

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

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

* EASTER GREETING

ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

* 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*

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of life, by the resurrection of your Son you make everything new. Newness scares us, and we confess to shutting our doors in fear. We have not listened to voices that challenge us. We have resisted the Holy Spirit moving us in new directions. Our hearts are slow to believe your promises. Forgive us, O God, and renew us to embrace without fear the new life you have given us in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Hear the good news: Christ is alive, and death has lost its power. Know that your sins are forgiven in Jesus' name and that the Spirit of the risen Christ is alive in you both now and forever. Amen.

* 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 Natalie Sleeth
Go Ye into the World
 Cherub and Wesley Treble 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 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 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.*

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

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 Thanks be to God.*

* GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 310 *He Lives* *Ackley*
 Refrain only

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Look Up! Look Down! Look All Around!
 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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle D. Randle
He's Gone, ...Except He's Not

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

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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Let the Bright Seraphim* *G.F. Handel*

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Shout to God* Joseph Martin

* 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 *Coronation March* Wm. Walton

* CONGREGATION STANDING

We welcome trumpeter, James Canty
 and John Case on timpani to our morning Worship.

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in honor of the "?" Anniversary of my lovely wife,
 Janet Martin's 29th Birthday.
 by Blake Martin.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter 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.

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:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Serving This Sunday, May 17

- Altar Guild:** Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel Edwards, Savannah Seremet, Caroline Todd
- Greeters:** Hunter and Debbie Jenkins
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Delan Stevens, Debbie Jenkins (Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson
- Trustee Duty :** Ernie Turnes, Justin Roof
- Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
- Children's Church :** William and Jill Nelson
- Bus Duty:** Kent Bitting
- Ushers:** Mike Thomas (Chairman), Carl Purvis (Co-Chairman) Bill Foxworth, Bill Howle, Tom Overby, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Toby White

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 17

- 8:30 a.m. Ministry Team Meeting / FLC
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
- 5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC

Monday, May 18

- 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, May 19

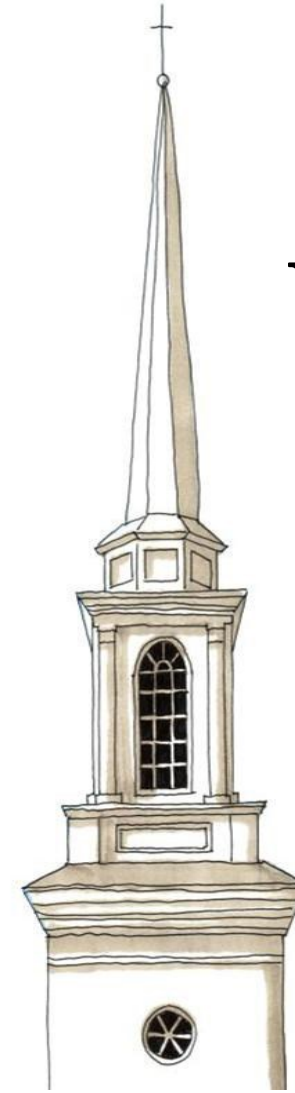
- 5:30 p.m. First Aid/CPR Training / FLC
- 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, May 20

- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, May 21

- 5:30 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / Rm. 207
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 804 Meeting / FLC



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Seventh Sunday of Easter
Ascension Sunday

May 17, 2015
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.