

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Air in D* 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. 92 *Dix*  
*For the Beauty of the Earth*  
vs. 1, 4, & 6

For the beauty of the earth,  
for the glory of the skies,  
for the love which from our birth  
over and around us lies;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For the joy of human love,  
brother, sister, parent, child,  
friends on earth and friends above,  
for all gentle thoughts and mild;  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

For thyself, best Gift Divine,  
to the world so freely given,  
for that great, great love of thine,  
peace on earth, and joy in heaven:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise  
this our hymn of grateful praise.

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Song of Solomon 2:8-13

<sup>8</sup>The voice of my beloved!

Look, he comes,  
leaping upon the mountains,  
bounding over the hills.

<sup>9</sup>My beloved is like a gazelle  
or a young stag.

Look, there he stands  
behind our wall,  
gazing in at the windows,  
looking through the lattice.

<sup>10</sup>My beloved speaks and says to me:

“Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away;

<sup>11</sup>for now the winter is past,  
the rain is over and gone.

<sup>12</sup>The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of singing has come,  
and the voice of the turtledove  
is heard in our land.

<sup>13</sup>The fig tree puts forth its figs,

and the vines are in blossom;  
they give forth fragrance.  
Arise, my love, my fair one,  
and come away.”

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 15 *St. Peter*

**Lord, who may dwell within your house  
Or on your holy hill?  
Those who do good and speak the truth,  
Whose lives are blameless still;**

**Who have no guile upon their tongues  
Nor harm their neighbor's life,  
But honor those who fear the Lord  
And turn away in strife;**

**Who do no wrong, but keep their word  
And seek no bribe or gain;  
All those who do such things shall live  
And safe from harm remain.**

THE SECOND LESSON James 1:17-27

<sup>17</sup>Every generous act of giving, with every perfect gift, is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shadow due to change. <sup>18</sup>In fulfillment of his own purpose he gave us birth by the word of truth, so that we would become a kind of first fruits of his creatures.

<sup>19</sup>You must understand this, my beloved: let everyone be quick to listen, slow to speak, slow to anger; <sup>20</sup>for your anger does not produce God's righteousness. <sup>21</sup>Therefore rid yourselves of all sordidness and rank growth of wickedness, and welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

<sup>22</sup>But be doers of the word, and not merely hearers who deceive themselves. <sup>23</sup>For if any are hearers of the word and not doers, they are like those who look at themselves in a mirror; <sup>24</sup>for they look at themselves and, on going away, immediately forget what they were like. <sup>25</sup>But those who look into the perfect law, the law of liberty, and persevere, being not hearers who forget but doers who act—they will be blessed in their doing.

<sup>26</sup>If any think they are religious, and do not bridle their tongues but deceive their hearts, their religion is worthless. <sup>27</sup>Religion that is pure and undefiled before God, the Father, is this: to care for orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world.

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

**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 408 *Gift of Love*  
*The Gift of Love*

Though I may speak with bravest fire,  
and have the gift to all inspire,  
and have not love, my words are vain,  
as sounding brass and hopeless gain.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

<sup>1</sup>Now when the Pharisees and some of the scribes who had come from Jerusalem gathered around [Jesus], <sup>2</sup>they noticed that some of his disciples were eating with defiled hands, that is, without washing them. <sup>3</sup>(For the Pharisees, and all the Jews, do not eat unless they thoroughly wash their hands, thus observing the tradition of the elders; <sup>4</sup>and they do not eat anything from the market unless they wash it; and there are also many other traditions that they observe, the washing of cups, pots, and bronze

kettles.) <sup>5</sup>So the Pharisees and the scribes asked him, “Why do your disciples not live according to the tradition of the elders, but eat with defiled hands?” <sup>6</sup>He said to them, “Isaiah prophesied rightly about you hypocrites, as it is written,

‘This people honors me with their lips,  
but their hearts are far from me;  
<sup>7</sup>in vain do they worship me,  
teaching human precepts as doctrines.’

<sup>8</sup>You abandon the commandment of God and hold to human tradition.”

<sup>14</sup>Then he called the crowd again and said to them, “Listen to me, all of you, and understand: <sup>15</sup>there is nothing outside a person that by going in can defile, but the things that come out are what defile.”

<sup>21</sup>For it is from within, from the human heart, that evil intentions come: fornication, theft, murder, <sup>22</sup>adultery, avarice, wickedness, deceit, licentiousness, envy, slander, pride, folly. <sup>23</sup>All these evil things come from within, and they defile a person.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 408 *Gift of Love*  
*The Gift of Love*

Come, Spirit, come our hearts control,  
our spirits long to be made whole.  
Let inward love guide every deed;  
by this we worship, and are freed.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30) Mr. Josh

SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

ANTHEM (10:30) *Lord, Have Mercy* Hal Hopson

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Christ our Lord invites 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. 152

*Forest Green*

*I Sing the Almighty Power of God*

I sing the almighty power of God, that made the mountains rise, that spread the flowing seas abroad, and built the lofty skies. I sing the wisdom that ordained the sun to rule the day; the moon shines full at God's command, and all the stars obey.

I sing the goodness of the Lord, who filled the earth with food, who formed the creatures thru the Word, and then pronounced them good. Lord, how thy wonders are displayed, where'er I turn my eye, if I survey the ground I tread, or gaze upon the sky.

There's not a plant or flower below, but makes thy glories known, and clouds arise, and tempests blow, by order from thy throne; while all that borrows life from thee is ever in thy care; and everywhere that we can be, thou, God, are present there.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Trumpet Intrada*

John Dixon

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Betty James, and in memory of Mary T. Foxworth, by Bill and Karen Foxworth.

Christian sympathy is given to the family and friends of Cristina Maria DaSilva, who passed away on Monday, August 23. Please remember her family in your prayers.

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, August 29

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  
4:00 p.m. Safe Sanctuary Certification / FLC

#### Tuesday, August 31

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

#### Thursday, September 2

6:00 p.m. Preschool Open House / Education Wing and Commons  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

#### Friday, September 3

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

#### Serving This 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

#### Serving Next Sunday, September 5

**Altar Guild:** Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Amelia Wood  
**Acolytes and Crucifer:** Charlie Levy and Jonas Randle  
**Ushers:** Mark Brooks (Head Usher), Kent Bitting, Will Bitting, William Goldfinch, Billy Jones, Ike Locklair, Britt Stiltner, Alex Todd, Mark Woodward

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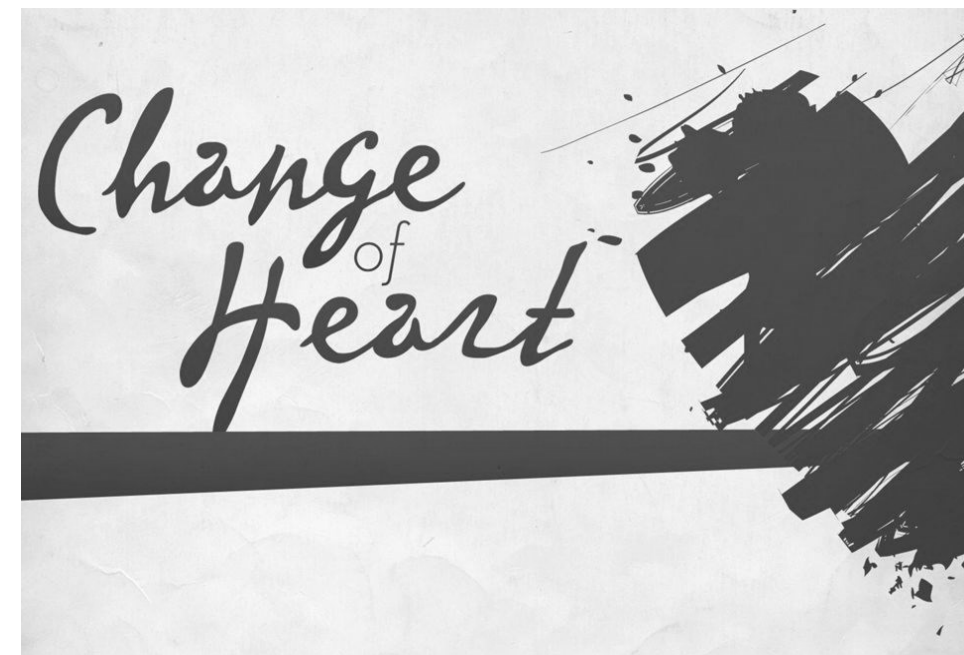
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## Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

August 29<sup>th</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.