

First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY *Trumpet in Dialogue* Louis Clerambault

* 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. 57

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

vs. 1-2, 5 & 7

Azmon

O for a thousand tongues to sing my
great Redeemer's praise, the glories of my
God and King, the triumphs of his grace!

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim, to spread through all the
earth abroad the honors of thy name.

He speaks, and listening to his voice, new
life the dead receive; the mournful, broken
hearts rejoice, the humble poor believe.

In Christ, your head, you then shall know, shall
feel your sins forgiven; anticipate your
heaven below, and own that love is heaven.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 4:5-12

⁵The next day [the] rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in
Jerusalem, ⁶with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and
all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷When they had made the
prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, "By what power or by what
name did you do this?" ⁸Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to
them, "Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹if we are questioned today because
of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man
has been healed, ¹⁰let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of
Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of
Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified, whom God raised from the
dead. ¹¹This Jesus is

'the stone that was rejected by you, the builders;
it has become the cornerstone.'

¹²There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under
heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved."

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalms 23

Land of Rest

**The Lord's my shepherd, all my need
Through him will be supplied;
By quiet streams and through green fields
The Lord will be my guide.**

**The Lord revives me, guides my feet
On pathways that are right,
And I shall fear no evil though
I walk through darkest hour.**

**Your rod and staff, they comfort me;
In presence of my foes
You feed me; you anoint my head
And my cup overflows.**

**Your goodness and your mercy,
Lord, shall surely follow me,
And I will dwell in God's own house
For all eternity.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I John 3:16-24

¹⁶We know love by this, that [Jesus Christ] laid down his life for us—
and we ought to lay down our lives for one another. ¹⁷How does God's love
abide in anyone who has the world's goods and sees a brother or sister in
need and yet refuses help?

¹⁸Little children, let us love, not in word or speech, but in truth and
action. ¹⁹And by this we will know that we are from the truth and will
reassure our hearts before him ²⁰whenever our hearts condemn us; for God
is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. ²¹Beloved, if our hearts
do not condemn us, we have boldness before God; ²²and we receive from
him whatever we ask, because we obey his commandments and do what
pleases him.

²³And this is his commandment, that we should believe in the name of
his Son Jesus Christ and love one another, just as he has commanded
us. ²⁴All who obey his commandments abide in him, and he abides in them.
And by this we know that he abides in us, by the Spirit that he has given us.
This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

How Firm a Foundation

Paul Koch

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043

Alleluia (2x)

Celtic Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 10:11-18

[Jesus said:] ¹¹"I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his
life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not
own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—
and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away
because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd.
I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I
know the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep
that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to
my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the
Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up
again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I
have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have
received this command from my Father."

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. 559

Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
vs. 1-2 & 4

Regent Square

Christ is made the sure foundation,
Christ the head and cornerstone;
chosen of the Lord and precious,
binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever,
and her confidence alone.

To this temple, where we call thee,
come, O Lord of Hosts, today!
With thy faithful loving-kindness
hear thy people as they pray,
and thy fullest benediction
shed within its walls always.

Laud and honor to the Father,
laud and honor to the Son,
laud and honor to the Spirit,
ever three and ever one;
one in might and one in glory,
while unending ages run.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Guide Me, O thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Randy and Teresa Bell
for their 35th anniversary.

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate
Ezrah Bruce Case born on Sunday, April 18.
Congratulations to his parents, John & Ashlee
and big brothers, Elias & Adlee.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, April 25

- 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 & Online
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / FLC

Monday, April 26

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

Tuesday, April 27

- 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 28

- 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 29

- 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 30

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

FUMC Staff

Reverend Kyle Randle, Pastor
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The Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 25, 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.