

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 not to gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY David German
Festive Trumpet Tune

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 312 *Llanfair*
Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise

* 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 HYMN OF THE DAY No. 324 *Salve Feste Dies*
Hail Thee, Festival Day
Congregation will sing Refrain only for Ascension

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS No. 38

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

ANTHEMS *Jesus Loves Even Me* P.P. Bliss
Chimes 1
It Is Well with My Soul *Ville Du Havre*
Chimes 2

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE No. 2074 *Zscheck*
Shout to the Lord

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *At the Name of Jesus* Cindy Berry

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

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And

see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.' Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Josh
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 Rev. Kyle Randle
Keep on Moving

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2115 (TFWS) *Holy Manna*
Christ Has Risen

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Gerald Near
Jesus, the Thought of Thee is Sweet

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 181 *Hanover*
Ye Servants of God

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fanfare* William Mathias

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of all mothers, past and present.

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.

Prayer Concerns

CMC: Nancy Stiltner

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, Ronny Thompkins, Bob Thompkins, Rebecca Howell, Savannah Seremet, 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 13

Altar Guild: Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward

Acolytes and Crucifer: Laurel Edwards, Anna Kate Nelson, Caroline Daly

Children's Church: Joy Tietje

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond

Bus Duty: Jim Ward

Trustee Duty: Bill Schreiber and Kent Bitting

Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, 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 13

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:15 a.m. Chimes 1 and Chimes 2 Rehearsal / Sanctuary
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. FUMC Chamber Orchestra / Sanctuary

Monday, May 14

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, May 15

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 16

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. Burgers and Hot Dog Cookout / Family Life Center
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / 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. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, May 17

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

Friday, May 18

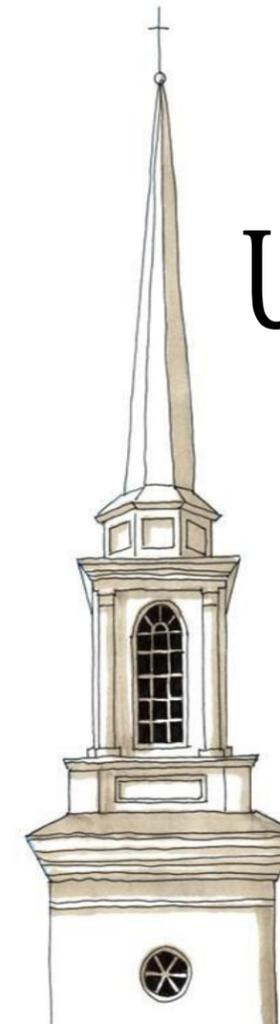
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, May 19

7:00 a.m. UMW and Missions Yard Sale / Fellowship Hall
9:30 a.m. Handbell Camp / Room 211

**Yard Sale Drop Off to the Fellowship Hall
May 14 through May 18 / 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.**

Contact Jan Gawith for special arrangements: (843) 347-9274



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Ascension Sunday
Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 13, 2018
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.