

# We Gather to Worship God

*In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and continue the Easter celebration. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Gerald Near  
*Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise*

## INTROIT

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 154 Coronation  
*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

\* 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

*Almighty God, your only Son was taken into the heavens and in your presence intercedes for us. Receive us and our prayers for all the world, and in the end bring everything into your glory, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign Lord, who lives and reigns with 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 ~

ANTHEM *This Little Light of Mine* Avis Christiansen  
Cherub Choir

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11 NT Pg. 118

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 47 *Festal Song*

*All peoples, clap your hands,  
And shout with joy and sing,  
The Lord Most High is to be feared  
He is the earth's great King.*

*He brings the nations down  
And peoples in our sight;  
He chooses our inheritance;  
His love is Jacob's might.*

*God has gone up on high  
With shout and trumpet's voice;  
Sing praise, sing praise to God our King,  
Sing praise to him, rejoice.*

*For God is King of all,  
Sing praise with all your skill;  
He sits upon his holy throne  
And rules all nations still.*

*The nobles of the earth  
Are joined with Abraham's seed;  
The rulers of the world are God's  
And he is praised indeed.*

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 NT Pg. 192

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

ANTHEM J.S. Bach  
*Crown Him King of Kings*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53 NT Pg. 91

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## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

*The Light Shines*  
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.

\* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 312 Llanfair  
*Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*  
stanzas 1 & 2

SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle  
*The Big Promotion*

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2282 (TFWS) *I'll Fly Away*  
*I'll Fly Away*

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Glory Be to God on High* Friedrich Zachau

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

### ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 157 Duke Street  
*Jesus Shall Reign*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel  
*O God, Look Down from Heaven, Behold*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of Elsie Collins Vaught  
and in loving memory of Bertha Dorman Lee  
by the Johnny Vaught family.

FUMC Combo  
Jackie Fenner, piano; Janet Lawrence, clarinet; Tim Lawrence, banjo;  
John Case, snare

### 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, May 8

**Altar Guild:** Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Emily and John Kelly Thompkins, Nathan Nelson  
**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Debbie Jenkins, Spivey Hood  
(Monday) Karlene Rudolph / Nancy Stiltner  
**Trustee Duty:** Justin Roof, Mike Thomas  
**Bus Duty:** Jimmy Ward  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks  
**Ushers:** Mike Thomas (Chairman), Carl Purvis (Co-Chairman)  
Bill Foxworth, David Jordan, Tom Overby, Justin Roof,  
Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Bob Wiley

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 94.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

### Monday, May 9

7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC  
8:00 p.m. Softball: Church of God vs. First UMC / Field A

### Tuesday, May 10

9:00 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
1:00 p.m. Stille/Walsh Circle / FLC Senior Room  
5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Finance Office Room 207  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC  
7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Meeting / Fellowship Hall  
7:00 p.m. UMW Executive Meeting / Parlor

### Wednesday, May 11

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, May 12

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Room 120  
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons  
7:00 p.m. Softball: Jamestown Baptist vs. First UMC / Field A

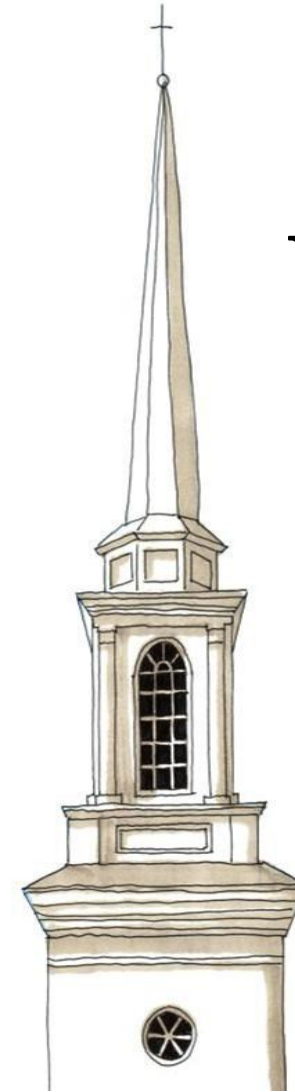
### Friday, May 13

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

### Saturday, May 14

2:00 p.m. Jewelry Party / Hostess: Julie Whitten / FLC

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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Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Festival of the Ascension  
May 8, 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.