

First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

If Thou but Suffer, God to Guide Thee

Georg Böhm

* 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. 610

We Know That Christ Is Raised

Engelberg

* THE COLLECT

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22-31

²² Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. ²³For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. ²⁴The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, ²⁵nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. ²⁶From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, ²⁷so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. ²⁸For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

²⁹Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. ³⁰While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, ³¹because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 66:1-8

Azmon

**Be joyful, all you lands, in God,
Sing honor, glory, praise;
Let all together say to God,
"How awesome are your ways.**

**Because of your great strength, O God,
Your enemies bow down;
Before you all the earth bows down
And sings your great renown."**

**Come now and see the works of God,
How wonderful his hand;
He led this people through the sea
Rejoicing on dry land.**

**His eyes keep watch above the world,
He rules in his great might;
Let rebel hosts behold and fear,
Nor rise to test his might.**

**Bless God, you peoples, make his praise
To be heard joyfully;
He guides our feet and holds our souls
In life and liberty.**

THE SECOND LESSON

I Peter 3:13-22

¹³Now who will harm you if you are eager to do what is good? ¹⁴But even if you do suffer for doing what is right, you are blessed. Do not fear what they fear, and do not be intimidated, ¹⁵but in your hearts sanctify Christ as Lord. Always be ready to make your defense to anyone who demands from you an accounting for the hope that is in you; ¹⁶yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. ¹⁷For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. ¹⁸For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, ¹⁹in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, ²⁰who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. ²¹And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, ²²who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hark! Ten Thousand Harps and Voices

Craig Courtney

* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043

Alleluia

Celtic Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21

¹⁵"If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

¹⁸"I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* THE GOSPEL RESPONSE No. 2043

Alleluia

Celtic Alleluia

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2213

Healer of Our Every Ill

Sts. 1, 4

Healer of Our Every Ill

* 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

Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word

Johann Walthers

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 152

I Sing the Almighty Power of God

Forest Green

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro (from Symphony in D)

William Boyce



EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!

First Church will continue to 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. Please 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

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Birthdays This Week

May 17: Maryanne Martin, Rein Mungo

May 20: Adrienne Petkovsek

May 21: E'lonna Butler, Hayley Martin, Marie Newman, Callie Roof

Prayer Concerns: Jim Mishoe, Joann Wiegand, Bob Miller, Braelyn Philips, Karlene Rudolph, Louise Goodwin, Val Dunham, **At Home:** Bobby Stilley, Vicki Smink, Woodie Woodward, Ronny Thompkins, Julia Land, 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 10

Operating Fund	5,086.00	Sunday School Online	571+
Designated Giving	9,085.50	Worship Online	852+
Capital Campaign	410.00		

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.

Dear Friends, Thank you so much for the lovely flowers you brought me last Friday. They are so beautiful and very cheerful. I am so thankful to the Lord for your thoughtfulness to me. Every time I see them, I smile.

Much love, Ted Boyd

Thank you for your generous donation to feed children. We are grateful for your kindness and caring in this critical time. We are trying to feed as many children as we can reach, your donation is helping us do that. You make a difference in their daily lives by providing food and comfort knowing they are cared about. *Help4Kids*

Christian sympathy is given to the family and friends of Mary Collins Brigman who passed away on May 5.

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 17, 2020

10:30 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.