

We Gather to Worship God

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we celebrate the mystery of Christ's presence. Today we gather with the disciples on the first Easter, and Jesus breathes the Spirit on us. With Thomas we ask for a sign, and Jesus offers us his wounded self in the broken bread. From frightened individuals we are transformed into a community of open doors, peace, forgiveness, and sharing such that no one among us is in need.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Walther
All Glory Be to God on High

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 307 W Zlobie Lezy
Christ Is Risen

* OPENING DIALOGUE

ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!

Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.

Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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.

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Just as God's work of creation never ends,

so the gifts received in baptism are renewed everyday.

Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, for waters of life:

for water to bathe in, water to drink,

for waters to play in and waters that inspire wonder,

for water that gives life to our planet.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of life.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place:

for water from our tap, for rain,

for the Waccamaw River and the Atlantic Ocean.

We give you thanks, O God, for the waters of this place.

We give you thanks for the life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:

for our entry into Jesus' death through these waters,

for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,

for our calling to be your people,

sent out for the life of the world.

We give you thanks, blessed and holy Trinity,

now and forever. Amen.

* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

**All may exchange signs of peace.*

ANTHEM

Because He Lives

Jimmy Brown, soloist

William Gaither

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:32-35

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 133

St. Thomas

When brethren live in peace,
At peace in unity,
Behold how good a thing it is,
A pleasant thing to see.

It is like fragrant oil
Which glistens and runs down
On head and beard, on Aaron's beard
And collar of his gown.

It is like Hermons' dew
That falls on Zion's hill,
For there the Lord has promised life
And gives his blessing still.

THE SECOND LESSON

I John 1:1-2:2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us— we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us

from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us. My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Lift High the Cross

Paul Christiansen

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 20:19-31

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Peace

Rev. Kyle

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

And Now What?

Rev. Kyle Randle

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2196

We Walk By Faith

Martyrdom

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Glory to God in the Highest

W. A. Mozart

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 94

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 547

O Church of God, United

Ellacombe

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Hallelujah (from Mount of Olives)

Ludwig Van Beethoven

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our 38th anniversary
by Beth and Bob Brinson

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

Serving This Sunday, April 8

Altar Guild: Christi Edwards, Jade Edwards, Debbie Johnson
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jade Edwards, Matthew Daly, Charley Levy
Children's Church: Joy Tietje
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Bus Duty: Daniel Hunnicutt
Trustee Duty: Debbie Jenkins, Anna Barnhill
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
Ushers: Spivey Hood (Chairman), Bob Butler, Matt Daly, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Daniel Hunnicutt, James Mau, Doug Roof, Ben Smith, Randy Wood.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, April 8

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. FUMC Chamber Orchestra / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Ministries / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, April 9

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC
6:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, April 10

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, April 11

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:15 p.m. Ladies Study: *Daniel~Lives of Integrity* / Room 216
6:15 p.m. *The Gospel of Mark Study* / Room 217
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, April 12

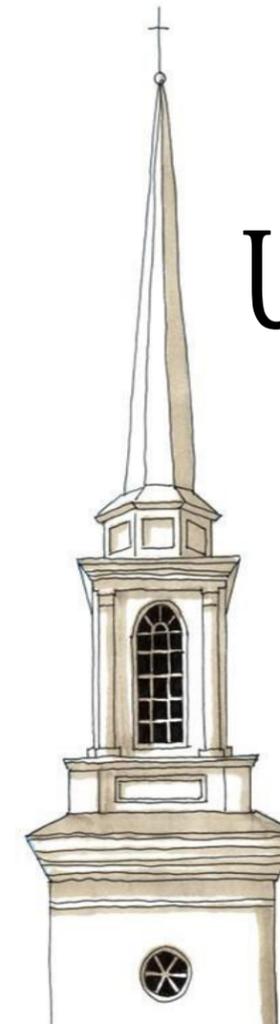
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. United Methodist Women Spring Luncheon / FLC
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, April 13

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, April 14

Teresa Bell / FLC Gathering Room



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Second Sunday of Easter
April 8, 2018
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.