

FIRST CHURCH AT WORSHIP

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee

George Bohm

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 529

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

God has called us like Moses in the wilderness,
the prophets in the hills, and the disciples in the cities.

They shared their blessings so that we might know God's presence here.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

**Let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 2163

He Who Began a Good Work in You

A Good Work

~ PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 5:1-7

Let me sing for my beloved
my love-song concerning his vineyard:
My beloved had a vineyard
on a very fertile hill.

²He dug it and cleared it of stones,
and planted it with choice vines;
he built a watchtower in the midst of it,
and hewed out a wine vat in it;
he expected it to yield grapes,
but it yielded wild grapes.

³And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem
and people of Judah,
judge between me
and my vineyard.

⁴What more was there to do for my vineyard
that I have not done in it?

When I expected it to yield grapes,
why did it yield wild grapes?

⁵And now I will tell you
what I will do to my vineyard.

I will remove its hedge,
and it shall be devoured;

I will break down its wall,
and it shall be trampled down.

⁶I will make it a waste;
it shall not be pruned or hoed,
and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns;

I will also command the clouds
that they rain no rain upon it.
⁷For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts
is the house of Israel,

and the people of Judah
are his pleasant planting;

he expected justice,
but saw bloodshed;

righteousness,
but heard a cry!

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 80

Maryton

**O Shepherd, like a flock you lead
Your people Israel; hear our prayer;
Enthroned upon the cherubim
In glory, shine on our despair.**

**Before Manasseh, Benjamin,
And Ephraim, Lord, grant us your grace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face.**

**Our enemies laugh us to scorn,
Our neighbors witness our disgrace;
Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
Show us the glory of your face.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

²⁹By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as if it were dry land,
but when the Egyptians attempted to do so they were drowned. ³⁰By faith
the walls of Jericho fell after they had been encircled for seven days. ³¹By
faith Rahab the prostitute did not perish with those who were disobedient,
because she had received the spies in peace.

³²And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of
Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the
prophets—³³who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice,
obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴quenched raging fire,
escaped the edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became
mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. ³⁵Women received their dead
by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to
obtain a better resurrection. ³⁶Others suffered mocking and flogging, and
even chains and imprisonment. ³⁷They were stoned to death, they were
sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of
sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented—³⁸of whom the world
was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves
and holes in the ground. ³⁹Yet all these, though they were commended for
their faith, did not receive what was promised, ⁴⁰since God had provided
something better so that they would not, apart from us, be made perfect.

¹²Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let
us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, ²looking to Jesus the
pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set
before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his
seat at the right hand of the
This the word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Blest Are They

David Haas

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

⁴⁹“I came to bring fire to the earth, and how I wish it were already
kindled! ⁵⁰I have a baptism with which to be baptized, and what stress I am
under until it is completed! ⁵¹Do you think that I have come to bring peace
to the earth? No, I tell you, but rather division! ⁵²From now on five in one
household will be divided, three against two and two against three; ⁵³they
will be divided:

father against son
and son against father,
mother against daughter
and daughter against mother,
mother-in-law against her daughter-in-law
and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴He also said to the crowds, “When you see a cloud rising in the west,
you immediately say, ‘It is going to rain’; and so it happens. ⁵⁵And when
you see the south wind blowing, you say, ‘There will be scorching heat’;
and it happens. ⁵⁶You hypocrites! You know how to interpret the
appearance of earth and sky, but why do you not know how to interpret the
present time?

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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

*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.*

Rev. Kyle

SERMON

A Great Cloud

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

* HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 378

Amazing Grace

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SCHOLARSHIP RECOGNITION

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

**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. All pray in silence**

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.**

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

** All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *Go Down, Moses* H. R. Waugh
 Men of the Choir

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

* HYMN OF SENDING NO. 415 *Germany*
 Take Up Thy Cross

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY G. F. Handel
 Allegro Maestoso (from **Water Music Suite**)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory
 of Abigale Schreiber and George Buzinkai
 by Bill and Helen Schreiber.

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.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 18

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, August 19

7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, August 20

6:00 p.m. Ladies Bible Study / Room 223
 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 102
 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 103
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, August 21

6:00 p.m. Bell Canto / Handbell Room 205

Thursday, August 22

6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104

Friday, August 23

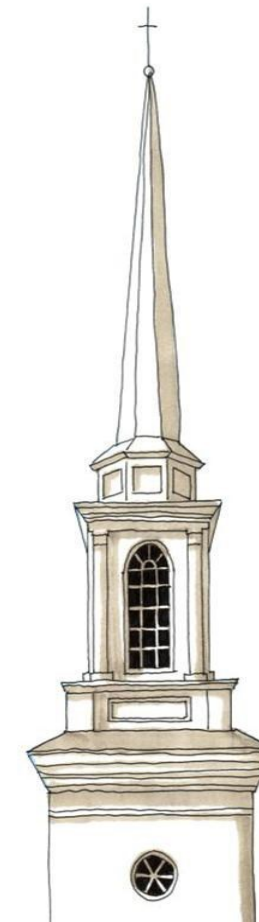
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Saturday, August 24

Hardwick's / Hut & FLC

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Tenth Sunday after Pentecost
 August 18, 2019
 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.