

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY      *Simple Gifts*      Valerie W. Stephenson  
Voices in Bronze

\* 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. 126      *Mit Freuden Zart*  
*Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above*

\* 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 ~

ANTHEM      *Give Me Jesus*      *Spiritual*  
Mark Rollins, *soloist*

THE FIRST LESSON      Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the LORD,  
who makes a way in the sea,  
a path in the mighty waters,  
<sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse,  
army and warrior;  
they lie down, they cannot rise,  
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:  
<sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things,  
or consider the things of old.  
<sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing;  
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?  
I will make a way in the wilderness  
and rivers in the desert.  
<sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me,  
the jackals and the ostriches;  
for I give water in the wilderness,  
rivers in the desert,  
to give drink to my chosen people,  
<sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself  
so that they might declare my praise.  
This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE ACT OF PRAISE      Psalm 126      *Azmon*

**Freedom was like a dream to us  
When God set Zion free;  
We laughed, we sang, our voices rang  
With shouts of liberty.**

**The heathen nations round us said  
"God's gifts to them are good;"  
Yes, God has done great things for us,  
We praise him as we should.**

**Restore our fortunes now, O Lord,  
Like Negev's waterways,  
And grant that those who sow in tears  
May reap with hymns of praise.**

**Let those who weep as they go out  
And take with them good seed,  
Bring back in joy such harvest sheaves  
As may fulfill their need.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

[Paul writes:] <sup>4b</sup>If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: <sup>5</sup>circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; <sup>6</sup>as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

<sup>7</sup>Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. <sup>8</sup>More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ <sup>9</sup>and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. <sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

<sup>12</sup>Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. <sup>13</sup>Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, <sup>14</sup>I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 453

*More Love to Thee*

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More love to thee, O Christ, more love to thee!  
Hear thou the prayer I make on bended knee.  
This is my earnest plea: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Once earthly joy I craved, sought peace and rest;  
now thee alone I seek, give what is best.  
This all my prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three

hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 453

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Let sorrow do its work, come grief and pain;  
sweet are thy messengers, sweet their refrain,  
when they can sing with me: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

Then shall my latest breath whisper thy praise;  
this be the parting cry my heart shall raise;  
this still its prayer shall be: More love, O Christ, to thee;  
more love to thee, more love to thee!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

\* 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.**

\* GLORIA PATRI NO. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE  
 Merciful God,  
 receive our prayer.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

The Great Thanksgiving *see Insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 2182 *Resignation*  
*When God Restored Our Common Life*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Paul Manz*  
 Improvisation on *CWM Rhondda*

\* Congregation Standing

This morning at the Prayers of the People, our first petition will be sung by our FUMC Sextet: *A Prayer for Ukraine* by John Rutter. This is a new work composed quickly by Mr. Rutter in response to events in Ukraine. Mr. Rutter made a PDF of this composition available freely to any who requested it. FUMC requested a copy and it will be sung this morning.

Our petition: ***Lord God, we pray protect Ukraine; grant her strength, Lord, grant her hope, Lord, and salvation. Hear our prayer. Amen.***

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God,  
 and in honor of  
 James and Jessica Hammond's marriage, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
 with lots of love, Jimmy and Lynn Hammond.

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, April 3**

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  
 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, April 4**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 10:00 a.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary  
 12:00 p.m. Lenten Adult Bible Study / FLC Room 101  
 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
 6:30 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

**Tuesday, April 5**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 10:00 a.m. UMW Circles Meeting / FLC Gathering Room  
 4:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
 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, April 6**

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. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
 6:15 p.m. Lenten Adult Bible Study / Room 216

**Thursday, April 7**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
 4:00 p.m. Sanctuary Reserved  
 4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
 5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Friday, April 8**

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

**Saturday, April 9**

5:00 p.m. NA/CA Trivia Night / FLC Gathering Room

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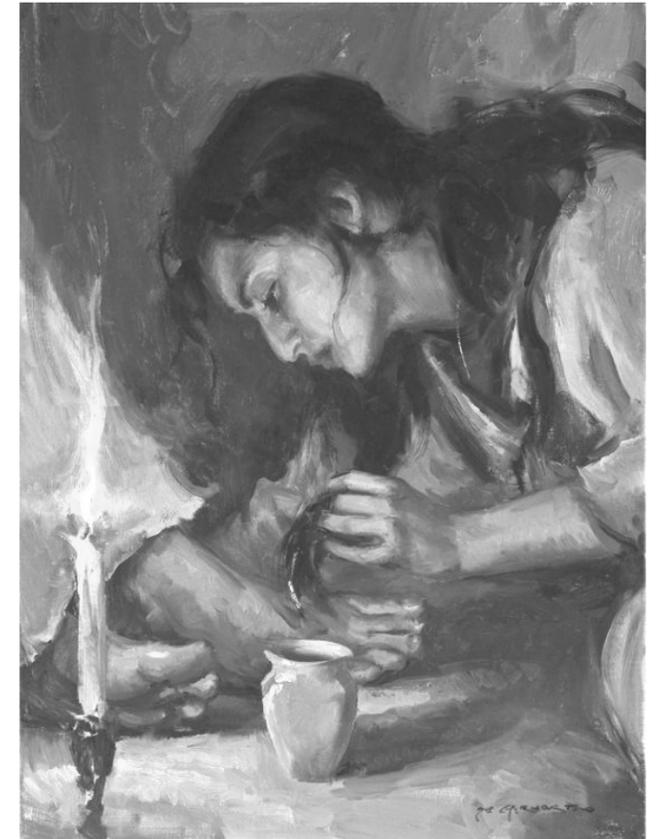
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April 3, 2022  
 Fifth Sunday in Lent  
 10:30 a.m.



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.