

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Allegro in D minor* John Stanley

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 545 *Aurelia*
The Church's One Foundation
Verses 1, 3, 5

* 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 28:10-19a

¹⁰Jacob left Beer-sheba and went toward Haran. ¹¹He came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. ¹²And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. ¹³And the LORD stood beside him and said, "I am the LORD, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; ¹⁴and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. ¹⁵Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you." ¹⁶Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, "Surely the LORD is in this place—and I did not know it!" ¹⁷And he was afraid, and said, "How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven."

¹⁸So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it. ^{19a}He called that place Bethel.
This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 139:1-9 *St. Thomas*

**Lord, you have known me well,
Searched our all I have wrought,
My sitting down and rising up,
Discerned my every thought.**

**You trace each step, each rest,
Along the way I go,
There is no word upon my lips
Which you, Lord, do not know.**

**You press on every side
And on me lay your hand;
Such knowledge is too wonderful
For me to understand.**

**Where then, Lord, can I go?
Where can I flee from you?
If up to heaven, you are there;
If in the grave, there too.**

**If on the morning's wings
I reach the utmost shore,
Yet even there your hand will lead
And hold me evermore.**

THE SECOND LESSON Romans 8:12-25

¹²So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— ¹³for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. ¹⁴For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. ¹⁵For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, "Abba! Father!" ¹⁶it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, ¹⁷and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him. ¹⁸I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. ¹⁹For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; ²⁰for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope ²¹that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. ²²We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labor pains until now; ²³and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. ²⁴For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? ²⁵But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *O Lord You Know Me Completely* Hal Hobson

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

²⁴He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; ²⁵but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. ²⁶So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. ²⁷And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, 'Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?' ²⁸He answered, 'An enemy has done this.' The slaves said to him, 'Then do you want us to go and gather them?' ²⁹But he replied, 'No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. ³⁰Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, Collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.'"

³⁶Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, "Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field." ³⁷He answered, "The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; ³⁸the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, ³⁹and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. ⁴⁰Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. ⁴¹The Son of Man will send his angels, and

they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, ⁴²and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. ⁴³Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!
The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Mr. Josh

SERMON Rev. Josh Tietje

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 2190 *Bring Forth the Kingdom*
Bring Forth the Kingdom
Verses 1, 3, 4

* 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

Lord, in your mercy, .

Hear our prayer.

OFFERTORY

Bourree

G.F. Handel

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2241

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve
Verses 1, 3, 4

Land of Rest

* BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Improvisation on *CWM Rhondda*

Paul Manz

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God!

Birthdays This Week

July 19: Mike Thomas, Michelle Pham

July 21: Collin Hucks, Matthew Daly

July 22: Jimmy Hammond

July 23: Kieran Gawith

July 24: Jill McClellan, Hollis Jordan

July 25: Karen Foxworth, Corbin Jenkin, Chad Huggins

Prayer Concerns: Cheryl Rollins, 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, , Betty James, 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 12

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| Operating Fund | 6,359.65 | Help4Kids | |
| Designated Giving | 1,900.00 | Rice | 20 lbs. |
| Capital Campaign | 3,782.00 | P-nut Butter Crackers | 20 |
| | | Binders | 6 |
| | | Mixed Snacks | 1 |

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.

Dear First United Methodist, Thank you so much for the love you have shown to our family at this time. Your many prayers were greatly appreciated and needed. Thank you for the wonderful lunch you had for our family. It was delicious and provided us a chance to visit and try to find peace and clam. First Church has always been a wonderful church filled with love and caring and you all proved that again. *Thank you, Sandra Causey McLeod*

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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 19, 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.