

We Gather to Worship God

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Siciliano
Nancy Owens, *flute*

J. S. Bach

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 384

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Hyfrdol

* CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

When we pass through the waters,

God is there with us.

When we suffer and feel hopeless,

God is there with us.

When we are joyful and celebratory,

God is there with us.

Whether we feel triumphant or defeated,

God is there with us, always.

Come, let us praise the risen Christ.

Praise the Lord!

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

I Samuel 16:1-13

The LORD said to Samuel, "How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons." ²Samuel said, "How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me." And the LORD said, "Take a heifer with you, and say, 'I have come to sacrifice to the LORD.' ³Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you." ⁴Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, "Do you come peaceably?" ⁵He said, "Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice." And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice.

⁶When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, "Surely the Lord's anointed is now before the LORD." ⁷But the LORD said to Samuel, "Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart." ⁸Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ⁹Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, "Neither has the LORD chosen this one." ¹⁰Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any of these." ¹¹Samuel said to Jesse, "Are all your sons here?" And he said, "There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep." And Samuel said to Jesse, "Send and bring him; for we will not sit

down until he comes here." ¹²He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, "Rise and anoint him; for this is the one." ¹³Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 23

Land of Rest

**The Lord's my shepherd, all my need
Through him will be supplied;
By quiet streams and through green fields
The Lord will be my guide.**

**The Lord revives me, guides my feet
On pathways that are right,
And I shall fear no evil though
I walk through darkest hour.**

**Your rod and staff, they comfort me;
In presence of my foes
You feed me; you anoint my head
And my cup overflows.**

**Your goodness and your mercy,
Lord, Shall surely follow me,
And I will dwell in God's own house
For all eternity.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 5:8-14

⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

"Sleeper, awake!

Rise from the dead,

and Christ will shine on you."

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ANTHEM

Lord, You Are Near Me

Mark Hayes

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 9:1-41

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. ²His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" ³Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. ⁴We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. ⁵As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." ⁶When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, ⁷saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

⁸The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" ⁹Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." ¹⁰But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" ¹¹He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." ¹²They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

¹³They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. ¹⁴Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. ¹⁵Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." ¹⁶Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. ¹⁷So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet."

¹⁸The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight ¹⁹and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" ²⁰His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; ²¹but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." ²²His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. ²³Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

²⁴So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." ²⁵He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see." ²⁶They said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?" ²⁷He answered them, "I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?" ²⁸Then they reviled him, saying, "You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. ²⁹We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from." ³⁰The man answered, "Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, and yet he opened my eyes. ³¹We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. ³²Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. ³³If this man were not from God, he could do nothing." ³⁴They answered him, "You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?" And they drove him out.

³⁵Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him, he said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?" ³⁶He answered, "And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him." ³⁷Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he." ³⁸He said, "Lord, I believe." And he worshiped him. ³⁹Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment so that those who do not see may see, and those who do see may become blind." ⁴⁰Some of the Pharisees near him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not blind, are we?" ⁴¹Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, 'We see,' your sin remains.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 454

Open My Eyes, That I May See

Open My Eyes

**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.**

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 THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY *Passacaglia* Andre Raison

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 295 *Rathbun*
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Psalm XX* Benedetto Marcello

* CONGREGATION STANDING

Birthdays This Week

March 24: Andy Hendrick, Jerry McClellan, Sadie Mau, Mark Rollins
March 25: Anne Marie Martin, Chad Steinfield
March 28: Rebecca Howell, Sylvia Avant, James Hammond, Quin Daly



The **Lenten Offering** will benefit various charities in Horry County, CAP, Help4Kids, The Shepherd's Table, and Waccamaw Youth Center. Donations are now being accepted through Easter Sunday, April 12. Please mark your checks for the Lenten Offering. Thank you for your help during this Lenten Season.

Prayer Concerns: Bobby Stilley, Vicki Smink, Woodie Woodward, Joann Wiegand, Bob Miller, Braelyn Philips, Karlene Rudolph, Louise Goodwin, Val Dunham, **At Home:** Ronny Thompkins, Sonya Martin, Julia Land, Bernice Stone, Virginia Buck, Sue Dusenbury, Janet Von Deck, Frank Stilley, George & Jan Kyzer, Catherine Causey, Frances Reaman, Virginia Hardwick, Sylvia Avant, Kathy Tuttle, Rebecca Howell, Eugenia Benton, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF MARCH 16

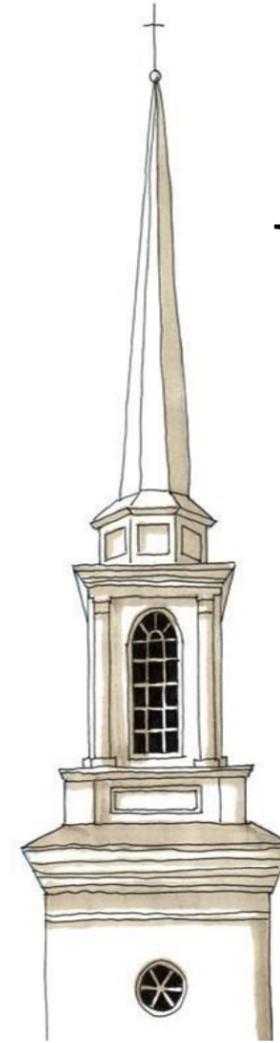
Operating Fund	6073.51	Sunday School	107
Designated Giving	204.00	Worship	163
Capital Campaign	700.00		

As the generous people of FUMC, we ask that you continue your giving via online <https://onrealm.org/fumconway/give/operatingfund>, Text **Firstconway to 73256** or by mailing your offering to the church, 1001 Fifth Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Our Promises to God are a vital part of continuing the mission and ministry that supports the community, staff leadership, and the total ministry of FUMC. Your continued financial support is critical in helping the church continue to be the church, especially in times like this.

For now, the staff will continue to be present on the FUMC campus during the week. They are working very hard to ensure FUMC has the opportunity to respond to community mission needs as they occur, maintain the FUMC campus, and be available to you however we may be during this challenging time.

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Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 22, 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.