

We Gather to Worship God

As we continue to celebrate the fifty days of Easter, today's gospel includes Jesus' promise that he goes to prepare a place for his followers in his Father's house. Our baptism commissions us to share Jesus' mission with the world. As First Peter reminds us, we are a holy people, called to proclaim the one who called us out of darkness into light. In words and deeds we bear witness to the risen Christ—our way, our truth, our life. On this Commitment Sunday, we bring all that we are together as a people here at FUMC and offer it to God, recalling our mission here as disciples.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Jean Josef Mouret
*Rondo (from **Sinfonies De Fanfares**)*

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 545 Aurelia
The Church's One Foundation

* EASTER GREETING
ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS
God of life, 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.

* ALLELUIA RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia
Choir will sing first, then congregation and choir will repeat twice.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia

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."

ANTHEM Simon Lole
I Am the Bread of Life
 King's Singers

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 7:55-60 NT Pg. 126
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER Psalm 31:1-5 Canonbury
Save me from shame, my refuge, Lord.
In righteousness deliver me;
Incline your ear, O Lord, I pray,
Make haste to help me, set me free.

Be my strong rock; you are my crag,
My stronghold, castle none can take;
Lead me, O Lord, along straight paths
And guide me for you own Name's sake.

Release me from the secret snare;
You are my tower of strength and might;
I trust my spirit to your hands,
Redeemer, God of truth and might.

THE SECOND LESSON I Peter 2:2-10 NT Pg. 233
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Paul Koch
How Firm a Foundation

* THE GOSPEL LESSON John 14:1-14 NT Pgs. 108-109
This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS 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.

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle
Living Stones

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 140 Faithfulness
Great Is Thy Faithfulness

* 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

CALL TO COMMITMENT FOR OUR CHURCH
 The congregation is invited to come forward to pray and place their commitment towards our capital journey "Committed Together" on the Chancel Rail

ANTHEM Allen Pote
Prayer for Guidance
 Women of the Choir

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
 After each petition, please respond

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 89 Hymn to Joy
Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God .



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:

- Kyle.Randle@fumconway.org (Pastor)
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- Danny.Clonts@fumconway.org (Accountant)
- Office@fumconway.org (Ministry Asst.)

A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Serving This Sunday, May 18

- Altar Guild:** Debbie Johnson, Libby Saville, Christi Edwards
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Savannah Seremet, Ross Fallaw, Sydney Stegall
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Delan Stevens, Debbie Jenkins (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson
- Children's Church:** Anna Saville
- Trustee Duty:** Ernie Turnes, Justin Roof
- Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
- 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 18

- 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
- 12:00 p.m. Committed Together Celebration Picnic Lunch / Courtyard
- 4:30 p.m. College and Beyond Cookout /at the Whitten's home

Monday, May 19

- 12:00 p.m. Midday Prayer Service / The Hut

Wednesday, May 21

- 3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / FLC
- 4:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, May 22

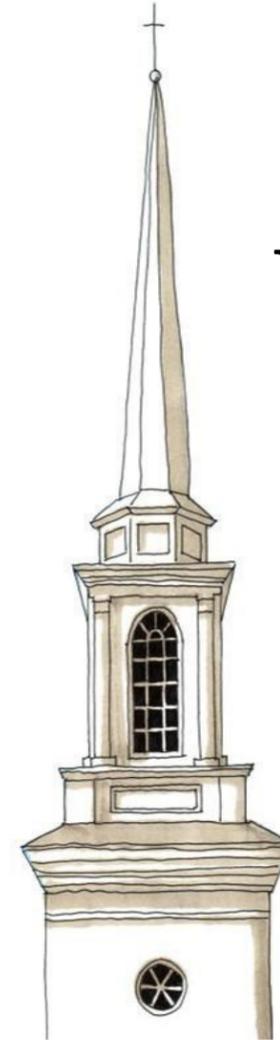
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scout Troop 804 Meeting / FLC

Stewardship and Attendance Reports will be updated next Sunday.

A Prayer for Our Church

The Capital Campaign Prayer Team asks you to pray this prayer in your daily prayers

Almighty God, perfect and holy in every way, as you led the Israelites out of Egypt lead us from our own bondage. Teach us not to grumble, but to be thankful, never wanting to retreat, but always moving forward to what you have in store for your people. All things work in your time. Let us continue to have faith in all that you do through your Church. We pray God that you will lead the people of First UMC to your promised land. We love you God and we need your perfect love. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.



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Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 18, 2014
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.