 *To God Be the Glory*

To God Be the Glory

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata (from Suite Gothique)* Leon Boellmann

* **CONGREGATION STANDING**

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
in memory of our parents and
in honor of our 43rd anniversary,
by Rich and Susan May.

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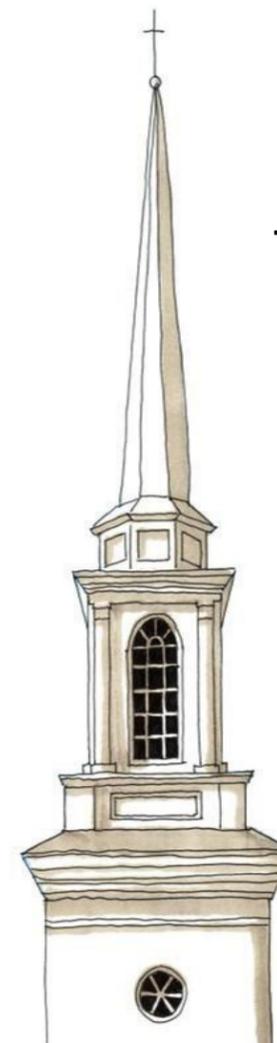
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Second Sunday in Lent
March 8, 2020
10:30 a.m.



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.