

# We Gather to Worship God

*This Sunday's image of the life the risen Christ shares with us is the image of friendship. We are called to serve others as Jesus came to serve. Friendship captures the love, the joy, the deep mutuality of the relationship into which Christ invites us.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*  
FUMC Chamber Orchestra

Ken Barker

### INTROIT

#### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 2114 (TFWS)

*At the Font We Start Our Journey*

*Lauda Anima*

#### \* 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!**

#### \* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*Meineke*

#### \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us come to into the light, the revealing and healing light of God.

*(silence is kept for reflection)*

God of grace and glory,

**you have brought us through the night of sin into the light of Jesus' resurrection.**

**Yet our lives are still shadowed by sin.**

**Make us alive in Christ, O God.**

**Rescue us from evil and the gloom of sin,**

**renew us in grace,**

**and restore us to living in your holiness, through Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.**

Rejoice with all creation around God's throne!

The light of the risen Christ

put to flight all evil deeds,

washes away sin,

restores innocence to the fallen,

cast out hate, brings peace,

and humbles earthly pride.

Jesus Christ loves you

and frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever!

**Amen.**

#### \* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*\*All may exchange signs of peace.*

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

see insert

## ~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALTER

Psalm 98

*Land of Rest*

*Sing to the Lord new songs, proclaim*

*The marvels he has done*

*With his right hand and holy arm,*  
*the triumph he has won.*

*The victory the Lord has won,*

*He has this day made known;*

*To all the world his righteousness*  
*Has openly been shown.*

*The Lord recalls for Israel*

*His love and faithfulness;*

*To all the earth his victory*

*Has been made manifest.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

I John 5:1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God? This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*There's a Wideness in God's Mercy*

Maurice Bevan

#### \* THE GOSPLE ACCLAMATION No. 2043

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Celtic Alleluia*

#### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:9-17

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete. 'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the

master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

*A Simple Rule*

*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

*The Power of Love*

Rev. Kyle Randle

## ~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

#### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 393

*Spirit of the Living God*

*Living God*

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*Shall We Gather at the River*

Women of the Choir

Aaron Copeland

#### \* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 94

### THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

No. 13

\*Taking the Bread and Cup

\*The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

*All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.*

*The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to Epworth Children's Home.*

### MUSIC AT COMMUNION

John Rosasco

*Come Celebrate Jesus*

FUMC Chamber Orchestra

#### HYMN No. 2254 (TFWS)

*In Remembrance of Me*

*Red*

## ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

#### \* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 428

*For the Healing of the Nations*

*CWM Rhondda*

#### \* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

#### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Toccata in G*

Theodore Dubois

#### \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in celebration of the baptism of  
Mary Hendrick Altman  
by her family.

## 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.

### 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 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.

### Prayer Concerns

**Assisted Living/Rehab Facilities: Anderson Oaks:** Mary T. Foxworth;  
**Compass:** Mary Huckes; **Brookdale:** Harriet Edwards; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault; **Martinez, GA:** Helen Wakefield

**At Home:** Amy Lovell Jenkins, Jan Kyzer, Ronny Thompkins, Bob Thompkins, Rebecca Howell, Savannah Seremet, Nancy Stiltner, Lois Sechriest, David Reimschuessel, Julia Land, Myron and Maxine Dunn, Eugenia Benton, Betty Folks, Gwen Mishoe, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

## Serving This Sunday, May 6

**Altar Guild:** Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Jacob Johnson, Leighton Petkovsek, Ben Chanaca  
**Children's Church:** William and Jill Nelson  
**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond  
**Bus Duty:** Charles Myers  
**Trustee Duty:** Bill Schreiber and Kent Bitting  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Huckes, Dave Carey  
**Ushers:** Mike Thomas (Chairman), Bill Foxworth, David Jordan, Tom Overby, Carl Purvis, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Justin Powell, Bob Wiley

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, May 6

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. UMYF and Bridge Ministries / Family Life Center (FLC)

### Monday, May 7

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

### Tuesday, May 8

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, May 9

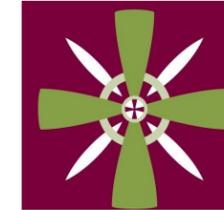
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC  
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC  
4:30 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211  
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105  
5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze Rehearsal / Room 211  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell 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, May 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons

### Friday, May 11

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



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## Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 6, 2018

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.