

We Gather to Worship God

On the fiftieth day of Easter we celebrate the Holy Spirit, through whom and in whom the people of God are created and re-created. Pentecost is known as the church's birthday. Romans makes it clear that God is in the process of re-creating the entire cosmos; yet the Spirit is also at work in the most intimate and personal way, praying in us "with sighs too deep for words" when we do not know how to pray.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Praise To The Lord* Anna Laura Page
Praise The Father C. Witt / A.L. Page
Voices in Bronze

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 541 *Arfon (Major)*
See How Great a Flame Aspires

* 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 Pentecost

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.*

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 2:1-21

Narrator:

When the day of Pentecost had come, they were all together in one place. And suddenly from heaven there came a sound like the rush of a violent wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. Divided tongues, as of fire, appeared among them, and a tongue rested on each of them. All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other languages, as the Spirit gave them ability.

Congregation all at once, each individual choosing any of the following, and repeating it at his or her own rate, at least seven times)

Je répandrai mon Esprit sur tous les hommes *(French)*

Derramaré mi Espiritu sobre todos los hombres *(Spanish)*

I will pour out my Spirit upon all men *(English)*

Silence

Narrator:

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven living in Jerusalem. And at this sound the crowd gathered and was bewildered, because each one heard them speaking in the native language of each. Amazed and astonished, they asked,

All:

Are not all these who are speaking Galileans? And how is it that we hear, each of us, in our own native language?

Left Side:

Parthians, Medes, Elamites,

Right Side:

residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia,

Choir:

Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene,

Pastor: and visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabs

All: in our own languages we hear them speaking about God's deeds of power."

Narrator:

All were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another,

All:

"What does this mean?"

Narrator:

But others sneered and said,

Center :

"They are filled with new wine."

Narrator:

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

Peter:

"Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say. Indeed, these are not drunk, as you suppose, for it is only nine o'clock in the morning.

No, this is what was spoken through the prophet Joel:

'In the last days it will be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams. Even upon my slaves, both men and women, in those days I will pour out my Spirit; and they shall prophesy.

And I will show portents in the heaven above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and smoky mist. The sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the coming of the Lord's great and glorious day. Then everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:22-27

We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience. Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I Will Sing With the Spirit

John Rutter

* THE GOSPLE ACCLAMATION No. 2043

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Celtic Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

'When the Advocate comes, whom I will send to you from the Father, the Spirit of truth who comes from the Father, he will testify on my behalf. You also are to testify because you have been with me from the beginning. But I have said these things to you so that when their hour comes you may remember that I told you about them. 'I did not say these things to you from the beginning, because I was with you. But now I am going to him who sent me; yet none of you asks me, "Where are you going?" But because I have said these things to you, sorrow has filled your hearts. Nevertheless, I tell you the truth: it is to your advantage that I go away, for if I do not go away, the Advocate will not come to you; but if I go, I will send him to you. And when he comes, he will prove the world wrong about sin and righteousness and judgement: about sin, because they do not believe in me; about righteousness, because I am going to the Father and you will see me no longer; about judgement, because the ruler of this world has been condemned. 'I still have many things to say to you, but you cannot bear them now. When the Spirit of truth comes, he will guide you into all the truth; for he will not speak on his own, but will speak whatever he hears, and he will declare to you the things that are to come. He will glorify me, because he will take what is mine and declare it to you. All that the Father has is mine. For this reason I said that he will take what is mine and declare it to you.

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Thanks be to God.

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

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE RITE OF CONFIRMATION

see insert

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 331

For the Bread

Holy Spirit, Come, Confirm Us

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Gerald Near

Come, Holy Ghost, Our Souls Inspire

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 94

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 539

Forest Green

O Spirit of the Living God

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Charles-Marie Widor

Toccata (from Symphony V)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of our 35th anniversary
by Paul and Vicki Smink.

In Memoriam

Nancy G. Stiltner
01/13/1945 ~ 05/13/2018

A Service of Death and Resurrection was
held on May 16, 2018.

Serving This Sunday, May 20

Altar Guild: Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jonas Randle, Annie Cecil, Emma Chanaca
Children's Church: David and Ginger Jordan
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Bus Duty: Mike Saville
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, Justin Powell, Carl Purvis, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Bob Wiley

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 20

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
3:00 p.m. AGO Member's Recital / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF / FLC
5:30 p.m. Bridge & Bridge Parent's Meeting / FLC

Monday, May 21

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
12:00 p.m. Hymns Hot Dogs and Hamburgers / Fellowship Hall
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, May 22

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
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 23

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Programs / FLC
3:45 p.m. Children's Activities / FLC
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

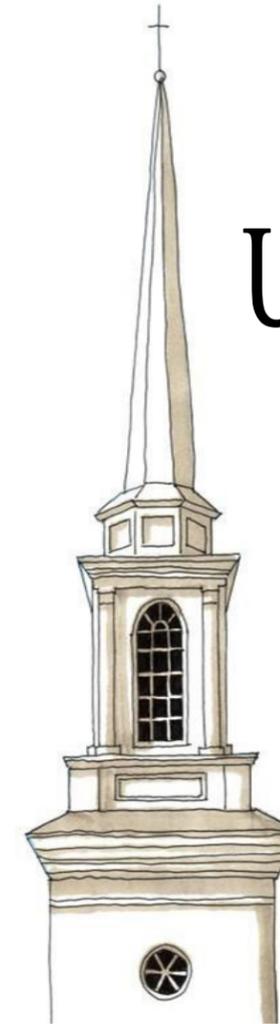
Thursday, May 24

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

Friday, May 25

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

Reverend Kyle will be out of the office Wednesday, May 23 through Friday, May 25. Please call the church office with any pastoral need.



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Pentecost Sunday
May 20, 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.