

First Church at Worship

The mustard seed becomes a shrub that shelters the birds, recalling the ancient images of the tree of life. We'd expect a cedar or sequoia, but Jesus finds the power of God better imagined in a tiny, no-account seed. It's not the way we expect divine activity to look. Yet the tree of life is here, in the cross around which we gather, the tree into which we are grafted through baptism, the true vine that nourishes us with its fruit in the cup we share. It may not appear impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Pachelbel
All Glory Be to God on High

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 384 Beecher
Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

* THE GREETING

Open our hearts and minds, O God, to be receptive to the Holy Spirit who speaks to us through your holy word, prayers, music and sermon today.
As a community of faith we come together to worship God, the giver of life.
With praise and thanksgiving we anticipate an outpouring of God's grace that we will experience as hope, peace, joy, and love.
Let us worship God!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH A Modern Affirmation

We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom, power, and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children's good.

We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.

We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.

We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God and Father of all, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We have thought better of ourselves than others. We have told lies, said hurtful things, acted in ways we wish we could take back, and looked the other way when action was needed. In your mercy, O God, forgive us, cleanse us, and heal us, for the sake of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

In Christ, you are a new creation: your sins are taken away and you are made new. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
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* 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 I Samuel 15:34-16:13 OT Pgs. 259-260

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 92 Canonbury

*To give the Lord our thanks is good;
To praise your Name, Most High, is right;
To tell your love at break of day,
And speak your faithfulness at night;*

*On psaltery and on the lyre,
With melody of harp and voice.
For your acts make me glad, O Lord;
Because of your works, I rejoice.*

*The just shall flourish like a palm,
And like a cedar spread abroad.
Those planted in the house of God
Shall flourish there before the Lord.*

*They still shall bear fruit in old age;
They shall be succulent and green;
That they may show how just is God,
My Rock, in whom no fault is seen.*

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17 NT. Pg. 181

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ANTHEM Offertory John Ness Beck

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 4:26-34 NT Pg. 38

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Seeds of Faith Rev. Kyle

Children ages three through first grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
Nursery provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON Planting Seeds Rev. Kyle D. Randle

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

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 707 Promise
Hymn Of Promise

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Pastorale J.K. Kuchar

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 356 Somos Del Señor
When We Are Living

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY John Stanley
Voluntary V

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given in celebration of
Ashley Ward's completion of nursing school.
All glory and thanksgiving be to God!



NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, and Psalter 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.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING AT FIRST UMC

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.

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.

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:

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A full listing of the staff may be found in the Announcements inserted in the bulletin or online.

Prayer Concerns

Assisted Living Facilities: Emeritus: Bobbie Davis; **Conway Manor:** Edith Lewis; **Cornelius, NC:** Helen Wakefield; **Mt. Prospect, IL:** Faye Perrault,

At Home: Richard Jordan, Sylvia Avant, Betty James, Betty Folks, Betty Jo Huggins, Mary T. Foxworth, Gwen Mishoe, Diana Rodwell, Tootsie Atkins, Tommy Jordan, Irene Calhoun, Ruth Thomas.

Serving This Sunday, June 14

Altar Guild: Pam Frye, Joann Smith, Helen White, Beth Wiley
Acolytes and Crucifer: Alex and Evan Von Herrmann, Samuel Hickman
Counting Committee: (Sunday) Debbie Jenkins
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, and Nancy Stiltner
Children's Church: Sallie Goldfinch
Bus Duty: Jim Ward
Greeters: Ike and Linda Locklair
Trustee Duty: Mike Thomas
Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks
Ushers: Hunter Jenkins (Chairman), Jimmy Hammond (Co-Chairman), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zack Dusenbury, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Ernie Turnes.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, June 14

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, June 15

9:00 a.m. Critters and Creatures Summer Camp / Education Wing

Tuesday, June 16

9:00 a.m. Critters and Creatures Summer Camp / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous Meeting / FLC

Wednesday, June 17

9:00 a.m. Critters and Creatures Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:00 a.m. Sandwich Wednesday / FLC
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105

Thursday, June 18

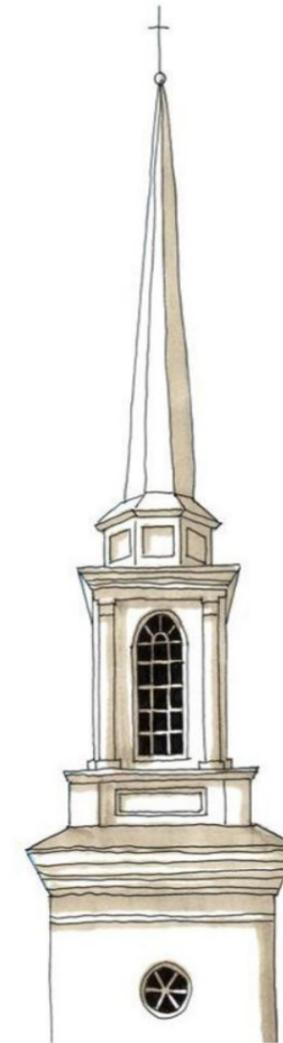
9:00 a.m. Critters and Creatures Summer Camp / Education Wing
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC

Friday, June 19

9:00 a.m. Critters and Creatures Summer Camp / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, June 20

10:00 a.m. Clonts Family Gathering / FLC



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Third Sunday after Pentecost
June 14, 2015
11:00 a.m.

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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.