

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Edward Elgar
Nimrod (from Enigmatic Variations)

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 88 Diademata
Maker, in Whom We Live

* THE 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!

* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 2008 *The Ash Grove*
Let All Things Now Living

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM *Lamb of God* Twila Paris
Will Brown, *soloist*

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 9:36-43

³⁶Now in Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. ³⁷At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. ³⁸Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, "Please come to us without delay." ³⁹So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made

while she was with them. ⁴⁰Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, "Tabitha, get up." Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. ⁴¹He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. ⁴²This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. ⁴³Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 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 night.**

**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 Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,

and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes." is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is* Harry Rowe Shelley

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043 *Celtic Alleluia*
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 10:22-30

²²At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, "How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly." ²⁵Jesus answered, "I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The Father and I are one."

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CHILDREN'S MOMENT *Always and Forever* Rev. Kyle
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 *Free* Rev. Kyle Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 369 *Blessed Assurance*
Assurance

* 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.**

* 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.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Pastorale* J. K. Kuchar

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 381 *Bradbury*

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Jean Josef Mouret

Rondeau (from Sinfonies De Fanfares)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.
Flowers are presented by Josh Tietje in gratitude and honor
for all the mothering and nurturing love poured into
my life by many women over the years.
Especially for Joy Tietje, Elizabeth Tietje, and Ruth Anne Emery.

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. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

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.

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. 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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 12

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

Monday, May 13

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, May 14

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, May 15

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / Fellowship Hall
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
4:00 p.m. Church Workday / Meet in the Commons
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Family Life Center
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Handbell Room 205
6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Bible Study / Room 218
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, May 16

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
2:30 p.m. Conway Area Master Gardener / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, May 17

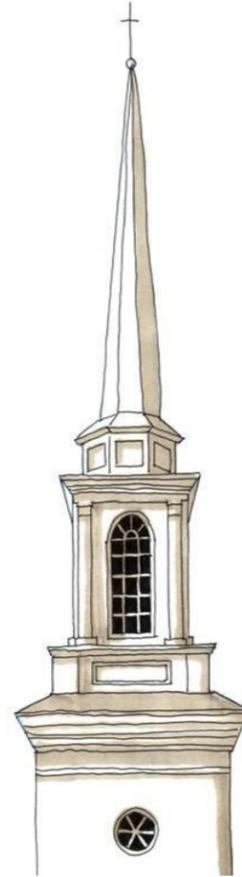
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, May 18

7:00 a.m.- Noon UMW & Missions Annual Yard Sale / Fellowship Hall

Yard Sale Donations Drop-Off Schedule

Monday, May 13 through Thursday, May 16
9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
@ the Fellowship Hall



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Fourth Sunday after Easter
April 12, 2019
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.