

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Solemn Melody

John Dixon

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 2084

Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise

Sussex Carol

* THE GREETING

The love of God,
which is in Christ Jesus our Lord,
and the life of the Spirit
be with you all.
And also with you.

* THE COLLECT

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²²The children struggled together within her; and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the LORD. ²³And the LORD said to her,

"Two nations are in your womb,
and two peoples born of you shall be divided;
the one shall be stronger than the other,
the elder shall serve the younger."

²⁴When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. ²⁶Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

²⁷When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

²⁹Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³²Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 65:9-14

Truro

**You visit all the earth, O Lord,
And water it abundantly;
Your stream runs full; preparing grain,
You make provision rich and free.**

**You drench the furrows, smooth the fields,
Soften the ground with heavy rain;
You crown with goodness all the year
And leave rich paths across the plain.**

**May desert fields be filled with herds,
And hills be clothed with gladness, too;
May meadows, valleys, clothe themselves
With flocks and grain and sing to you.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:1-11

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ²For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, ⁸and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

⁹But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Be Thou My Vision

Alice Parker

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. ²Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. ³And he told them many things in parables, saying: "Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. ⁵Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. ⁶But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. ⁷Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. ⁸Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. ⁹Let anyone with ears listen!" ¹⁸"Hear then the parable of the sower. ¹⁹When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. ²⁰As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; ²¹yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. ²²As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²³But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 420

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Trentham

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting God's promise of forgiveness
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

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;
in the name of Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven. **Amen.**

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's 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

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY

Abide With Me

Victor Gumma

Janet Lawrence and Helen Schreiber, *handbells*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 707

Hymn of Promise

Promise

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Georg Frideric Handel

Overture (from Royal Fireworks Suite)

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God!

In Memoriam

Catherine Poole Causey
02/02/1917 - 07/01/2020

A Service of Death and Resurrection
was celebrated on July 6.

FUMC Staff

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Birthdays This Week

July 13: Tammy Hendrick, Alec Black

July 14: Ed Woodward, Tim Whitten

July 16: Pam Frye, Alex Petkovsek

July 17: Ross Edwards, Emily Watts

July 18: Charles Hucks, Linda Wolfe

Prayer Concerns: Ann Myers, Dave Grimes, George & Jan Kyzer, Jim Mishoe, Phillip Thompson, Bob Miller, Braelyn Philips, Val Dunham, **At Home:** Joann Wiegand, Louise Goodwin, Woodie Woodward, Bobby Stilley, Sammy Johnson, Julia Land, Virginia Buck, Sue Dusenbury, Janet Von Deck, Frances Reaman, Virginia Hardwick, Sylvia Avant, Rebecca Howell, Eugenia Benton, Billy Joe Calhoun, Ruth Thomas, Ted Boyd.

Help4Kids is collecting bags of dry pinto beans and one pound or two pound bags of rice. They will accept bulk bags too. There is a drop off container at the 5th Ave entrance of the FLC



STEWARDSHIP FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 5

Operating Fund	10,777.00	Live Streaming had technical issues Sunday, July 5. Watch on Facebook or click the link on the website, www.fumconway.org for Sunday, July 12 at 10:30 a.m.
Designated Giving	1,182.25	
Capital Campaign	1,168.00	

As the generous people of FUMC, we ask that you continue your giving via online <https://onrealm.org/fumconway/give/operatingfund>, Text **Firstconway** to **73256** or by mailing your offering to the church, 1001 Fifth Avenue, Conway, SC 29526. Our Promises to God are a vital part of continuing the mission and ministry that supports the community, staff leadership, and the total ministry of FUMC. **Your continued financial support is critical** in helping the church continue to be the church, especially in times like this.

For now, the staff continues to be present on the FUMC campus during the week. They are working very hard to ensure FUMC has the opportunity to respond to community mission needs as they occur, maintain the FUMC campus, and be available to you during this challenging time.

It was such a surprise to see Sherry deliver the lovely flowers to us from our church family. We thank you all for your dedication to delivering the daily messages and Sunday devotions. We love and miss everyone and hope to see you soon. *Love & blessing & stay well, Birdie & Jerry*

FUMC Family, Thank ya'll so much for the beautiful flowers and graduation card. They were very much appreciated!

With love, Ali Thompson CCU c/o 2020

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The Sower, 1888
by: Vincent van Gogh

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 12, 2020

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.