

We Gather to Worship God

The fourth of the Old Testament promises this Lent is the promise God makes to Moses: those who look upon the bronze serpent will live. In today's gospel Jesus says he will be lifted up on the cross like the serpent, so that those who look to him in faith will live. The sign of the cross we receive in baptism becomes the sign that we can look to in faith, for healing, for restored relationship to God, for hope when we are dying.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Toccata in A Minor

J. S. Bach

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 185

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Friends of God, believe this--

God loved the world.

God loves the world,

we are the beloved!

May the truth of this great love story,

shine through our worship today,

and renew our sense of calling.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

During this season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

Merciful God,

you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost.

We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way.

We fall in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth.

Have mercy on us and wash away our sin.

Create in us clean hearts

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to eternal life.

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.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

* All may exchange signs of peace.

ANTHEMS

Jesus Loves Me

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Chime Choir 1

Come, Christians Join to Sing

Spanish Hymn

Chime Choir 2

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

THE FIRST LESSON

Numbers 21:4-9

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died.

The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 147:1-3

St. Agnes

*Give thanks to God for he is good,
His mercy ever stands;*

*Proclaimed that God has saved his own
From their oppressor's hands.*

*From every land the Lord has called
His own, gathered them out
From eastern lands, and from the west,
The north, and from the south.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:1-10

*You were dead through the trespasses and sins in which you once lived, following the course of this world, following the ruler of the power of the air, the spirit that is now at work among those who are disobedient. All of us once lived among them in the passions of our flesh, following the desires of flesh and senses, and we were by nature children of wrath, like everyone else. But God, who is rich in mercy, out of the great love with which he loved us even when we were dead through our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ—by grace you have been saved—and raised us up with him and seated us with him in the heavenly places in Christ Jesus, so that in the ages to come he might show the immeasurable riches of his grace in kindness towards us in Christ Jesus. For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God—not the result of works, so that no one may boast. For we are what he has made us, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand to be our way of life. This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

ANTHEM

Lamb of God

Twila Paris

Katherine Brooks, *soloist*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:14-21

*And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. '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.' '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. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgement, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.' This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.***

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Signs

Rev. Kyle

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

An Abundance of Love

Rev. Kyle Randle

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 287

Selena

O Love Divine, What Hast Thou Done

OFFERTORY

Wondrous Love

Matthew Corl

Kim Carey, *flute*; Melinda Hyman, *piano*

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

No. 13

*Taking the Bread and Cup

*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to UMCOR.

ANTHEM AT COMMUNION Mark Hayes
O Rest in the Lord
 ~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 159 *Crucifer*
Lift High the Cross

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Louis Couperin
Chaconne

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
 in memory of Shirley Hardwick
 by the Hut Bible Class.

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the birth of
 Jackson Scott Dusenbury
 by his grandmother, Sue Dusenbury.

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.

Serving This Sunday, March 11

Altar Guild: Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes
Acolytes and Crucifer: Ben Chanaca, Leighton Petkovsek, Jonas Randle
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Trustee Duty: Kent Bitting, Joe Hunter Hyman
Bus Duty: Phil Davis
Children's Church: Sammy and Debbie Johnson
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
Ushers: Mark Brooks (Chairman), Kent Bitting, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 11

Daylight Savings Time Begins
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. Come to the Water / Family Life Center (FLC)
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
 11:30 a.m. FUMC Chamber Orchestra / Sanctuary
 5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Ministry / FLC

Monday, March 12

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

Tuesday, March 13

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, March 14

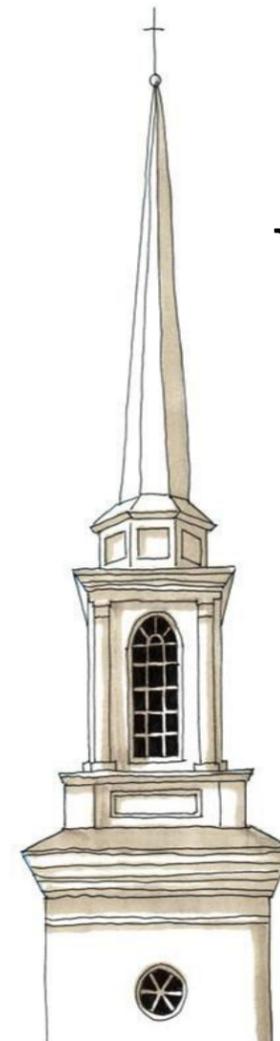
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
 12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
 3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / 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 Study "*Daniel*" / Room 216
 6:15 p.m. "*Being Disciples*" Bible Study / Room. 217
 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
 7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, March 15

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Luncheon / First Church / Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Commons
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, March 16

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
 10:00 a.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC Senior Room
 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Fourth Sunday in Lent
 UMCOR Sunday
 March 11, 2018
 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.