

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *What Wondrous Love Is This* Douglas Wagner
Carillon Choir

* 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. 545 *Aurelin*
The Church's One Foundation
vs. 1, 2 & 4

* 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 Joshua 5:9-12

⁹The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have rolled away from you the disgrace of Egypt." And so that place is called Gilgal to this day.

¹⁰While the Israelites were camped in Gilgal they kept the Passover in the evening on the fourteenth day of the month in the plains of Jericho. ¹¹On the day after the Passover, on that very day, they ate the produce of the land, unleavened cakes and parched grain. ¹²The manna ceased on the day they ate the produce of the land, and the Israelites no longer had manna; they ate the crops of the land of Canaan that year.

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 32 *St. Agnes*

**How happy they the Lord forgives,
Whose sin is put away;
To whom the Lord imputes no guilt,
In whom no guile holds sway!**

**I held my tongue, my bones dried up,
I groaned day in, day out;
Your hand weighed down, my flesh was dry,
As in mid-Summer drought.**

**Then I acknowledged all my sin,
Confessed it openly;
I said, "I will admit my sin,"
And you, Lord, set me free.**

**The faithful all will make their prayers
To you in time of woe;
The water-floods will not reach them
Although they overflow.**

**You hid me and preserve me,
Lord, In all adversity;
You strengthen me on every side
With shouts of victory.**

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

¹⁶From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. ¹⁷So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ, and has given us the ministry of reconciliation; ¹⁹that is, in Christ God was reconciling the world to himself, not counting their trespasses against them, and entrusting the message of reconciliation to us. ²⁰So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. ²¹For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.
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Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 383 *Beginnings*
This Is the Day of New Beginnings

This is a day of new beginnings,
time to remember and move on,
time to believe what love is bringing,
laying to rest the pain that's gone.

For by the life and death of Jesus,
God's mighty Spirit, now as then,
can make for us a world of difference,
as faith and hope are born again.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32

¹Now all the tax collectors and sinners were coming near to listen to [Jesus.] ²And the Pharisees and the scribes were grumbling and saying, "This fellow welcomes sinners and eats with them."

³So he told them this parable: ^{11b}"There was a man who had two sons. ¹²The younger of them said to his father, 'Father, give me the share of the property that will belong to me.' So he divided his property between them. ¹³A few days later the younger son gathered all he had and traveled to a distant country, and there he squandered his property in dissolute living. ¹⁴When he had spent everything, a severe famine took place throughout that country, and he began to be in need. ¹⁵So he went and hired himself out to one of the citizens of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed the pigs. ¹⁶He would gladly have filled himself with the pods that the pigs were eating; and no one gave him anything. ¹⁷But when he came to himself he said, 'How many of my father's hired hands have bread enough and to spare, but here I am dying of hunger! ¹⁸I will get up and go to my father, and I will say to him, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; ¹⁹I am no longer worthy to be called your son; treat me like one of your hired hands."' ²⁰So he set off and went to his father. But while he was still far off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion; he ran and put his arms around him and kissed him. ²¹Then the son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and before you; I am no longer worthy to be called your son.' ²²But the father said to his slaves, 'Quickly, bring out a robe—the best one—and put it on him; put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. ²³And get the fatted calf and kill it, and let us eat and celebrate; ²⁴for this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found!' And they began to celebrate.

²⁵"Now his elder son was in the field; and when he came and approached the house, he heard music and dancing. ²⁶He called one of the slaves and asked what was going on. ²⁷He replied, 'Your brother has come, and your father has killed the fatted calf, because he has got him back safe and sound.' ²⁸Then he became angry and refused to go in. His father came out and began to plead with him. ²⁹But he answered his father, 'Listen! For all

these years I have been working like a slave for you, and I have never disobeyed your command; yet you have never given me even a young goat so that I might celebrate with my friends. ³⁰But when this son of yours came back, who has devoured your property with prostitutes, you killed the fatted calf for him!' ³¹Then the father said to him, 'Son, you are always with me, and all that is mine is yours. ³²But we had to celebrate and rejoice, because this brother of yours was dead and has come to life; he was lost and has been found.' "

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 383 *This Is the Day of New Beginnings* *Beginnings*

Christ is alive, and goes before us
to show and share what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

In faith we'll gather round the table
to taste and see what love can do.
This is a day of new beginnings;
our God is making all things new.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mr. Josh

SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Harry Rowe Shelley
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

* 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. 384 *Hyfrydol*
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling
vs. 1, 3-4

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Léon Böellmann*
Toccata (from Suite Gothique)

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,
by Ken and Linda Carty.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, March 27

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
11:30 a.m. Children's Committee Meeting / Parlor
4:30 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons
5:30 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, March 28

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Lenten Adult Bible Study / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / Commons
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102
7:00 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Tuesday, March 29

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
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 30

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 31

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, April 1

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

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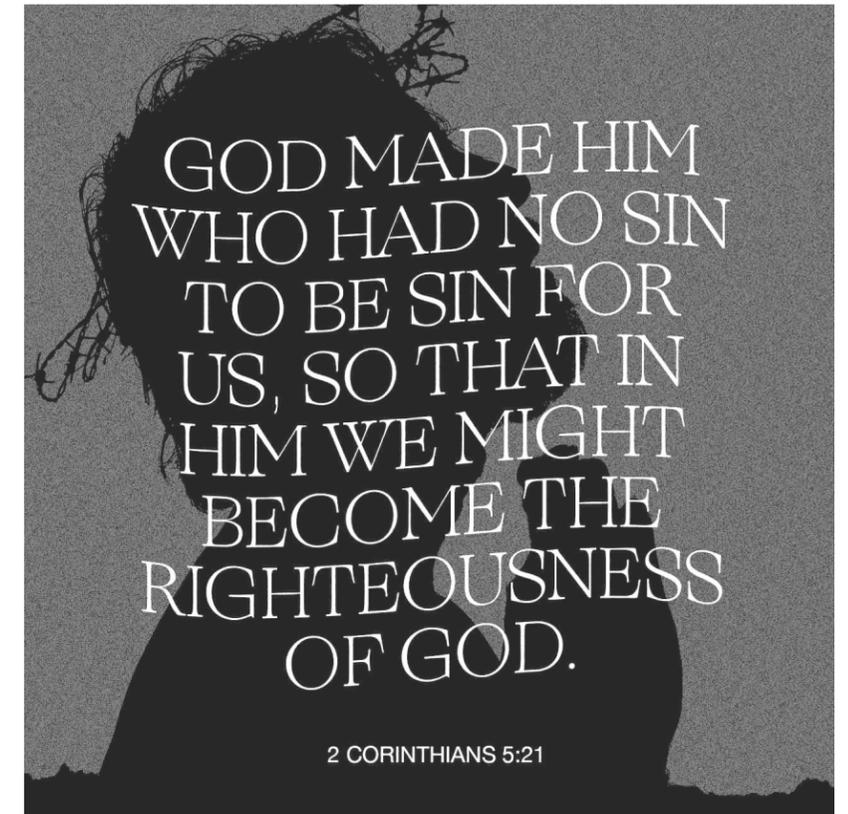
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March 27, 2022
Fourth Sunday in Lent
10:30 a.m.



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.