

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Festival Concerto (Allegretto)

Craig Penfield

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 150

God, Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens

Holy Manna

* 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 29:15-28

¹⁵Then Laban said to Jacob, "Because you are my kinsman, should you therefore serve me for nothing? Tell me, what shall your wages be?" ¹⁶Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the elder was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. ¹⁷Leah's eyes were lovely, and Rachel was graceful and beautiful. ¹⁸Jacob loved Rachel; so he said, "I will serve you seven years for your younger daughter Rachel." ¹⁹Laban said, "It is better that I give her to you than that I should give her to any other man; stay with me." ²⁰So Jacob served seven years for Rachel, and they seemed to him but a few days because of the love he had for her. ²¹Then Jacob said to Laban, "Give me my wife that I may go in to her, for my time is completed." ²²So Laban gathered together all the people of the place, and made a feast. ²³But in the evening he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob; and he went in to her. ²⁴(Laban gave his maid Zilpah to his daughter Leah to be her maid.) ²⁵When morning came, it was Leah! And Jacob said to Laban, "What is this you have done to me? Did I not serve with you for Rachel? Why then have you deceived me?" ²⁶Laban said, "This is not done in our country—giving the younger before the firstborn. ²⁷Complete the week of this one, and we will give you the other also in return for serving me another seven years." ²⁸Jacob did so, and completed her week; then Laban gave him his daughter Rachel as a wife. This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 105:1-8

Azmon

**Give thanks to God, make known his Name,
His deeds, to everyone;
Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell
The wonders he has done.**

**Rejoice in him, all hearts seek
To know his Name and grace;
Search for the Lord and all his strength,
And ever seek his face.**

**Recall the marvels God has done,
The judgments of his mouth,
O Abraham's children, Jacob's heirs,
Whom he has chosen out.**

**The Lord is God, throughout the world
His righteous laws prevail;
His covenant and promises
He keeps and will not fail.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

²⁶Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. ²⁷And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

²⁸We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose.

²⁹For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. ³⁰And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

³¹What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? ³²He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? ³³Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. ³⁴Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. ³⁵Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ³⁶As it is written,

"For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered."

³⁷No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. ³⁸For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, ³⁹nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Prayer for Guidance

Allen Pote

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

³¹He put before them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; ³²it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches." ³³He told them another parable: "The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened."

⁴⁴"The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

⁴⁵"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

⁴⁷"Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; ⁴⁸when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. ⁴⁹So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous ⁵⁰and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁵¹"Have you understood all this?" They answered, "Yes." ⁵²And he said to them, "Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old."
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. 405

Seek Ye First

Seek Ye

* 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 *Air* (from Suite, Movement 1) Jean Josef Mouret

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 452 *Olivet*
My Faith Looks Up to Thee

* BENEDICTION

*CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Toccata in G* Theodore Dubois

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God!

Birthdays This Week

July 26: Dylan Jenkins

July 27: Frank Hebel, Bob Brinson

July 28: Charlotte Ives, Karla D'Amore

July 29: Jeanne Stewart, Bill Reaman

July 21: Nick Bell

August 1: Sarah Jenkins, Jess Dannelly

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 19

Operating Fund	6,630.00
Designated Giving	250.00
Capital Campaign	557.00

As the generous people of FUMC, we ask that you continue your giving via online <https://onrealm.org/fumcconway/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.

Live Streaming Sunday, July 26.

Watch on Facebook or click the link on the website, www.fumcconway.org for Sunday, July 26 at 10:30 a.m.

Dear FUMC Friends, You are so kind and thoughtful in sending out beautiful flowers and cards. I am truly blessed to be part of such a loving and kind church and special church. *Love, Louise Goodwin*

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for the prayers, cards and phone calls. I'm so thankful to be headed home after 21 days in a Columbia hospital with Covid 19. Love all of you and miss seeing everyone. Please continue to keep me in your prayers. I am still dealing with fatigue. *Love, Jan Kyzer*

Thursdays through August 13 from 6:00 – 7:00 pm we will be hosting an outdoor children's ministry experience with games, crafts, Bible lesson and snacks. We will be observing safe practices during this time of fellowship. Please contact Josh at josh.tietje@fumcconway.org for questions and or registration.

On Wednesday, July 29 at 6:00 pm we will offer Holy Communion in the Courtyard. You will receive information prior to July 29 with details to ensure the safety of all persons.

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Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 26, 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.

FUMC Staff

Reverend Kyle Randle, Pastor

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