

We Gather to Worship God

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 as 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 all that impressive, but while nobody's looking it grows with a power beyond our understanding.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

All Glory Be to God on High

Andreas K. Vetter

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 160

Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart

Marion

* 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!

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.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

see insert

~ *WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD* ~

THE FIRST LESSON

I SAMUEL 15:34-16:13

Then Samuel went to Ramah; and Saul went up to his house in Gibeah of Saul. Samuel did not see Saul again until the day of his death, but Samuel grieved over Saul. And the LORD was sorry that he had made Saul king over Israel. The LORD said to Samuel, 'How long will you grieve over Saul? I have rejected him from being king over Israel. Fill your horn with oil and set out; I will send you to Jesse the Bethlehemite, for I have provided for myself a king among his sons.' Samuel said, 'How can I go? If Saul hears of it, he will kill me.' And the LORD said, 'Take a heifer with you, and say, "I have come to sacrifice to the LORD." Invite Jesse to the sacrifice, and I will show you what you shall do; and you shall anoint for me the one whom I name to you.' Samuel did what the LORD commanded, and came to Bethlehem. The elders of the city came to meet him trembling, and said, 'Do you come peaceably?' He said, 'Peaceably; I have come to sacrifice to the LORD; sanctify yourselves and come with me to the sacrifice.' And he sanctified Jesse and his sons and invited them to the sacrifice. When they came, he looked on Eliab and thought, 'Surely the LORD's anointed is now before the LORD.' But the LORD said to Samuel, 'Do not look on his appearance or on the height of his stature, because I have rejected him; for the LORD does not see as mortals see; they look on the outward appearance, but the LORD looks on the heart.' Then Jesse called Abinadab, and made him pass before Samuel. He said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Then Jesse made Shammah pass by. And he said, 'Neither has the LORD chosen this one.' Jesse made seven of his sons pass before Samuel, and Samuel said to Jesse, 'The LORD has not chosen any of these.' Samuel said to Jesse, 'Are all your sons here?' And he said, 'There remains yet the youngest, but he is keeping the sheep.' And Samuel said to Jesse, 'Send and bring him; for we will not sit down until he comes here.' He sent and brought him in. Now he was ruddy, and had beautiful eyes, and was handsome. The LORD said, 'Rise and anoint him; for this is the one.' Then Samuel took the horn of oil, and anointed him in the presence of his brothers; and the spirit of the LORD came mightily upon David from that day forward. Samuel then set out and went to Ramah.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Just a Closer Walk With Thee
Frankie Hardwick. *soloist*

Anonymous

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 5:6-10, 14-17

So we are always confident; even though we know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord—for we walk by faith, not by sight. Yes, we do have confidence, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him. For all of us must appear before the judgement seat of Christ, so that each may receive recompense for what has been done in the body, whether good or evil. For the love of Christ urges us on, because we are convinced that one has died for all; therefore all have died. And he died for all, so that those who live might live no longer for themselves, but for him who died and was raised for them. From now on, therefore, we regard no one from a human point of view; even though we once knew Christ from a human point of view, we know him no longer in that way. So if anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; see, everything has become new!
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Hymn of Promise

Natalie Sleeth

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 4:26-34

He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.' He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.' With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

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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

Step by Step

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ *WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD* ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 383

This Is a Day of New Beginnings

Beginnings

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

To God the Father of All Love

Anonymous

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ *WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD* ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 356

When We Are Living

Somos Del Señor

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

A Mighty Fortress is Our God

Johann Pachelbel

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in memory of our fathers,
Edward James Jordan and Earl S. Kauffman,
by Tom and Beth Jordan.

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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.

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 worshippers 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 17

Altar Guild: Pam Frye, JoAnn Smith, Beth Wiley
Acolytes and Crucifer: Jacob Johnson, Leighthon Petkovsek, Ben Chanaca
Children's Church: Sallie and Jessica Goldfinch
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Bus Duty: Blake Hewitt
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 17

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 18

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Advanced Handbell Camp / Room 211
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / Family Life Center (FLC)

Tuesday, June 19

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Advanced Handbell Camp / Room 211
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 20

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Advanced Handbell Camp / Room 211
9:30 a.m. Sandwich Making Wednesday / FLC
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, June 21

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Advanced Handbell Camp / Room 211
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

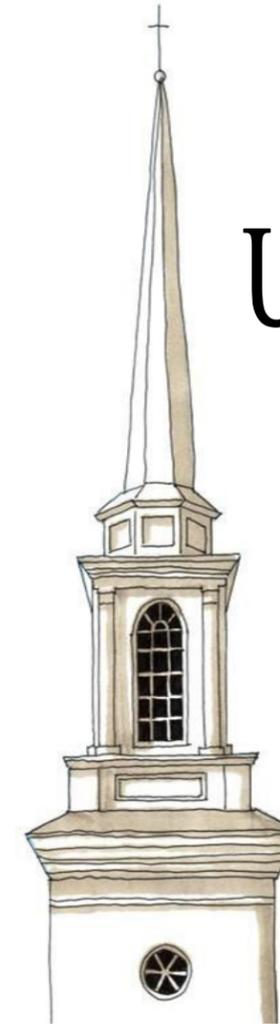
Friday, June 22

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Advanced Handbell Camp / Room 211
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC

Saturday, June 23

Salkehatchie Team is back

Please remember the Salkehatchie Team in your prayers.



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Father's Day
Fourth Sunday After Pentecost
June 17, 2018
10:30 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.