

We Gather to Worship God

When we say God is the triune God, we are saying something about who God is beyond, before, and after the universe: that there is community within God. Our experience of this is reflected in Paul's words today. When we pray to God as Jesus prayed to his Abba, the Spirit prays within us, creating between us and God the same relationship Jesus had with the one who sent him.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Be Present, Holy Trinity

Gerald Near

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 64

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Nicaea

* OPENING DIALOGUE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
(silence is kept for reflection)

Eternal God our creator,

in you we live and move and have our being.

Look upon us, your children,

the work of your hands.

Forgive us all our offenses,

and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.

By your grace draw us near to you,

our refuge and our strength;

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Since we are justified by faith,

we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.

God's love has been poured into our hearts

through the Holy Spirit given to us.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;

that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

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Amen.

* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

**All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

see insert

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;

the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!' Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 29

St. Thomas

*Ascribe to God, you gods,
ascribe glory and might;
Ascribe the glory due his Name,
Worship in holy light.*

*God's voice is on the deep,
His thunder rolls on high;
The Lord is on the water-flood,
God's voice a mighty cry.*

*Within God's temple all
Cry "Glory!" and adore;
The Lord sits throned above the flood
As King for evermore.*

*The Lord will give his strength
To all his own, nor cease
To give his people evermore
The blessing of his peace.*

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

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ANTHEM

Halleluia! I'm Ready

Ricky Skaggs

Jane Case, Janet Lawrence, Tim Lawrence, Lee Hickman

* THE GOSPLE ACCLAMATION No. 2043

Celtic Alleluia

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

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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.*

SERMON

Whispers in the Dark

Josh Tietje

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2248

Bunessan

Baptized in Water

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

O Trinity of Blessed Light

Near

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lift High the Cross

Carl Schalk

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 90

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Allegro Maestoso (from Water Music Suite)

G.F. Handel

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Jill Nelson for her birthday
by William, Drew, Grey and Emma.

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.

Serving This Sunday, May 27

Altar Guild: Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward

Acolytes and Crucifer: Ben Chanaca, Chad Steinfield, Nathan Nelson

Children's Church: William and Robin Hardwick

Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond

Bus Duty: Mark Brooks

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, Carl Purvis, Justin Roof, Mike Saville, Bob Sherry, Justin Powell, Bob Wiley

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 27

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
11:30 a.m. FUMC Chamber Orchestra / Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Ministries / Family Life Center (FLC)

Monday, May 28

Memorial Day Church Office is closed

Tuesday, May 29

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 30

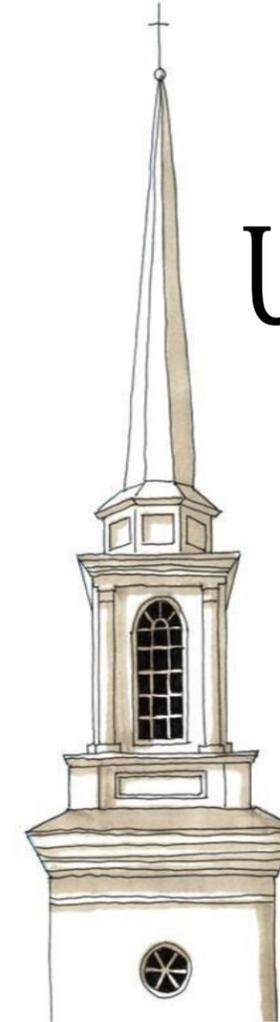
3:00 p.m. WW End of Year Pool Party / Conway Rec. Center
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, May 31

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, June 1

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Trinity Sunday
First Sunday After Pentecost
May 27, 2018
10:30 a.m.



**The Church Office will be closed on Monday, May 28
in observance of Memorial Day.**

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.