

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Sicilienne

Maria Von Paradis

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE GREETING

The Grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 545

The Church's One Foundation

vs. 1-2, & 5

Aurelia

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM

For The Beauty Of The Earth

FUMC Quintet

Hal Hopson

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a

²⁶When the wife of Uriah heard that her husband was dead, she made lamentation for him. ²⁷When the mourning was over, David sent and brought her to his house, and she became his wife, and bore him a son.

But the thing that David had done displeased the Lord, ^{12:1}and the Lord sent Nathan to David. He came to him, and said to him, "There were two men in a certain city, the one rich and the other poor. ²The rich man had very many flocks and herds; ³but the poor man had nothing but one little ewe lamb, which he had bought. He brought it up, and it grew up with him and with his children; it used to eat of his meager fare, and drink from his cup, and lie in his bosom, and it was like a daughter to him. ⁴Now there came a traveler to the rich man, and he was loath to take one of his own flock or herd to prepare for the wayfarer who had come to him, but he took the poor man's lamb, and prepared that for the guest who had come to him." ⁵Then David's anger was greatly kindled against the man. He said to Nathan, "As the Lord lives, the man who has done this deserves to die; ⁶he shall restore the lamb fourfold, because he did this thing, and because he had no pity."

⁷Nathan said to David, "You are the man! Thus says the Lord, the God of Israel: I anointed you king over Israel, and I rescued you from the hand of Saul; ⁸I gave you your master's house, and your master's wives into your bosom, and gave you the house of Israel and of Judah; and if that had been too little, I would have added as much more. ⁹Why have you despised the word of the Lord, to do what is evil in his sight? You have struck down Uriah the Hittite with the sword, and have taken his wife to be your wife, and have killed him with the sword of the Ammonites. ¹⁰Now therefore the

sword shall never depart from your house, for you have despised me, and have taken the wife of Uriah the Hittite to be your wife. ¹¹Thus says the Lord: I will raise up trouble against you from within your own house; and I will take your wives before your eyes, and give them to your neighbor, and he shall lie with your wives in the sight of this very sun. ¹²For you did it secretly; but I will do this thing before all Israel, and before the sun." ^{13a}David said to Nathan, "I have sinned against the Lord." This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 51

Maryton

**Have mercy in your goodness, Lord,
And in your grace, forgive my sin;
Wash me from evil through and through,
Cleanse me, O Lord, without, within.**

**Create in me a clean heart, Lord,
Renew a spirit that is right;
Take not your Spirit from my life,
Nor cast me out, Lord from your sight.**

**Let me, O God, know once again
The joy of your saving help can give;
With all the bounty of your grace
Sustain my heart that I may live.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

¹I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,

"When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people."

⁹(When it says, "He ascended," what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knit together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love. This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 620

One Bread, One Body

One Bread, One Body

Refrain:

One bread, one body, one Lord of all;
one cup of blessing which we bless,
and we, though many throughout the earth,
we are one body in this one Lord.

Gentile or Jew, servant or free, woman or man, no more. **Refrain**

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

²⁴When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were [beside the sea,] they themselves got into the boats and went to Capernaum looking for Jesus.

²⁵When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?" ²⁶Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. ²⁷Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal." ²⁸Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" ²⁹Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent." ³⁰So they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?" ³¹Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'" ³²Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. ³³For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world." ³⁴They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always."

³⁵Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

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Many the gifts, many the works, one in the Lord of all. **Refrain**

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him,
who earnestly repent of their sin
and seek to live in peace with one another.
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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!
Glory to God. 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.**

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 *Meineke*

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE
 Hear us, O God.
Your mercy is great.

~ THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION ~

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION *see insert*

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 421 *Diademata*
Make Me a Captive Lord
vs. 1 & 4

Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free.
 Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqueror be.
 I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;
 imprison me within thine arms, and strong shall be my hand.

My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;
 if it would reach a monarch's throne, it must its crown resign.
 It only stands unbent amid the clashing strife,
 when on thy bosom it has leant, and found in thee its life.

* BENEDICTION
 CHIMING OF THE TRINITY
 * CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Paul Manz*
Improvisation on CWN Rhondda

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in memory of Alice Martin and Mary Sue Morris,
 by Craig Martin and Kim Williams.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 1

8:15 a.m. Early Morning Worship / Sanctuary
 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class/ Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School: All Ages / Education Wing
 9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School / Live on Facebook
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary & Online

Monday, August 2

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
 8:30 a.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary
 10:30 a.m. UMW Circles Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 101
 1:00 p.m. Organ Reserved / Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 3

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
 6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Wednesday, August 4

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
 9:30 a.m. Sandwich Ministry / FLC

Thursday, August 5

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
 8:00 a.m. Youth Day Trip to: Carowinds / Leaving the FLC

Friday, August 6

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
 6:30 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102

Serving This Sunday, August 1

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Suzanne Owens, Amelia Wood
Acolytes and Crucifer: Annie Cecil, Jonas Randle
Ushers: Duc Watts (Head Usher), Ken Carty, Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Dick Sayre, Phillip Thompson, Ernie Turnes, Warren Wiegand

Serving Next Sunday, August 8

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Suzanne Owens, Amelia Wood
Acolytes and Crucifer: Mac Goldfinch, Chad Steinfield
Ushers: Duc Watts (Head Usher), Ken Carty, Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Jimmy Jones, Dick Sayre, Phillip Thompson, Ernie Turnes, Warren Wiegand

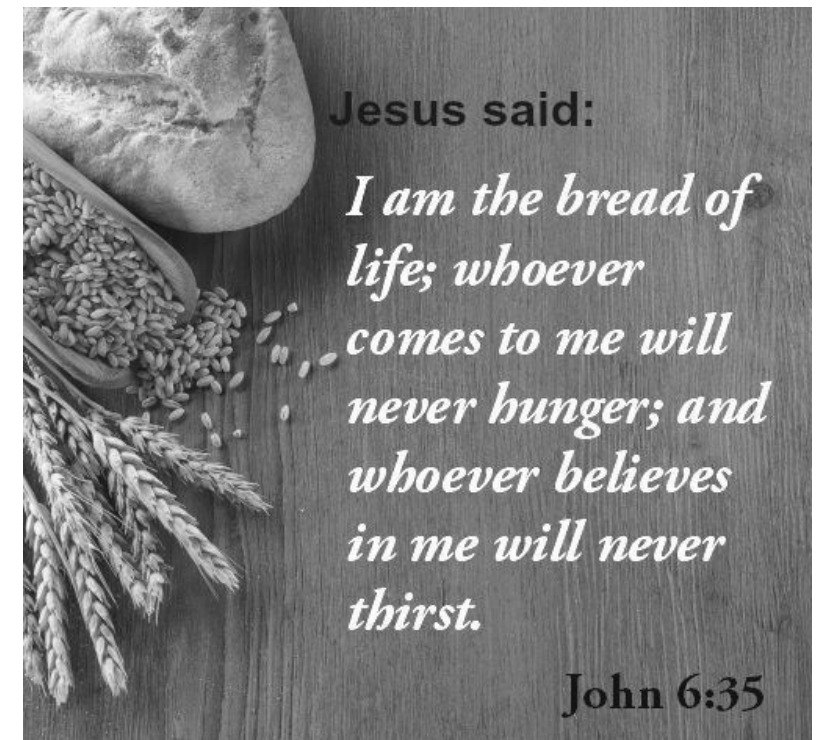
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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 1st, 2021

8:15 a.m. and 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.