

# We Gather to Worship God

*The ark of the covenant, long a symbol of God's presence with Israel, is brought into Jerusalem by David with great rejoicing. When John the Baptist speaks truth to power, Herod has him beheaded. In Herod's fear that Jesus is John returned from the dead, we may hear hope for the oppressed: that all the prophets killed through the ages are alive in Jesus. We are called to witness to justice in company with them.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

*Blessed Jesus, at Thy Word*

Gerald Near

### INTROIT

#### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

#### \* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 708

*Rejoice in God's Saints*

Hanover

#### \* OPENING DIALOGUE

How do we know our God? Lord, what are you calling us to do about knowing you?

**Our world needs God's healing touch and restoration. Wherever our journey goes, God is with us. Yes, we are seeking God's healing touch and hope. We are being sent forth to know your will!**

Today, we are asking God to send us into this world two by two to witness holy boldness. With these hands and feet, God is healing hearts, transforming lives, renewing souls, raising us from death, and granting this new day!

**Yes, we are seeking God's healing touch! You are known as the healer to all the world!**

What is our call today? We will worship an awesome God who sends forth healing to a dark world.

**Let us worship God this day as new life comes forth in the name of Jesus Christ!**

#### \* 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 6:1-5,12b-19

David again gathered all the chosen men of Israel, thirty thousand. David and all the people with him set out and went from Baale-judah, to bring up from there the ark of God, which is called by the name of the LORD of hosts who is enthroned on the cherubim. They carried the ark of God on a new cart, and brought it out of the house of Abinadab, which was on the hill. Uzzah and Ahio, the sons of Abinadab, were driving the new cart with the ark of God; and Ahio went in front of the ark. David and all the house of Israel were dancing before the LORD with all their might, with songs and lyres and harps and tambourines and castanets and cymbals.

So David went and brought up the ark of God from the house of Obed-edom to the city of David with rejoicing; and when those who bore the ark of the LORD had gone six paces, he sacrificed an ox and a fatling. David danced before the LORD with all his might; David was girded with a linen ephod. So David and all the house of Israel brought up the ark of the LORD with shouting, and with the sound of the trumpet. As the ark of the LORD came into the city of David, Michal daughter of Saul looked out of the window, and saw King David leaping and dancing before the LORD; and she despised him in her heart. They brought in the ark of the LORD, and set it in its place, inside the tent that David had pitched for it; and David offered burnt offerings and offerings of well-being before the LORD. When David had finished offering the burnt offerings and the offerings of well-being, he blessed the people in the name of the LORD of hosts, and distributed food among all the people, the whole multitude of Israel, both men and women, to each a cake of bread, a portion of meat, and a cake of raisins. Then all the people went back to their homes.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

#### THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 24

Duke Street

*All the whole world belongs to God,  
Its people all are his to keep;  
For he has placed it on the seas,  
And made it firm upon the deep.*

*"Who can ascend the hill of God?  
And who can stand within his walls?"  
"All those who have clean hands, pure heart,  
And have not sworn by what is false.*

*Lift up your heads, eternal gates;  
Lift high your everlasting door;  
The King shall come. "Who is this King?"  
"The mighty Lord, the conqueror"*

#### THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:3-14

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

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#### ANTHEM

*Blest Are They*

David Haas

#### \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:14-29

King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised." For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." Immediately she rushed back to the king and

requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb. This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Adopted* Mr. Josh  
*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 *The Royal Watchers* Josh Tietje

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

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 145 *Bunessan*  
*Morning Has Broken*

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Pastorale* J.K. Kuchar

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Gordon Young  
*From All That Dwell Below the Skies*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95  
 ~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 580 *Lancashire*  
*Lead On, O King Eternal*

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Fugue in D* Dietrich Buxtehude

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of our Anniversary on July 24th, to parents, family and friends who shine over us from God's heavenly place. Love to each one. Jan Gawith

**Serving This Sunday, July 15**

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Betty Huggins, Glenda Sweet, Kim Wright  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Samuel Hickman, Ben Chanaca, Emma Chanaca  
**Bus Duty:** Jan Gawith  
**Children's Church:** Phil and Penny Davis  
**Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond  
**Trustee Duty:** Joe Hunter Hyman, Cathy Senn  
**Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey  
**Ushers:** Phil Thompson (Chairman), William Chappell, Danny Clonts, Travis Dannelly, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Richard Jordan, Ken Senn, Frank Watts, Chris Wright

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, July 15**

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  
 5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge / Destination Unknown / FLC

**Monday, July 16**

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

**Tuesday, July 17**

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing  
 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC  
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

**Wednesday, July 18**

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

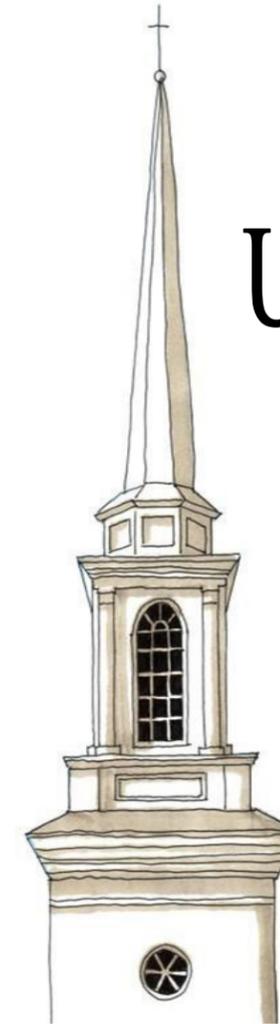
**Thursday, July 19**

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

**Friday, July 20**

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

Rev. Kyle, Nancy, Jonas and Sara will be away with family through Friday, July 20. Please contact the Church Office with any pastoral needs. Josh Tietje may be reached at: 828-476-0113



# First United Methodist Church

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Eighth Sunday After Pentecost  
 July 15, 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.