

# FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Our Great Redeemer's Praise*  
Carillon Choir

Arnold Sherman

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 577

*God of Grace and God of Glory*

*CWM Rhondda*

### \* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

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!**

### \* THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

Joined in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

We give you thanks, O God, O Living One, for you have created all, and you water the earth abundantly. Oceans and aquifers praise you. Rivers and streams bless you. All life is sustained by you, our Source.

**We praise you for Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who frees us from sin and raises us up to new life. Here at this font we touch the river of the water of life flowing through the city of God. Here, death is washed away forever. Here, we are grafted into the tree of life, with leaves for the healing of the world.**

Pour out your Holy Spirit on this congregation, into this community, and throughout all creation. Cleanse us from our fears and drown our divisions. Grant that all may drink of your mercy and peace, through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

### \* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 2008

*Let All Things Now Living*

*The Ash Grove*

### \* PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ **PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE** ~

### THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 16:9-15

<sup>9</sup>During the night Paul had a vision: there stood a man of Macedonia pleading with him and saying, 'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'<sup>10</sup>When he had seen the vision, we immediately tried to cross over to Macedonia, being convinced that God had called us to proclaim the good news to them. <sup>11</sup>We set sail from Troas and took a straight course to Samothrace, the following day to Neapolis, <sup>12</sup>and from there to Philippi, which is a leading city of the district of Macedonia and a Roman colony. We remained in this city for some days. <sup>13</sup>On the sabbath day we went outside the gate by the river, where we supposed there was a place of prayer; and we sat down and spoke to the women who had gathered

there. <sup>14</sup>A certain woman named Lydia, a worshipper of God, was listening to us; she was from the city of Thyatira and a dealer in purple cloth. The Lord opened her heart to listen eagerly to what was said by Paul. <sup>15</sup>When she and her household were baptized, she urged us, saying, 'If you have judged me to be faithful to the Lord, come and stay at my home.' And she prevailed upon us.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE PSALTER

Psalm 67

*Truro*

**May God be merciful to us,  
Bless us, shine on us from above;  
Let all earth's people know your ways,  
All nations know your saving love.**

**Let all the nations praise you, Lord,  
Let them praise you, be glad, and sing;  
You judge with equity all lands  
And rule the nations as their king.**

**Let all the nations praise you, Lord;  
And may the earth yield its increase;  
Then God, our God, will bless our land  
And nations worship him in peace.**

### THE SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:1-10, 22-22:5

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them as their God; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them;

<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true."<sup>6</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.<sup>7</sup>Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children. <sup>8</sup>But as for the cowardly, the faithless, the polluted, the murderers, the fornicators, the sorcerers, the idolaters, and all liars, their place will be in the lake that burns with fire and sulfur, which is the second death."

<sup>9</sup>Then one of the seven angels who had the seven bowls full of the seven last plagues came and said to me, "Come, I will show you the bride, the wife of the Lamb."<sup>10</sup>And in the spirit he carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God. . . .

<sup>22</sup>I saw no temple in the city, for its temple is the Lord God the Almighty and the Lamb. <sup>23</sup>And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it, for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb. <sup>24</sup>The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their glory into it. <sup>25</sup>Its gates will never be shut by day—and there will be no

night there. <sup>26</sup>People will bring into it the glory and the honor of the nations. <sup>27</sup>But nothing unclean will enter it, nor anyone who practices abomination or falsehood, but only those who are written in the Lamb's book of life.

<sup>22</sup>Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, bright as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb <sup>2</sup>through the middle of the street of the city. On either side of the river is the tree of life with its twelve kinds of fruit, producing its fruit each month; and the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. <sup>3</sup>Nothing accursed will be found there any more. But the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and his servants will worship him; <sup>4</sup>they will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. <sup>5</sup>And there will be no more night; they need no light of lamp or sun, for the Lord God will be their light, and they will reign forever and ever.

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**Thanks be to God.**

### ANTHEM

*Shall We Gather at the River*

John Carter

### \* THE GOSPEL ACCLAMATION NO. 2043

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia**

*Celtic Alleluia*

### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:23-29

<sup>23</sup>Jesus answered him, "Those who love me will keep my word, and my Father will love them, and we will come to them and make our home with them. <sup>24</sup>Whoever does not love me does not keep my words; and the word that you hear is not mine, but is from the Father who sent me. <sup>25</sup>"I have said these things to you while I am still with you. <sup>26</sup>But the Advocate, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything, and remind you of all that I have said to you. <sup>27</sup>Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled, and do not let them be afraid. <sup>28</sup>You heard me say to you, 'I am going away, and I am coming to you.' If you loved me, you would rejoice that I am going to the Father, because the Father is greater than I. <sup>29</sup>And now I have told you this before it occurs, so that when it does occur, you may believe.

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### CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*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.*

Mr. Josh

### SERMON

*Love Ahead*

Rev. Josh Tietje

### \* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 206

*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*

*Houston*

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' 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*

\* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

\* *All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Hear us, O God.

**Your mercy is great.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*The Gift of Love*

Hal Hopson

Will Brown, *baritone*; Austin Wyatt, *tenor*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

\* HYMN OF SENDING No. 422

*Azmon*

*Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love*

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Paul Manz

Improvisation on *CWM Rhondda*

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in honor of our parents,  
Mary Catherine and Joe Hunter Hyman, for their 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
by Annie, Will and Smith.

The rosebud on the altar is in celebration of the newest addition to the church  
family. Callie Anne Roof was born Tuesday, May 21 to proud parents,  
Blakely and Barry. Congratulations!

Rev. Kyle and family are away for the day. He will return on Tuesday.

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**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, May 26**

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

**Monday, May 27**

Church Office is Closed

**Tuesday, May 28**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
8:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

**Wednesday, May 29**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday End of Year Pool Party / Rec. Center  
3:45 p.m. Confirmation Class Destination Unknown / ???  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

**Thursday, May 30**

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / Chick-Fil-A  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

**Friday, May 31**

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
11:30 a.m. Preschool Graduation / FLC  
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

**Saturday, June 1**

5:00 p.m. Girl Scouts Leader / Daughter Dinner / Fellowship Hall

**WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Newcomers and Guests**

Welcome! 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. Rev. Randle will contact you later in the week.

**We welcome children into our worship!**

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers.

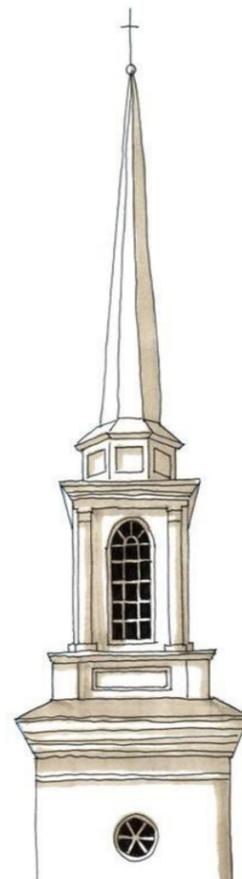
The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

**Have a hard time hearing?**

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

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.



# First United Methodist Church

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Sixth Sunday after Easter  
May 26, 2019  
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.