

# First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Johann Walther

*All Praise to the Lord, Jesus Christ*

\* 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. 327

*Diademata*

*Crown Him with Many Crowns*

*sts. 1, 2 & 4*

\* THE COLLECT

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning<sup>2</sup> until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen.<sup>3</sup> After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God.<sup>4</sup> While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" <sup>7</sup>He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven."

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

<sup>15</sup>I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup>I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup>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, <sup>18</sup>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, <sup>19</sup>and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup>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, <sup>21</sup>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. <sup>22</sup>And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup>which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM

*Thee We Adore*

Ralph Johnson

\* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION No. 2043

*Alleluia*

*Celtic Alleluia*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 24:44-53

<sup>44</sup>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." <sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup>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, <sup>47</sup>and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>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."

<sup>50</sup>Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup>and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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. 2077 *You Alone Are Holy*

*Querétaro*

\* 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

*Sing We Triumphant Hymns of Praise*

Gerald Near

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 326

*The Head That Once Was Crowned*

*St. Magnus*

*sts. 1, 3 & 6*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Minuet Finale (from Royal Fireworks Music)*

G. F. Handel

**Dear Church Family:** What a pleasant surprise to receive such beautiful flowers! It was humbling to think that you thought of me. They have added such enjoyment to these unusual circumstances. I do hope we will be able to gather again soon. *With highest regards, Libby Saville*

**Dear First UMC Education Ministries and First UMC:** Thank for you donation. Your faithful donations will help us to continue our mission to feed people in Conway and the surrounding area. In 2019 The Shepherd's Table served 29,302 meals and gave out 3,162 weekend bags and furnished 2,167 people with fresh fruits and vegetables from our Fresh Express events. Everything we do is free to anyone in need. Once again, thank you and God bless you, *on behalf of the Board of Directors*

**Dearest First Church,** Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers. That was a pleasant surprise and I enjoyed them for a week. I have missed church so much but hope to be back soon. I love my church. *Sincerely, Wilmarie Boatwright*

**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, Barb Mains*

**Dear Kyle and First UMC,** Thank you for the sweet flowers the church sent! It is nice to be remembered during this sad time. I hope all of you are fine. *Take care, Jean Timbes*

**Reverend Kyle, Josh, Billy, Danny, Cathy and James,** Thank you all for taking care of things at church during this interesting time in our lives. We miss the church services with the folks but we enjoy the online connections. And the devotions, the emails, etc. It's great to have a lifeline!! We are praying for all of you-Stay healthy, stay safe and stay strong. *God bless you, Donald and Debbie Brisentine.*

**Birthdays This Week**

**May 24:** Jill Nelson, Grey Steinfeld, Braxton Bell

**May 25:** Brandi Dannelly

**May 26:** BJ Simon

**May 27:** Mary Ellen Scarborough, Philip Davis, Janet Von Deck, Evey Cox,

Lil Sherry, Ellie Mau

**May 27:** Amanda 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, Sonya Martin, Julia Land, Bernice Stone, 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 17**

<b>Operating Fund</b>	8,559.00	Sunday School Online	583+
<b>Designated Giving</b>	1,000.00	Worship Online	696+
<b>Capital Campaign</b>	460.00		

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.

**FUMC Staff**

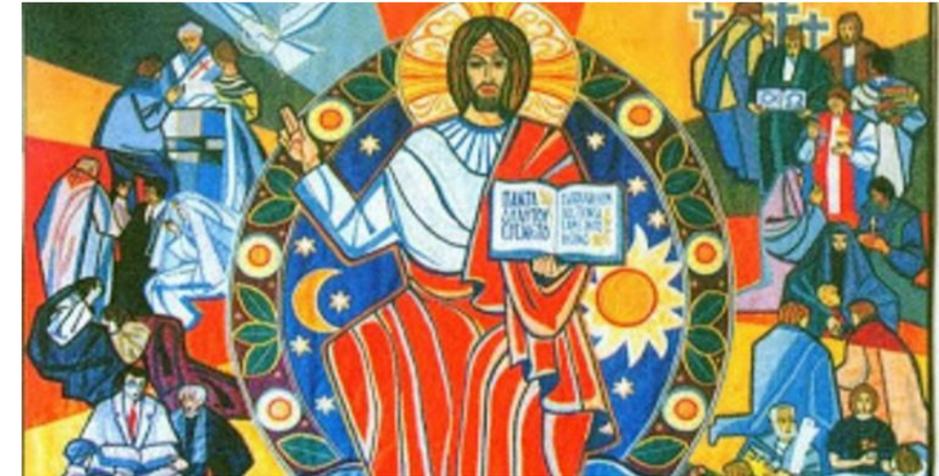
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## Seventh Sunday of Easter Ascension Sunday

May 24, 2020  
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.