

# We Gather to Worship God

*Easter initiates a new day. It anticipates a new heaven and a new earth. The risen Lord is making all things new. In the mystery of baptism God has made new people of us. Today the Lord Jesus invites us to see everyone in a new light—through the lens of love.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Buttstedt  
*Praise Be to Thee, Lord Jesus Christ*

## INTROIT

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 62 Lasst Uns Erfreuen  
*All Creatures of Our God and King*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*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 THE DAY

*O Lord God, you teach us that without love, our actions gain nothing. Pour into our hearts your most excellent gift of love, that, made alive by your Spirit, we may know goodness and peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.*

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

No. 881

*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.*

### \* GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*Meineke*

### \* 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 11:1-18 NT Pg. 130

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 148

*Praise the Lord from all the earth:  
 Sea monsters, deep below,  
 Storm winds, all those who do his will,  
 Fire, hail, and fog, and snow;*

*Trees bearing fruit and cedar trees,  
 All hills and mountain steep;  
 Beasts of the wild and winged birds,  
 Cattle and things that creep;*

*All kings and peoples of the earth  
 Princes and rulers, too;  
 Young men and maidens, old and young,  
 To him all praise is due.*

*His splendor spans all the earth and heaven;  
 All those who come to dwell  
 With him receive both strength and praise:  
 His people Israel.*

THE SECOND LESSON Revelation 21:1-6 NT Pgs. 259

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**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*O Holy City Seen of John*

Robert Powell

### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON Selected Verses

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**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Tim

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 Rev. Ken Land

*I Once Was Lost But Now I'm Found*

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 378 *Amazing Grace*  
*Amazing Grace*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Afro-American Spiritual*  
*I Want to Be Ready*  
Men of the Choir

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

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

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 384 *Beecher*  
*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

### \* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY G.F. Handel  
*Allegro Maestoso (from Water Music Suite)*

### \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and  
 in honor of our grandchildren  
 by Dick and Lois Sayre

Today we welcome the Rev. Ken Land to lead us in worship. Rev. Land is a retired United Methodist Elder. He is married to Nancy Howell Land and is the son-in-law of Becky Howell.

Rev. Kyle, Nancy, Jonas and Sara are away on vacation April 24 - April 29.  
 Please contact Tim Whitten at 251-269-8179 or the church office at  
 843-488-4251 for any pastoral needs.

### My Sermon Notes

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## THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING AT FIRST UMC

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.

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.

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.

We wish to invite you to contact one of our staff members if you would like more information about FUMC:

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### NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology 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 24

**Altar Guild:** Debbie Johnson, Libby Saville, Christi Edwards  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Caroline and Erin Todd, Lila Myers  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Delan Stevens, Debbie Jenkins (Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner  
**Trustee Duty:** Justin Roof, Anna Saville  
**Bus Duty:** Bill Hatoway  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Spivey Hood (Chairman), Charles Timbes (Co-Chairman) Bob Butler, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Daniel Hunnicutt, Doug Roof, Scott Sayre, Benjamin Smith, John Steen, Jim Ward, Randy Wood

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, April 24

9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary  
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

#### Monday, April 25

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC  
8:00 p.m. Softball: The Rock vs. First UMC / Field A

#### Tuesday, April 26

5:30 p.m. Shepherd's Table Meeting / FLC Senior Room  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting / Fellowship Hall

#### Wednesday, April 27

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC  
4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC  
5:00 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 205  
6:30 p.m. Bible Study / Rm. 216  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

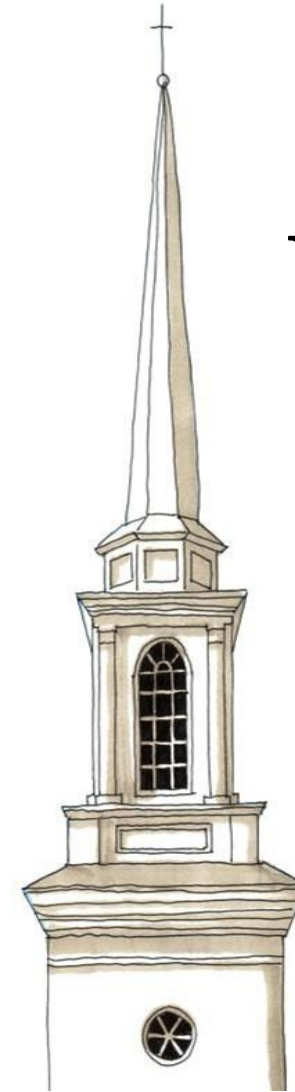
#### Thursday, April 28

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120

#### Friday, April 29

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Softball: Conway Church of God vs. First UMC / Field A

All softball games are played at  
Conway Parks & Recreation Center, 1515 Mill Pond Road  
Come out and cheer for First UMC!



# First United Methodist Church

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Fifth Sunday of Easter  
April 24, 2016  
11:00 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.