

First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arioso (from **Cantata 156**)
Janet Lawrence, *clarinet*

J. S. Bach

* 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. 731

Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken
vs. 1-3

Austria

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God;
God, whose word cannot be broken, formed thee for his own abode.
On the Rock of Ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded, thou mayst smile at all thy foes.

See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love,
well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.
Who can faint while such a river ever will their thirst assuage?
Grace which like the Lord, the giver, never fails from age to age.

Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear
for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near!
Thus deriving from our banner light by night and shade by day,
safe we feed upon the manna which God gives us when we pray.

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

2 Samuel 18:5-9, 15, 31-33

⁵[King David] ordered Joab and Abishai and Ittai, saying, "Deal gently for my sake with the young man Absalom." And all the people heard when the king gave orders to all the commanders concerning Absalom.

⁶So the army went out into the field against Israel; and the battle was fought in the forest of Ephraim. ⁷The men of Israel were defeated there by the servants of David, and the slaughter there was great on that day, twenty thousand men. ⁸The battle spread over the face of all the country; and the forest claimed more victims that day than the sword.

⁹Absalom happened to meet the servants of David. Absalom was riding on his mule, and the mule went under the thick branches of a great oak. His head caught fast in the oak, and he was left hanging between heaven and earth, while the mule that was under him went on. ¹⁵And ten young men, Joab's armor-bearers, surrounded Absalom and struck him, and killed him.

³¹Then the Cushite came; and the Cushite said, "Good tidings for my lord the king! For the Lord has vindicated you this day, delivering you from the power of all who rose up against you." ³²The king said to the Cushite, "Is it well with the young man Absalom?" The Cushite answered, "May the enemies of my lord the king, and all who rise up to do you harm, be like that young man."

³³The king was deeply moved, and went up to the chamber over the gate, and wept; and as he went, he said, "O my son Absalom, my son, my son Absalom! Would I had died instead of you, O Absalom, my son, my son!"

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 130

**Out of the depths I call to you,
Lord, hear my voice and heed my prayer;
Look with compassion on my plea,
Weigh my petition, Lord, with care.**

**For if you note each sinful deed,
Lord, who could stand when you appeared?
But with you is forgiveness found
And therefore, Lord, you shall be feared.**

**More certainly than watchmen wait
To see the daylight first appear
Does my soul wait upon the Lord;
I wait in trust and holy fear.**

**O Israel, wait upon the Lord;
Mercy is always found with him,
And freedom, too, abounds in God
Who frees his people from their sin.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 4:25-5:2

²⁵So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you. ^{5:1}Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.
This is the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 560 *Help Us Accept Each Other*

Acceptance

Help us accept each other as Christ accepted us;
teach us as sister, brother, each person to embrace.
Be present, Lord, among us and bring us to believe:
we are ourselves accepted and meant to love and live.

Teach us, O Lord, your lessons, as in our daily life
we struggle to be human and search for hope and faith.
Teach us to care for people, for all, not just for some,
to love them as we find them, or as they may become.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:35, 41-51

³⁵Jesus said to [the crowd,] "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. ⁴¹Then the Jews began to complain about him because he said, "I am the bread that came down from heaven." ⁴²They were saying, "Is not this Jesus, the son of Joseph, whose father and mother we know? How can he now say, 'I have come down from heaven'?" ⁴³Jesus answered them, "Do not complain among yourselves. ⁴⁴No one can come to me unless drawn by the Father who sent me; and I will raise that person up on the last day. ⁴⁵It is written in the prophets, 'And they shall all be taught by God.' Everyone who has heard and learned from the Father comes to me. ⁴⁶Not that anyone has seen the Father except the one who is from God; he has

seen the Father. ⁴⁷Very truly, I tell you, whoever believes has eternal life. ⁴⁸I am the bread of life. ⁴⁹Your ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness, and they died. ⁵⁰This is the bread that comes down from heaven, so that one may eat of it and not die. ⁵¹I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live forever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 560

Help Us to Accept Each Other

Acceptance

Let your acceptance change us, so that we may be moved
in living situations to do the truth in love,
to practice your acceptance until we know by heart
the table of forgiveness, and laughter's healing art.

Lord, for today's encounters with all who are in need,
who hunger for acceptance, for righteousness and bread,
we need new eyes for seeing, new hands for holding on;
renew us with your Spirit, Lord, free us, make us one!

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle

ANTHEM (10:30)

Hear My Words

Stephen Paulus

~ 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 broken your law,
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.
You mercy is great.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 554

All Praise to Our Redeeming Lord
vs. 1-2 & 5

Armenia

All praise to our redeeming Lord,
who joins us by his grace,
and bids us, each to each restored,
together seek his face.

He bids us build each other up;
and, gathered into one,
to our high calling's glorious hope
we hand in hand go on.

We all partake the joy of one;
the common peace we feel,
a peace to sensual minds unknown,
a joy unspeakable.

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Fanfare

William Mathias

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
by Jim and Donna Dewhirst

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 8

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 / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 103
9:30 a.m. Online Sunday School / Live on Facebook
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary & Live Online
3:00 p.m. Grand Strand Guild of Organists Recital / Sanctuary

Monday, August 9

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

Tuesday, August 10

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

Wednesday, August 11

8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing
9:30 a.m. Sandwich Ministry / FLC Gathering Room
6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
7:00 p.m. FUMC Quintet / Room 105

Thursday, August 12

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Room 102
8:30 a.m. Summer Camp / Education Wing

Friday, August 13

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

Serving This Sunday, August 8

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, 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

Serving Next Sunday, August 15

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Amelia Wood.

Acolytes and Crucifer: Dylan Roof, Matthew Daly

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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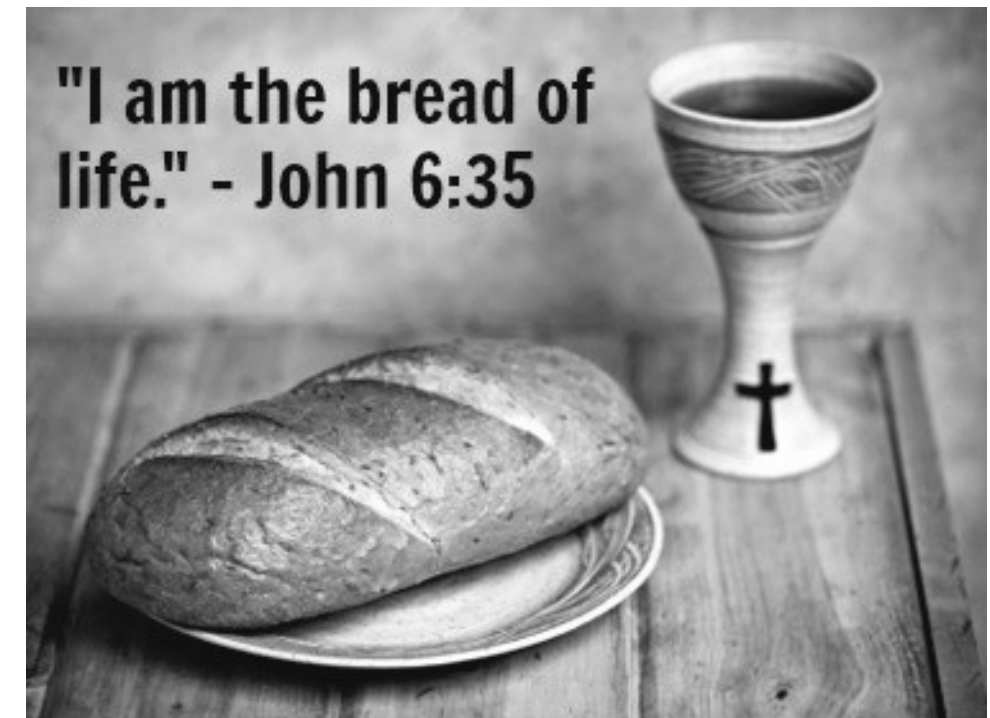
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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 8th, 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.