

We Gather to Worship God

In today's gospel the Samaritan woman asks Jesus for water, an image of our thirst for God. Jesus offers living water, a sign of God's grace flowing from the waters of baptism. As we journey to the resurrection feast on Easter, Christ comes among us offering us the life-giving water of God's mercy and forgiveness.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Jesus Loves Me
Voices in Bronze

Sandy Willard Rogers

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken

Austria

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord,
come, all who are weak,
**Let us taste the living water
that Jesus gives.**
Dip your hands in the stream,
refresh our body and our soul,
drink from it,
depend on it,
for this water
will never run dry.
**Come, all who are thirsty
says Jesus, our Lord.**

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

With honesty of heart, let us confess our sin.
Merciful God, **forgive us. Our will is handcuffed to sin, and we cannot
break free. We have spoken when we should have kept quiet.**
Silence.
We were silent when we should have said something.
Silence.
We acted when we knew better.
Silence.
We were still when we know we should have moved.
Silence.
**For the wrong we have done, for the mercy we have failed to do,
have mercy on us,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. 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
everlasting life. **Amen.**

* RESPONSE No. 482

Lord, Have Mercy

Kriewald Kyrie

Repeated phrases are sung first by leader and then my 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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

Mark William Roberts and Kelsi Lee Roberts

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated
into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation
and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift,
offered to us without price.

I present Mark William Roberts and Kelsi Lee Roberts for baptism,

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of
this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and
oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace,
and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ
has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain a faithful member of
Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representative in the world?

I will.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that through your teaching
and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess
her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

Leader Address the Congregation

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your
commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these
persons now before you in your care?

**With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the
example of Christ. We will surround Mark and Kelsi with a community of
love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will
pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads
to life.**

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the
Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

**I believe 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, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark
waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the
ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow.

When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through
the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you
promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was
baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in
the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receives it, to
wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their life, that,
dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

**All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with
you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.**

Mark William Roberts/Kelsi Lee Roberts, I baptize you in the name of the
Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The Holy Spirit works within you, that being born through water and the Spirit,
you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother and in Christ.

**Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new
creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in
Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as a member of
the family of Christ.**

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-17 OT Pg.64

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 5:1-11 NT Pg. 155

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Mark Hayes

O Rest in the Lord

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-42 NT Pgs. 94-95

This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Pretzel Prayers 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 Rev. Randle

No Shortcuts

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2196 (TFWS) *Martyrdom*
We Walk By Faith

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our Prayer.

OFFERTORY Felix Mendelssohn

Adagio (from Sonata VI)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Tom Fettke

It Is Well with My Soul

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 127 *CWM Rhondda*
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Leon Boellmann

Toccata (from Suite Gothique)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in memory of Mamie Jenkins for her March birthday
by Churchill Jenkins & family and George H. Jenkins, Jr. & family

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

Serving This Sunday, March 19

Altar Guild: Wilmarie Boatwright, Callie Timbes, Peggy Turnes
Acolytes and Crucifer: Emily Thompkins, Alston Tew, Savannah Seremet
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Bus Duty: Duc Watts
Trustee Duty: Kent Bitting and Johnny Vaught
Children's Church: Jan Gawith, Anna Barnhill
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
Ushers: Mark Brooks (Chairman) Kent Bitting, Will Bitting, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Billy Jones, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Brad Todd, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / Family Life Center

Monday, March 20

6:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting / Family Life Center
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC)

Tuesday, March 21

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / Family Life Center

Wednesday, March 22

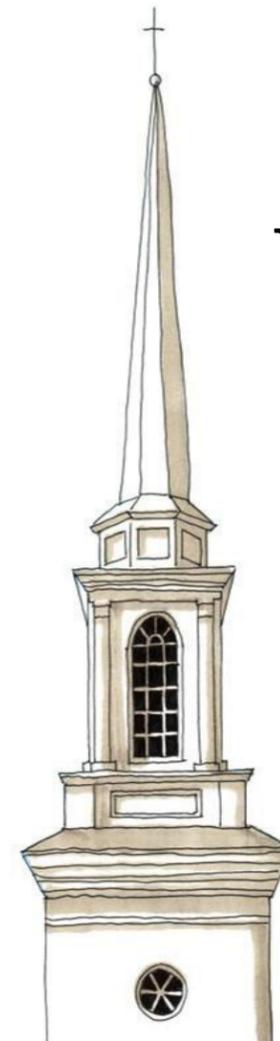
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
12:00 p.m. Lenten Organ Meditation / Sanctuary
12:30 p.m. Soup and Sandwich Fellowship / FLC
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Program / FLC
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:05 p.m. Youth Handbells Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
5:30 p.m. Evening Fellowship Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
6:15 p.m. Draw All Things Study / Room 224
6:15 p.m. Death & Resurrection of the Messiah Study / Room 216
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine Class / Commons

Thursday, March 23

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Rooms 117 & 120
12:00 p.m. FUMC Hosts the Lenten Luncheon / Fellowship Hall

Friday, March 24

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / Family Life Center



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Third Sunday of Lent
March 19, 2017
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.