

First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY Felix Mendelssohn
Adagio (from Sonata No. 1)

* 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 EASTER HYMN No. 545 Aurelia
The Church's One Foundation
Vs. 1, 3, 5

THE COLLECT

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 7:55-60

⁵⁵But filled with the Holy Spirit, he gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. ⁵⁶"Look," he said, "I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!" ⁵⁷But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. ⁵⁸Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. ⁵⁹While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, "Lord Jesus, receive my spirit." ⁶⁰Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, "Lord, do not hold this sin against them." When he had said this, he died. This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 31:1-5 *Amazing Grace*

**I find my refuge, Lord, in you,
In justice set me free;
Save me from shame, Lord, hear my prayer,
Make haste, deliver me.**

**Be my strong rock, my castle, crag,
To keep my life from harm;
For your Name's sake, lead me, O Lord,
Guide me with your strong arm.**

**Lord, rescue me from secret snares,
You are my strength, my tower;
I place my spirit in your hands,
You save me by your power.**

THE SECOND LESSON I Peter 2:2-10

²Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation—³if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. ⁴Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and ⁵like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. ⁶For it stands in scripture:
"See, I am laying in Zion a stone,
a cornerstone chosen and precious;

and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame."⁷
To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe,

"The stone that the builders rejected
has become the very head of the corner,"

⁸and
"A stone that makes them stumble,
and a rock that makes them fall."

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do.

⁹But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

¹⁰Once you were not a people,
but now you are God's people;
once you had not received mercy,
but now you have received mercy.

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 *Celtic Alleluia*
Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. ²In my Father's house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? ³And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. ⁴And you know the way to the place where I am going." ⁵Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" ⁶Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. ⁷If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him."

⁸Philip said to him, "Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied." ⁹Jesus said to him, "Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? ¹⁰Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. ¹¹Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. ¹²Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. ¹³I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. ¹⁴If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it. The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* THE GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 2043 *Celtic Alleluia*
Alleluia

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mr. Josh

SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 534 *Finlandia*
Be Still, My Soul

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR BAPTISM

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are raised with him to new life.
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God,
for in the beginning you created us in your image|
and planted us in a well-watered garden.
In the desert you promised pools of water for the parched,
and you gave us water from the rock.
When we did not know the way,
you sent the Good Shepherd to lead us to still waters.
At the cross, you watered us from Jesus' wounded side,
and on this day, you shower us again with the water of life.

We praise you for your salvation through water,
for the water in this font,
and for all water everywhere.
Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love.
Satisfy the thirsty, and give us the life only you can give.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, 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.**

* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Prayer for Guidance* Allen Pote
Women of the Choir

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 559 *Westminster Abbey*
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation
Vs. 1, 3, 4

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Jean Josef Mouret
Rondeau (from Sinfonies De Fanfares)

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Lucille V. Kauffman and
in memory of Madeline M. Jordan
by Tom and Beth Jordan



**TODAY WE GIVE TO THE
EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!**

Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the online giving links provided for you in the bulletin or mail your offering to the church: 1001 Fifth Ave. Conway, 29526.

For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

<https://onrealm.org/fumcconway/give/Epworth>

or

Text to Give: "Firstconway Epworth" to 73256

Birthdays This Week

May 10: Charles Timbes
May 11: Phil Thompson
May 13: Tony Hendrick, David Steinfield, Ryann Baker
May 14: Graham Carter, Paul Smink
May 15: Matt Daly
May 16: Janet Martin, Brad Todd, Corey Cooper, Billy Fallaw

Prayer Concerns: Jim Mishoe, Bobby Stilley, Joann Wiegand, Bob Miller, Braelyn Philips, Karlene Rudolph, Louise Goodwin, Val Dunham, **At Home:** Woodie Woodward, Ronny Thompkins, Sonya Martin, Julia Land, Bernice Stone, Virginia Buck, Sue Dusenbury, Janet Von Deck, Frank Stilley, George & Jan Kyzer, Catherine Causey, Frances Reaman, Virginia Hardwick, Sylvia Avant, Kathy Tuttle, Rebecca Howell, Eugenia Benton, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 3

Operating Fund	9,762.00	Sunday School Online	521+
Designated Giving	110.00	Worship Online	653+
Capital Campaign	1,263.00		

As the generous people of FUMC, we ask that you continue your giving via online <https://onrealm.org/fumcconway/give/operatingfund>, Text **Firstconway** to **73256** or by mailing your offering to the church, 1001 Fifth Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Our Promises to God are a vital part of continuing the mission and ministry that supports the community, staff leadership, and the total ministry of FUMC. **Your continued financial support is critical** in helping the church continue to be the church, especially in times like this.

For now, the staff continues to be present on the FUMC campus during the week. They are working very hard to ensure FUMC has the opportunity to respond to community mission needs as they occur, maintain the FUMC campus, and be available to you during this challenging time.

FUMC Staff

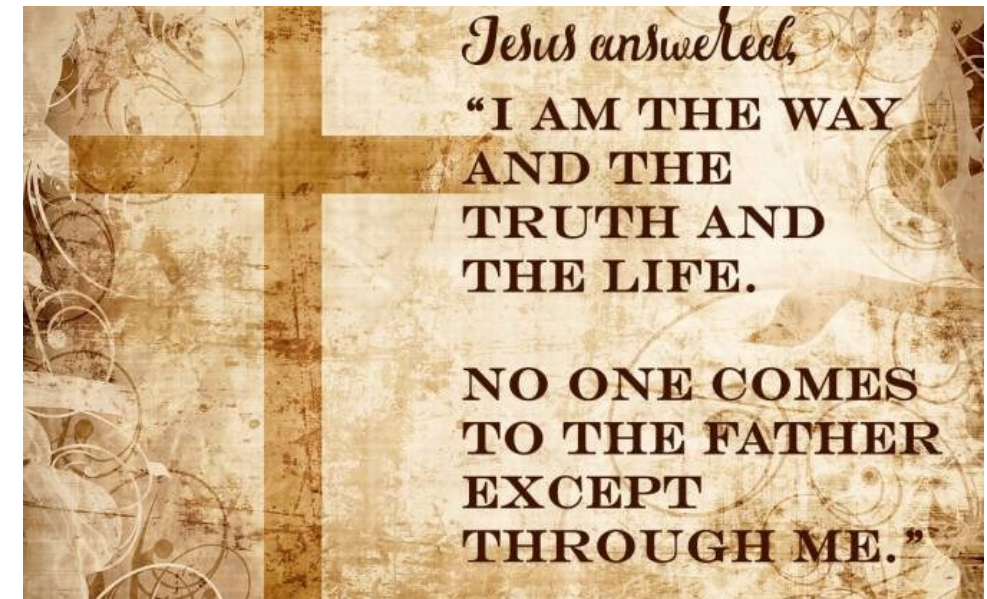
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Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2020

10:30 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.