

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY      *Improvisation V*      Wilbur Held

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Blessed be the God of our salvation:  
**Who bears our burdens and forgives our sins.**

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 121      *Wellesley*  
*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

There's a wideness in God's mercy  
like the wideness of the sea;  
there's a kindness in God's justice,  
which is more than liberty.

For the love of God is broader  
than the measure of our mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal  
is most wonderfully kind.

If our love were but more simple,  
we should rest upon God's word;  
and our lives would be illumined  
by the presence of our Lord.

\* 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      Isaiah 55:1-9

<sup>1</sup>Ho, everyone who thirsts,  
come to the waters;  
and you that have no money,  
come, buy and eat!  
Come, buy wine and milk  
without money and without price.  
<sup>2</sup>Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,  
and your labor for that which does not satisfy?  
Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,  
and delight yourselves in rich food.  
<sup>3</sup>Incline your ear, and come to me;  
listen, so that you may live.  
I will make with you an everlasting covenant,  
my steadfast, sure love for David.  
<sup>4</sup>See, I made him a witness to the peoples,  
a leader and commander for the peoples.  
<sup>5</sup>See, you shall call nations that you do not know,  
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,  
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,  
for he has glorified you.  
<sup>6</sup>Seek the LORD while he may be found,  
call upon him while he is near;

<sup>7</sup>let the wicked forsake their way,  
and the unrighteous their thoughts;  
let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them,  
and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.  
<sup>8</sup>For my thoughts are not your thoughts,  
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.  
<sup>9</sup>For as the heavens are higher than the earth,  
so are my ways higher than your ways  
and my thoughts than your thoughts.  
This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE ACT OF PRAISE      Psalm 63      *St. Thomas*

**O God, you are my God;  
I seek you eagerly;  
My soul and body thirst for you  
In barren lands and dry.**

**Therefore I gazed on you  
Within your holy place,  
That I might look upon your power,  
The glory of your face.**

**Your love is more than life;  
My lips shall give you praise  
When I remember you at night  
And ponder all your ways.**

**Your wings have sheltered me,  
My helper in the past;  
My soul, Lord, clings to you alone,  
Your right hand holds me fast.**

THE SECOND LESSON      I Corinthians 10:1-13

<sup>1</sup>I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our  
ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, <sup>2</sup>and all  
were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, <sup>3</sup>and all ate the same  
spiritual food, <sup>4</sup>and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from  
the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was  
Christ. <sup>5</sup>Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they  
were struck down in the wilderness.

<sup>6</sup>Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not  
desire evil as they did. <sup>7</sup>Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it  
is written, "The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to  
play." <sup>8</sup>We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did,  
and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. <sup>9</sup>We must not put Christ to  
the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. <sup>10</sup>And do  
not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the  
destroyer. <sup>11</sup>These things happened to them to serve as an example, and  
they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have  
come. <sup>12</sup>So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not  
fall. <sup>13</sup>No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God  
is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with  
the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to  
endure it.

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

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 143      *On Eagle's Wing*      *On Eagle's Wings*

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup>At that very time there were some present who told him about the  
Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. <sup>2</sup>  
[Jesus] asked them, "Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in  
this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans?" <sup>3</sup>No, I tell you;  
but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. <sup>4</sup>Or those eighteen  
who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that  
they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? <sup>5</sup>No, I  
tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did."

<sup>6</sup>Then he told this parable: "A man had a fig tree planted in his  
vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. <sup>7</sup>So he said  
to the gardener, 'See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on  
this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting  
the soil?' <sup>8</sup>He replied, 'Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig  
around it and put manure on it. <sup>9</sup>If it bears fruit next year, well and good;  
but if not, you can cut it down.'"  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 123      *On Eagle's Wings*      *On Eagle's Wings*

And He will raise you up on eagle's wings,  
bear you on the breath of dawn,  
make you to shine like the sun,  
and hold you in the palm of His hand

CHILDREN'S MOMENT      Rev. Dr. Connie Stinson

SERMON      Rev. Dr. Connie Stinson

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

OFFERTORY ANTHEM      *Offertory*      John Ness Beck

\* 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.**

**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.**

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

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 127

*CWM Rhondda*

*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,  
pilgrim through this barren land.  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand.  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more;  
feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through.  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield;  
be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side.  
Songs of praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee;  
I will ever give to thee.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue on the Kyrie*

Francois Couperin

\* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,  
and with thanksgiving for our grandson,  
Rowe Smith, on his 8<sup>th</sup> birthday today  
by Craig and Melinda Hyman

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, March 20**

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

**Monday, March 21**

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

**Tuesday, March 22**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
11:00 a.m. UMW Spring Luncheon / FLC Gathering Room  
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 23**

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 24**

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  
5:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary  
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Friday, March 25**

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

The Confirmation Class will be on retreat  
Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup> through Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.  
Please remember Josh, Rev. Kyle and the group in your prayers.

UMYF and Bridge will not meet Sunday, March 20<sup>th</sup>.

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March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in 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.

We Welcome Connie Stinson who will lead us in Worship today.

The Rev. Dr. Connie and her husband Dave Stinson, a retired civil engineer, moved from the Washington DC area to Myrtle Beach in the fall of 2017. They live near Market Common and cherish their two grown children, their beloved spouses, and five grandchildren.

In November of 2015, Connie retired from forty years of ministry enjoyed in Baptist churches. Her last pastorate was at Luther Rice Memorial Baptist Church in Silver Spring, Maryland where she served for 12 years. Before that she served as Associate Pastor for two other Baptist churches in Northern Virginia, and earlier served churches in Missouri and Indiana. She was also an Admissions Counselor in a Family Drug Addiction Program and a Hospital Chaplain.

She earned her Doctor of Ministry Degree in Richmond, Virginia in 2001, and her Masters of Divinity and Christian Education in Louisville, Kentucky in 1982. She is also a graduate of William Jewell College in Liberty, Missouri, where she studied English Education and Psychology.

Connie and Dave attend Belin UMC where Connie especially enjoys her Sunday School class for adults which she teaches. She is also a member of the Sanctuary Choir and the Clergy Cabinet.

Connie is the second of three generations of ordained clergywomen. Her mother retired from the Disciples of Christ Church and now lives in Bolivar, Missouri. Her daughter serves in New Zealand where she is the Ecumenical Campus Chaplain for the University of Otago in Dunedin.