

We Gather to Worship God

Mark's gospel makes it clear how great was the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Louis Clerambault
Trumpet in Dialogue

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 540 St. Thomas
I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord

* OPENING DIALOGUE

How do we know our God? Lord, what are you calling us to do that draws crowds to 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 live 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 one who draws crowds throughout 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

2 Samuel 7:1-14a

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the LORD had given him rest from all his enemies around him, the king said to the prophet Nathan, "See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent." Nathan said to the king, "Go, do all that you have in mind; for the LORD is with you." But that same night the word of the LORD came to Nathan: Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the LORD: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle. Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, "Why have you not built me a house of cedar?" Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the LORD of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the sheep to be prince over my people Israel; and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover the LORD declares to you that the LORD will make you a house. When your days are fulfilled and you lie down with your ancestors, I will raise up your offspring after you, who shall come forth from your body, and I will establish his kingdom. He shall build a house for my name, and I will establish the throne of his kingdom forever. I will be a father to him, and he shall be a son to me. This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 89

Old 100th

*"To David I have sworn an oath;
Made covenant with him alone:
'I will maintain your line always,
Eternally preserve your throne.'*

*For he will say, 'You are my God,
My Father, Rock, and saving health';
And I will make him my firstborn,
And higher than the kings of earth.*

*My covenant will stand secure
And I will love him as my own;
Eternal as the days of heaven
Will be his kingdom and his throne."*

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 2:11-22

So then, remember that at one time you Gentiles by birth, called "the uncircumcision" by those who are called "the circumcision"—a physical circumcision made in the flesh by human hands—remember that you were at that time without Christ, being aliens from the commonwealth of Israel, and strangers to the covenants of promise, having no hope and without God in the world. But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he is our peace; in his flesh he has made both groups into one and has broken down the dividing wall, that is, the hostility between us. He has abolished the law with its commandments and ordinances, that he might create in himself one new humanity in place of the two, thus making peace, and might reconcile both groups to God in one body through the cross, thus putting to death that hostility through it. So he came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

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ANTHEM

In Christ Alone
Katherine Brooks, *soloist*

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* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, "Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while." For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things. When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. Then they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the marketplaces, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS *Building Blocks* 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 *Being Sheep* Rev. Kyle Randle

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

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 381 *Bradbury*
Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY *Fugue in D* Dietrich Buxtehude

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Harry Rowe Shelley*
The King of Love My Shepherd Is

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

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 559 *Regent Square*
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in G* Theodore Dubois

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and
in honor of Jimmy Hammond for his birthday
by his family.

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 worshipers 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, July 22

Altar Guild: Lynn Hammond, Amy Hickman, Betty Huggins,
Glenda Sweet, Kim Wright
Acolytes and Crucifer: Ben Chanaca, Annie Cecil, Laurel Edwards
Bus Duty: Mark Brooks
Children's Church: John and Lauren Sawyer
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 22

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, July 23

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
6:00 p.m. Church Council Meeting / FLC

Tuesday, July 24

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 25

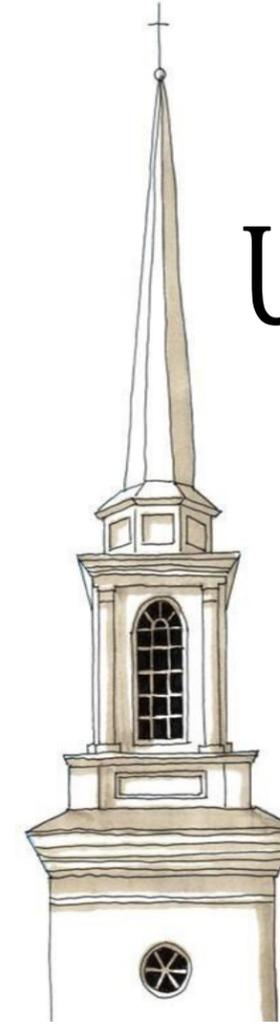
8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Sandwich Making Wednesday / FLC
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, July 26

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

Friday, July 27

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



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Ninth Sunday After Pentecost
July 22, 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.