

We Gather to Worship God

In today's gospel the risen Christ ascends into heaven and his followers are assured that the Holy Spirit will empower them to be witnesses throughout the earth. The disciples were told to not gaze up into heaven to look for Jesus; we find his presence among us as we proclaim the word and share the Easter feast. We too long for the Spirit to enliven our faith and invigorate our mission.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Lloyd Larson
O Worship the King
 Carillon Choir

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

* 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!*

* 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

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*Just as God's work of creation never ends,
 so the gifts received in baptism are renewed everyday.
 Let us give thanks together for the life given in baptism.*

*We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized,
 for all who gather here;
 for godparents, children, and grandchildren,
 for those newly baptized this year and those who await,
 for our brothers and sisters in Christ
 whom we have never seen but to whom we are bound.
 We give you thanks for the life of all the baptized.*

*We give thanks for the life in Christ through your Holy Spirit:
 for entry into Jesus' death through these waters,
 for our new birth into a life of freedom and service,
 for our calling to be your people,
 sent out for the life of the world.
 We give you thanks, blessed and holy trinity, now and forever. Amen.*

* 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."

~ **WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 1:1-11 NT Pg. 118

*This is the word of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God.*

* A PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

*Almighty God, before whom stand the living and the dead,
 we your children, whose mortal life is but a hand's breadth,
 give thanks to you:*

*For all those through whom you have blessed our pilgrimage,
 Whose lives that have empowered us,
 Whose influence is a healing grace,
 We lift up our thankful hearts.*

*For the dear friends and family members
 whose faces we see no more, but whose love is with us for ever...*

*For the teachers and companions of our childhood and youth,
 and for the members of our household of faith
 who worship you now in heaven... We lift up our thankful hearts.*

*For those who sacrificed themselves,
 our brothers and sisters who have given their lives
 for the sake of others... We lift up our thankful hearts.*

*That we may hold them all in continual remembrance,
 and ever think of them as with you
 in that city whose gates are not shut by day
 and where there is no night... We lift up our thankful hearts.*

*That we may now be dedicated to working for a world
 where labor is rewarded, fear dispelled, and the nations made one,*

*O lord, save your people and bless your heritage.
 Day by day we magnify you,
 and worship your name, for ever and ever. Amen*

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 697 America
My Country Tis of Thee

THE SECOND LESSON Ephesians 1:15-23 NT Pg. 192

*This is the word of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God.*

ANTHEM Paul Isom
King of All Ages Throned on High

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:44-53 NT Pg. 91
*"Go and make disciples of all the nations, says the Lord;
 I am with you always, to the end of the age."*

*This is the word of God for the people of God.
 Thanks be to God.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle
Witnesses
 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 D. Randle
The Power to Act

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 307 W Zlobie Lezy
Christ Is Risen

THE PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Johann Walther
All Glory Be to God on High

OFFERTORY ANTHEM John Purifoy
Praise My Soul the King of Heaven

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94
 ~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 2241 (TFWS) Land of Rest
The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

* BENEDICTION

* CHORAL RESPONSE Irving Berlin
God Bless America
 (The congregation is invited to join the choir in singing
 the second refrain of God Bless America.)

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY William Walton
Coronation March

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of all who have given their lives during service in the U.S. Armed Forces and in honor of those still serving.



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) 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.

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.

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)
- Billy.Fallaw@fumconway.org (Dir. of Music)
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Serving This Sunday, May 28

Altar Guild: Jeannie Dusenbury, Libby Jones, Betty Woodward
Acolytes and Crucifer: Collin Hucks, Ben Chanaca, Cooper Thomas
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
Trustee Duty: Anna Barnhill, Kent Bitting
Bus Duty: Kent Bitting
Children's Church: Sallie Goldfinch
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
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 28

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

Monday, May 29

Church Office is closed in observance of Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30

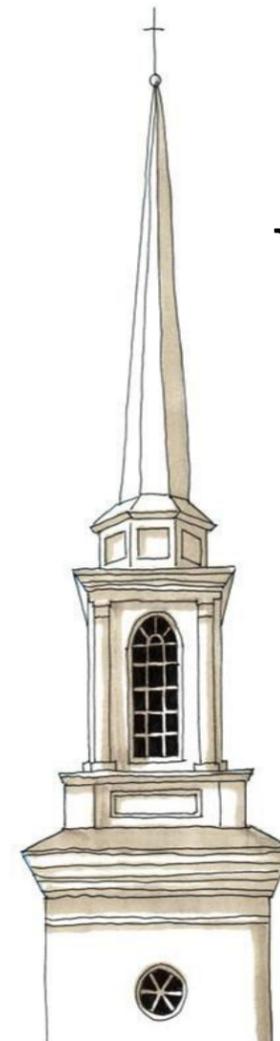
9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, May 31

7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

Friday, June 2

7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Seventh Sunday of Easter
 May 28, 2017
 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.