

# We Gather to Worship God

*A house divided against itself cannot stand. Jesus makes this observation in light of charges that he is possessed. He is possessed, not by a demon, but by the Holy Spirit. We who have received the Holy Spirit through baptism have been joined to Christ's death and resurrection and knit together in the body of Christ. We sing and pray today with our sisters and brothers in Christ and go forth with them in peace to do the will of God.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

J. S. Bach

*If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*

### INTROIT

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 154

*Coronation*

*All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name*

### \* OPENING DIALOGUE

We gather to give thanks to You, O Lord,  
**with all our heart!**

We will sing your praises before all creation,  
**and rejoice in Your steadfast love.**

You have created us O Lord, and made us for Yourself,  
**in You we become everything You have made us to be!**

### \* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*The Apostles' Creed*

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.

### \* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

*Meineke*

### \* 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!

**In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! 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

I Samuel 8:4-20

Then all the elders of Israel gathered together and came to Samuel at Ramah, and said to him, 'You are old and your sons do not follow in your ways; appoint for us, then, a king to govern us, like other nations.' But the thing displeased Samuel when they said, 'Give us a king to govern us.' Samuel prayed to the LORD, and the LORD said to Samuel, 'Listen to the voice of the people in all that they say to you; for they have not rejected you, but they have rejected me from being king over them. Just as they have done to me, from the day I brought them up out of Egypt to this day, forsaking me and serving other gods, so also they are doing to you. Now then, listen to their voice; only—you shall solemnly warn them, and show them the ways of the king who shall reign over them.' So Samuel reported all the words of the LORD to the people who were asking him for a king. He said, 'These will be the ways of the king who will reign over you: he will take your sons and appoint them to his chariots and to be his horsemen, and to run before his chariots; and he will appoint for himself commanders of thousands and commanders of fifties, and some to plough his ground and to reap his harvest, and to make his implements of war and the equipment of his chariots. He will take your daughters to be perfumers and cooks and bakers. He will take the best of your fields and vineyards and olive orchards and give them to his courtiers. He will take one-tenth of your grain and of your vineyards and give it to his officers and his courtiers. He will take your male and female slaves, and the best of your cattle and donkeys, and put them to his work. He will take one-tenth of your flocks, and you shall be his slaves. And in that day you will cry out because of your king, whom you have chosen for yourselves; but the LORD will not answer you in that day.' But the people refused to listen to the voice of Samuel; they said, 'No! but we are determined to have a king over us, so that we also may be like other nations, and that our king may govern us and go out before us and fight our battles.'

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

**Thanks be to God.**

### THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 138

*Truro*

*I will give thanks with my whole heart,  
Before the gods my praise express;  
I will bow down before your throne  
And praise your love and faithfulness.*

*Above all things, O Lord my God,  
You glorified your Name and word;  
I called and then you answered me  
And gave me increased strength, O Lord.*

*The Lord's right hand shall save my life  
And make his purpose for me sure;  
Do not forsake what you have made;  
Your love forever will endure.*

### THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1

But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with scripture—'I believed, and so I spoke'—we also believe, and so we speak, because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary affliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal. For we know that if the earthly tent we live in is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens..

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### ANTHEM

*We Are Singing for the Lord Is Our Light*  
Ross Fallaw; *djembe*

Hal Hopson

### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 3:20-35

and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.' And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, 'How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man's house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. 'Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin'— for they had said, 'He has an unclean spirit.' Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, 'Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.' And he replied, 'Who are my mother and my brothers?' And looking at those who sat around him, he said, 'Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.'

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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

*Water Is Thicker Than Blood*

Rev. Kyle Randle

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

### BLESSING OF SALKEHATCHIE WORKERS

- \* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 368 *The Solid Rock*  
*My Hope Is Built*
- THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER
- OFFERTORY *Verso in E* Domenico Zipoli
- OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Ye Servants of God* Henry Coleman
- \* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95  
 ~ *WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD* ~
- \* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 2234 *Lancashire*  
*Lead On, O Cloud of Presence*
- \* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE
- \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
- \* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Jean Josef Mouret  
*Rondo (from Sinfonies de Fanfares)*
- \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

## 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, June 10

**Altar Guild:** Pam Frye, JoAnn Smith, Beth Wiley  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Ross Fallaw, Anna Claire Roof, Jackson Hagen  
**Children's Church:** Sammy and Debbie Johnson  
**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond  
**Bus Duty:** William Goldfinch  
**Trustee Duty:** Tyler Thomas, Brian Stewart  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey  
**Ushers:** Hunter Jenkins (Chairman), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zack Dusenbury, Kevin Hagen, Jimmy Hammond, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Tyler Thomas, Ernie Turnes

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, June 10

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, June 11

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

### Tuesday, June 12

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / Family Life Center (FLC)  
 8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / 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, June 13

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing  
 9:30 a.m. Sandwich Making Wednesday / FLC  
 5:00 p.m. River-town Salkehatchie Supper / Fellowship Hall  
 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

### Thursday, June 14

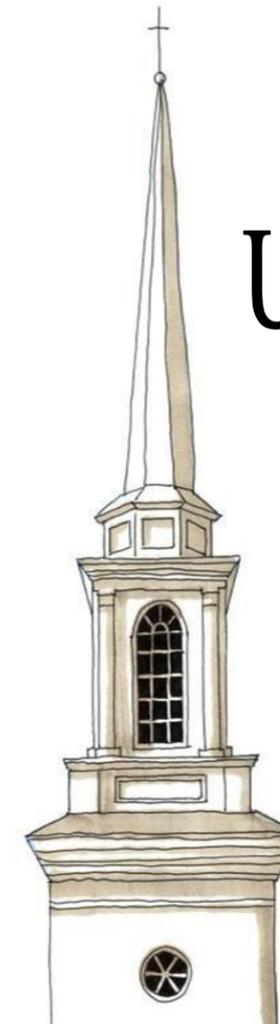
8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing  
 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

### Friday, June 15

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

### Saturday June 16

7:00 a.m. FUMC Salkehatchie Team / Leaves for Lancaster



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Third Sunday After Pentecost  
 June 10, 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.