

First Church at Worship

The Easter season is a week of weeks, seven Sundays when we celebrate 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 William Boyce
Allegro (from Symphony I)

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 2115 (TFWS) Holy Manna
Christ Has Risen

* EASTER GREETING

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!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Faithful God, we confess that we are captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We have not loved our sisters and brothers as you have first loved us. Forgive us, God of mercy. Let your Holy Spirit work in us to change our lives and make us new, that we may know the abundant life given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

In this love, not that we have loved God but that God has loved us and sent his Son to atone for our sins. We are forgiven in the name of Jesus Christ. Let the perfect love of God cast out fear, fill you with joy, and inspire you to live for others. Amen.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.
And also with you.
**All may exchange signs of peace.*

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

~ **We Listen for God's Word** ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 4:32-35 NT Pg. 122

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 133 Boylston

*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 1-2:2 NT Pg. 238-239

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ANTHEM Robert Lowry

All the Way My Savior Leads Me
 Janet Lawrence, Jane Brooks, Justin Hall, Jimmy Brown

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 NT Pg. 115

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* THE GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 2043 (TFWS) Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia
Sung first by the choir and then by all.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Peace Be With You
 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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

The Proof!

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

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION No. 39

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

Through Confirmation, we renew the covenant declared at our baptism, acknowledge what God is doing for us, and affirm our commitment to Christ's holy church.

I present Jacob Johnson, Savannah Seremet, and Evan Von Herrmann for confirmation.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:
Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?
 I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?
 I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?
 I do.

According to the grace given to you, will you remain faithful members of Christ's holy church and serve as Christ's representatives in the world?
 I will.

The pastor addresses the congregation.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?
We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these youth now before you in your care?
With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?
I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?
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.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and those who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

CONFIRMATION

Remember your baptism and be thankful. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born through water and the Spirit, you may live as a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

*As members of this congregation, will you faithfully participate in its ministries by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service and your witness?
I will.*

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

* HYMN No. 608 *Azmon*

This Is the Spirit's Entry Now

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Hal Hopson*

Alleluia No. 1

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS *Doxology No. 95*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2114 (TFWS) *Lauda Anima*

At the Font We Start Our Journey

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* *Paul Dukas*

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Beth and Kath Wiley for their birthdays by Bob Wiley

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

Serving This Sunday, April 12

Altar Guild: Debbie Johnson, Libby Saville, Christi Edwards

Acolytes and Crucifer: John Kelly Thompkins, Ross Fallaw, Samuel Hickman

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Blake Martin, Delan Stevens (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson

Trustee Duty : Mark Chanaca, Debbie Brooks

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks

Children's Church : Beccy Ward

Bus Duty: Matt Staub

Ushers: Spivey Hood (Chairman), Charles Timbes (Co-Chairman)

Bob Butler, Philip Davis, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Doug Roof, Daniel Hunnicutt, Benjamin Smith, John Steen, Scott Sayre, Randy Wood

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, April 12

9:30 a.m. Confirmation Rehearsal / Sanctuary

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM

10:00 a.m. Swiss Melody Bells Ensemble Rehearsal / Rm. 119

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

12:00 p.m. UMW Ladies Salad Luncheon / FLC

4:45 p.m. King's Singers Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, April 13

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, April 14

7:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) / FLC

7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, April 15

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school

3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Snack Time / FLC

3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

5:30 p.m. Church Family Meal / Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Discussion / Room 216

Thursday, April 16

5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Room 207

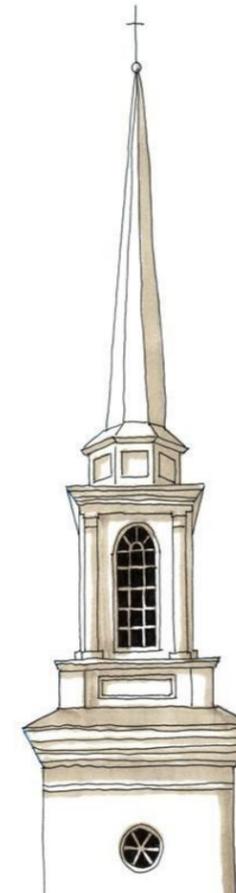
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Friday, April 17

6:30 p.m. Martin / Capps Wedding Rehearsal / Sanctuary

Saturday, April 18

5:00 p.m. Martin/ Capps Wedding / Sanctuary



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April 12, 2015
11:00 a.m.

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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.