

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Henry Purcell

Voluntary on *Old Hundreth*

\* 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. 61

*Italian Hymn*

*Come, Thou Almighty King*  
*vs. 1, 3-4*

Come, thou almighty King,  
help us thy name to sing,  
help us to praise!  
Father all glorious,  
o'er all victorious,  
come and reign over us, Ancient of Days!

Come, holy Comforter,  
thy sacred witness bear  
in this glad hour.  
Thou who almighty art,  
now rule in every heart,  
and ne'er from us depart, Spirit of power!

To thee, great One in Three,  
eternal praises be,  
hence, evermore.  
Thy sovereign majesty  
may we in glory see,  
and to eternity love and adore!

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

\* BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS

ANTHEM (10:30)

*Come to Me*  
Will Brown, *soloist*

Dan Forrest

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

I Kings 8:22-30, 41-43

<sup>22</sup>Then Solomon stood before the altar of the Lord in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. <sup>23</sup>He said, "O Lord, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, <sup>24</sup>the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. <sup>25</sup>Therefore, O Lord, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, 'There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.' <sup>26</sup>Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David.

<sup>27</sup>"But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! <sup>28</sup>Regard your servant's prayer and his plea, O Lord my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; <sup>29</sup>that your eyes may be open night and day toward this house, the place of which you said, 'My name shall be there,' that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays toward this place. <sup>30</sup>Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray toward this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling place; heed and forgive.

<sup>41</sup>"Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name <sup>42</sup>—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays toward this house, <sup>43</sup>then hear in heaven your dwelling place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built."  
This is the word of God for the people of God  
**Thanks be to God.**

THE PSALTER

Psalm 84:1-2, 4-5

*Amazing Grace*

**How dear your dwelling place to me,  
O Lord of hosts, my king;  
My soul desires the courts of God  
Whose praise my heart will sing.**

**Happy are those who dwell with you  
And always sing your praise;  
Happy the ones you strengthen, Lord,  
With hearts set on your ways**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 6:10-20

<sup>10</sup>Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. <sup>11</sup>Put on the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. <sup>12</sup>For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. <sup>13</sup>Therefore take up the whole armor of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. <sup>14</sup>Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. <sup>15</sup>As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. <sup>16</sup>With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. <sup>17</sup>Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

<sup>18</sup>Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. <sup>19</sup>Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, <sup>20</sup>for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak. This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 2042

*Merle's Tune*

*How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

How lovely, Lord, how lovely is your abiding place;  
my soul is longing, fainting, to feast upon your grace.  
The sparrow finds a shelter, a place to build her nest;  
and so your temple calls us within its walls to rest.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:56-69

[Jesus said,] <sup>56</sup>"Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. <sup>57</sup>Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. <sup>58</sup>This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live forever." <sup>59</sup>He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

<sup>60</sup>When many of his disciples heard it, they said, "This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?" <sup>61</sup>But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, "Does this offend you? <sup>62</sup>Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? <sup>63</sup>It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. <sup>64</sup>But among you there are some who do not believe." For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. <sup>65</sup>And he said, "For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father."

<sup>66</sup>Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. <sup>67</sup>So Jesus asked the twelve, "Do you also wish to go away?" <sup>68</sup>Simon Peter answered him, "Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. <sup>69</sup>We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God."  
The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 2042

*Merle's Tune*

*How Lovely, Lord, How Lovely*

A sun and shied forever are you, O God most high;  
you shower us with blessings no good will you deny.  
The saints, your grace receiving, from strength to strength shall go,  
and from their life shall rivers of blessings overflow.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

ANTHEM (10:30)

*Prayer of St. Richard*

Malcom Archer

~ 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. 103 *St. Denio*  
*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*  
*vs. 1-2, & 4*

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unchanging, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

Thou reignest in glory; thou dwellest in light;  
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Sigfrid Karg-Elert*  
*Now Thank We All Our God*

The altar flowers are given by Wink and Sallye Prince to the Glory of God and in loving memory of Sallye's mother, Leona Powell Brown.

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, August 22**

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

**Monday, August 23**

1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting / Second Floor Commons

**Tuesday, August 24**

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Gathering Room  
10:00 a.m. UMW Rummage Sale Meeting  
6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC Gathering Room  
8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**Wednesday, August 25**

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
7:00 p.m. FUMC Quintet Rehearsal / Room 105

**Thursday, August 26**

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

**Friday, August 27**

6:30 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102

**Serving This Sunday, August 22**

**Altar Guild:** Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Amelia Wood  
**Lector:** Kate Smith  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** David Paul Jordan, Anna Kate Nelson  
**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 29**

**Altar Guild:** Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Amelia Wood  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Sara Randle, Sidney DaSilva  
**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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Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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.