

# We Gather to Worship God

*It's the age-old question: why is there evil in the world? In the parable of the wheat and the weeds Jesus suggests that both grow together until the harvest. With Paul, we long for the day that all creation will be set free from bondage and suffering. Having both weeds and wheat within us, we humbly place our hope in the promises of God, and we are sent forth weekly to bear the fruit of justice and mercy.*

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY John Stanley  
*Voluntary V*

## INTROIT

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 694 St. George's Windsor  
*Come, Ye Thankful People, Come*

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*Come into the presence of the God of surprise and wonder..  
Remember the surprising and wondrous works of God that establish our hope.  
Come, knowing that even in hopeless situations, we may trust in God.  
Come, trusting in the one who is our hope, who is our life.*

\* 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 our strength, we confess that we thwart your being alive through the Spirit of Jesus in our hearts. Where we have been lax, steady us. Where we have chosen badly, give us another chance. Where we have settled for the mundane and earthly, forgive us. Remind us that to live with bitterness, strife, and malice are ways of resisting your breathings of life in us through Jesus in us. Empower us to choose to honor your breath, and live in new refreshing ways. Amen.*

*Hear the good news: Nothing can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus, in whom we have forgiveness of sin, life, and salvation. Amen.*

### \* 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."

MISSION MINUTE Toby White

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Romans 8:12-25 NT Pg. 158

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

ANTHEM *Know My Heart* Benjamin Harlan  
This anthem is adapted from the Psalm appointed for today;  
Psalm 139 found on page 577 of the pew Bible.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43 NT Pgs. 14-15

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle  
*Waiting Patiently*

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.

ANTHEM *On Eagle's Wings* Douglas Wagner

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle  
*Paying God's Hope Forward*

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 206 Houston  
*I Want to Walk Like a Child of the Light*

### PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Prayer* Jean Langlais

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 540 St. Thomas  
*I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord*

### \* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

### \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Craig Penfield  
*Allegro Brillante (from Festival Concerto)*

### \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God  
in loving memory of our 43<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary on July 24<sup>th</sup>  
and in celebration of our grandchildren  
Piper, Kieran, Joshua and Olivia.  
With much love – Jan Gawith



The Parable of the Sower

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### NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, Doxology, are from the United Methodist Hymnal 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 WORSHIPPING 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.

## Serving This Sunday, July 20

**Altar Guild:** Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Kimberley Wright,  
Glenda Sweet, Betty Huggins

**Acolytes and Crucifer:** John Kelly Thompkins, Ross Fallaw, Jacob Johnson

**Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Charles Dusenbury, Hunter Jenkins  
(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

**Children's Church:** Libby Saville

**Trustee Duty:** Janet Martin, Jill Nelson

**Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

**Ushers:** Phil Thompson (Chairman), Richard Jordan (Co-Chairman)  
Kevin Cox, Danny Clonts, Lee Hickman, Bo Ives, Sammy Johnson, Ken Senn,  
Frank Watts, Chris Wright.

## This Week at FUMC

### Sunday, July 20

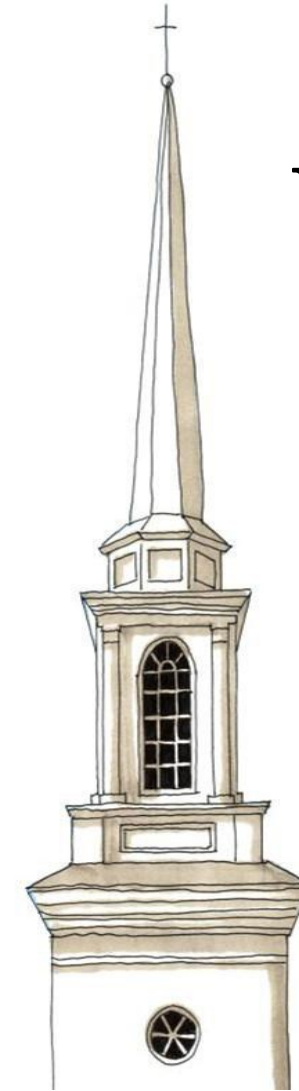
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM  
11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

### Monday, July 21

5:30 p.m. The Shepherd's Table-Board Meeting / FLC  
6:30 p.m. Sunday School Volunteers Meeting / FLC

### Wednesday, July 23

9:30 a.m. Sandwich Making Wednesday / FLC  
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Rm. 105



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Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 20, 2014  
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.