

First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in C Minor* F. X. Brixi

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE 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!

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 308 *Judas Maccabeus*
Thine Be the Glory

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.
Angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave clothes where thy body lay.

Refrain:
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting. **Refrain**

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above. **Refrain**

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 3:12-19

¹²[Peter] addressed the people, "You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk?"¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

¹⁷"And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out."

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 4 *Land of Rest*

**O God, defender of my cause,
When I call, answer me;
You set me free when most hard pressed;
Have mercy, hear my plea.**

**"How long will you dishonor me,
You creature of the dust;
And worship gods that cannot speak
And in false idols trust?"**

**God does great wonders for his own;
When I call, he will hear;
Speak to your heart, then, secretly;
Do not sin; stand in fear.**

**Offer the sacrifice required,
And trust in God's great might;
While many seek for better times,
Lord, let us see your light.**

**You put more gladness in my heart
Than when our crops increase;
You, Lord, alone make me secure;
I fall asleep in peace.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I John 3:1-7

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices* Craig Courtney

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043 *Celtic Alleluia*
Alleluia (2x)

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:3b-48

^{36b}Jesus himself stood among [the disciples] and said to them, "Peace be with you." ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, "Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have." ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, "Have you anything here to eat?" ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence.

⁴⁴Then he said to them, "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled." ⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them, "Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* THE GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 2043

Alleluia (2x)

Celtic Alleluia

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR BAPTISM

Refreshed by the resurrection life we share in Christ,
let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.
We thank you, risen Christ,
for these waters where you make us new,
leading us from death to life, from tears to joy.
We bless you, risen Christ, that your Spirit comes to us
in the grace-filled waters of rebirth,
like rains to our thirsting earth,
like streams that revive our souls,
like cups of cool water shared with strangers.
Breathe your peace on your church when we hide in fear.
Clothe us with your mercy and forgiveness.
Send us companions on our journey as we share your life.
Make us one, risen Christ.
Cleanse our hearts.
Shower us with life.
To you be given all praise,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God,
now and forever.
Amen.

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *The Apostle's Creed* No. 881

**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

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

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. 318 *Christ Is Alive* *Truro*
vs. 1, 2, & 5

Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
His cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
His love in death shall never die.

Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
he comes to claim the here and now,
and conquer every place and time.

Christ is alive! His Spirit burns
through this and every future age,
till all creation lives and learns
his joy, his justice, love and praise.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *William Boyce*
Allegro (from Symphony in D)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
fondest memories of Keith - hard to believe it has been 11 years.
Always in our hearts with much love, Jan Gawith and Family

COVID 19 Worship Reminders

All people are welcomed into the body of Jesus Christ at First Church. Our highest priority is the health, safety and well-being of all persons, with a particular concern for the most vulnerable. It is our collective responsibility as Christians to be good neighbors in our community. As we join together in worshipping God to experience the transforming love of our Savior, let us honor God and love one another.

- Masks must be worn inside the buildings
- Family members are invited to sit together on pews
- Sit in every other pew
- No more than four persons per pew except for families with appropriate spacing
- Follow the instructions of the ushers/health team
- Cough & sneeze into your sleeve
- No hugging or handshakes. Find alternative ways of greeting
- Avoid gathering in the Sanctuary, Narthex or near the doors of the church before and following Worship.
- Thank you for joining us in loving one another.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, April 18

8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
9:30 a.m. Children's Sunday School / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Journey Seekers Sunday School / 5th Ave. Parking Lot
9:30 a.m. Emma Thompson Sunday School / Room 216
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center (FLC)
9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School / Facebook
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / FLC

Monday, April 19

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

Tuesday, April 20

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Second Floor Commons
6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts Meeting / FLC
6:50 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, April 21

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Children's Activities / FLC
3:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
4:00 p.m. 7th & 8th Grade Hang-out / FLC Room 103
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104
4:15 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Upstairs Commons
6:30 p.m. Evening Communion / Sanctuary

Thursday, April 22

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

Friday, April 23

7:00 a.m. Youth Breakfast / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:30 p.m. CA Group / Family Life Center

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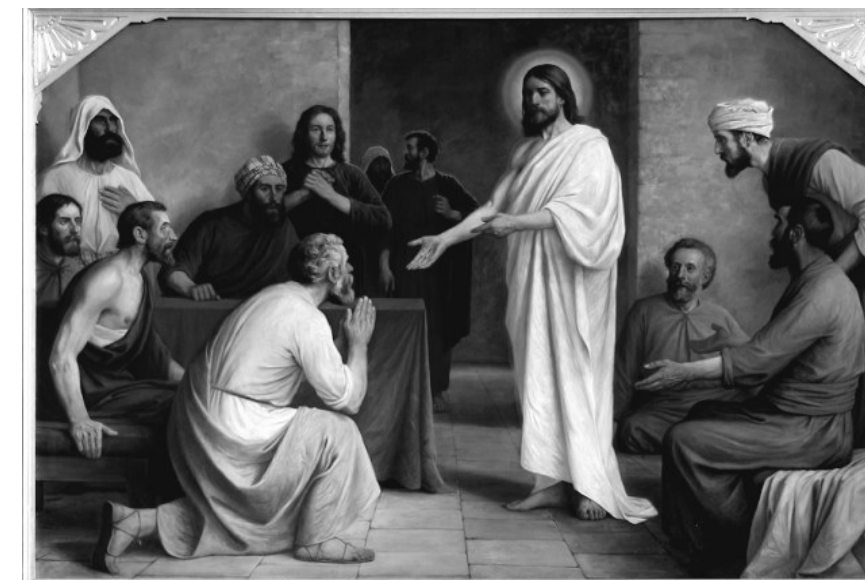
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Jesus appears before his disciples.

The Third Sunday of Easter

April 18, 2021

8:15 a.m. & 10:30 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.