

First Church at Worship

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 share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

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INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 154

"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

Coronation

* 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!

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation. *Amen.*

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

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. Make us new as you make all things new. 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.

Jesus Christ loves you and frees you from your sins by his blood.

To him be glory and dominion forever and ever. *Amen.*

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

NT. Pgs. 118

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

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 had 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 the nations still.

The nobles of the earth

Are joined with Abraham's seed;

The rulers of the world are God's

And he is praise 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

"Crown Him King of Kings"

J.S. Bach

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53

NT Pg. 91

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

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

"Up, Up, and Away"

Rev. Kyle

Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.

Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON

"But We Are Witnesses"

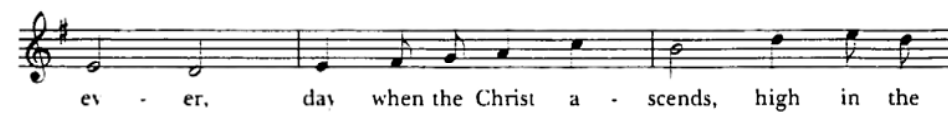
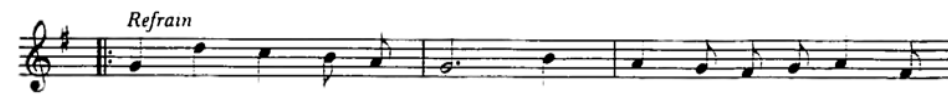
Rev. Kyle D. Randle

* THE HYMN OF THE DAY

"Hail Thee, Festival Day"

Salve Festa Dies

Please join the choir in singing the Refrain as printed below.



* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' 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

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God;

Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

"Be Thou My Vision"

David Harvey

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Alleluia, Sing to Jesus"

Noel Goemanne

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 327

"Crown Him with Many Crowns"

Diademata

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

"Marche Triomphale"

Gary Olson

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God

and in honor of newlyweds,

Ashley and Nicholas Bell

who were united in Christian marriage

at First UMC on Saturday, May 11.

In Celebration of Mother's Day, red and white carnations have been placed in the sanctuary. You are invited to as you leave worship today to take a red and/or white carnation with you in honor of your mother(s). It is a tradition on Mother's Day to wear a white flower in memory of your mother if she has passed away or a red flower in honor of your mother if she is living. We invite you to continue this tradition as we remember and honor our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, and the many women who have been like mothers to us.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the birth of
Lily Ann Hunnicutt
born on April 23 to proud parents, Daniel and Laura Hunnicutt!

We welcome Hidetide Brass Quintet to our worship this morning:
Bryan Buss, *trumpet*; Karl Simon, *trumpet*; Franceen DeCiccio, *french horn*;
Dave Lantagne, *trombone*; Dave Howard, *tuba*.

Evening Service in the Hut is on hiatus for the summer.

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NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPPING 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. A full listing of the staff may be found in the announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Serving This Sunday, May 12

Crucifer and Acolyte: Caroline Todd, Sydney Stegall, Jade Edwards

Altar Guild: Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Delan Stevens, Debbie Jenkins
(Monday) Maxine Dunn / Margaret Thompson

Trustee Duty: Ernie Turnes

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

Ushers: Mike Thomas (Chairman), Carl Purvis (Co-Chairman)

Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, Steve Lookadoo, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Toby White

Nursery Volunteers: Allison Dubley, Julie Whitten, Ali Thompson

Children's Church: Tim Whitten

Stewardship & Attendance

Operating	10,312.25	Sunday School	150
Missionary Fund	25.00	Morning Worship	207
CAP	2.00	Evening Worship	15
Playground Project	50.00	Wonderful Wednesday	43
Music Discretionary	25.00		
Building Fund	1,245.00	CAP Items	26
Total	11,659.25	Help4Kids Items	6

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 12

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class / 205
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary
5:00 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, May 13

8:00 p.m. FUMC vs Trinity UMC / Rec. Center Field A

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 a.m. SC UMC Rapid Response Conference / FLC
1:00 p.m. Stilley/Walsh Circle / FLC
8:00 p.m. FUMC vs. Pleasant Hills Baptist Church / Rec. Center Field C

Wednesday, May 15

3:00-4:00 p.m. Gathering: Snacks, Homework, Playtime / Room 119
4:00-5:30 p.m. Learning/Crafts/Activities / Room 119
5:00-5:45 p.m. Cherub & Wesley Treble Choirs / Choir Room 105
6:15-7:00 p.m. Carillon Rehearsal / Handbell Room 211
7:00-8:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
(Just a reminder: Wednesday Evening Meals will resume in the fall!)

Saturday, May 18

Beach Blast / Youth Event / Myrtle Beach
11:00 a.m. UMW Ladies Spring Luncheon / FLC



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Ascension Sunday
May 12, 2013
11:00 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.