

First Church at Worship

When Peter doesn't grasp Jesus' words about suffering, Jesus tells the disciples they will find their lives in losing them. Such sacrificial love is described by Paul when he urges us to associate with the lowly and not repay evil with evil. In worship, we gather as a community that we might offer ourselves for the sake of our suffering world.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Michael Burkhardt
O That I Had a Thousand Voices

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 116 Leoni
The God of Abraham Praise

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Trusting in the word of life given in baptism, we are gathered in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

Blessed be God who gives us life with all of creation.

Blessed be God forever.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

God of truth, we confess that we have subscribed to the falsehoods that surround us. We have given our heart to the call for vengeance that rises up in our culture in opposition to peace and justice. We have repeated half-truths about others. Yet you call us to return good for evil, to give food and drink to our enemies, to bless those who curse us. You challenge us to turn the world upside down by shining the bright light of love at the core of darkness that enshrouds so many. Forgive us for having ignored you. Inspire us to listen and live your written word, and your living word, Jesus. Amen.

God's steadfast love, enduring forever, is our eternal covenant with the eternal 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.*

The passing of the peace is an invitation for the worshiping assembly to share the gift of Christ's peace with one another. Exchanging the peace after confession and pardon is a gesture of love and blessing. We invite you to turn to your neighbor and offer blessing by saying, "Peace be with you."

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

No. 39

Brothers and sisters in Christ: through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is

*I present Sarah Grace Yenicek for baptism,
daughter of Ben and Amanda Yenicek.*

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you:

Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

I do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

I do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

I do.

Will you nurture this child in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example she may be guided to accept God's grace for herself, to profess her faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

The pastor addresses the congregation.

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include this child now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround Grace with a community of love and forgiveness, that she may grow in her service to others. We will pray for her that she may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

The pastor addresses all:

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.

In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and one who receives it, to wash away her sin and clothe her in righteousness throughout her life, that, dying and being raised with Christ, she may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns for ever. Amen.

Sarah Grace, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit, you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen.

HYMN *Baptized in Water* Buinessan



1. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, cleansed by the
2. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, dead in the
3. Bap-tized in wa - ter, sealed by the Spir - it, marked with the



blood of Christ, our King; heirs of sal - va - tion, trust-ing his
tomb with Christ, our King; one with his ris - ing, freed and for -
sign of Christ, our King; born of one Fa - ther, we are his



prom - ise, faith - ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
giv - en, thank - ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.
chil - dren, joy - ful - ly now God's prais-es we sing.

Now it is our joy to welcome our new sister in Christ.

Through baptism you are incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome you as members of the family of Christ.

~ We Listen for God's Word ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Romans 12:9-21

NT Pg. 162

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

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 105:1-8 *Martyrdom*

*Give thanks to God, make known his Name,
His deeds, to everyone;
Sing praise, sing praise to him and tell
The wonders he has done.*

*Rejoice in him, all hearts that seek
To know his Name and grace;
Search for the Lord and all his strength,
And ever seek his face.*

*Recall the marvels God has done,
The judgments of his mouth,
O Abraham's children, Jacob's heirs,
Whom he has chosen out.*

*The Lord is God, throughout the world
His righteous laws prevail;
His covenant and promises
He keeps and will not fail.*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 16:21-28 NT Pg. 18

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Mr. Tim

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.

ANTHEM John Ness Beck

Offertory

THE SERMON Rev. Kyle Randle

Bearing Crosses of Love

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 415 *Germany*

Take Up Thy Cross

PASTORAL PRAYER/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY George Frideric Handel

Interlude (from Water Music Suite)

OFFERTORY ANTHEM John Rutter

The Music's Always With You

*The anthem this morning is an anthem that was sung by the Chancel Choir at
Carter Breeze's funeral. It is sung today at the request of his loving wife and
partner in ministry, Pat Breeze. The music ministry of FUMC continues to thrive
today because of the life and work of Carter Breeze. Thanks be to God for Carter
and Pat.*

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 577 *CWM Rhondda*

God of Grace and God of Glory

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Charles Marie Widor

Toccata (from Symphony V)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of
Edwin Carter Breeze,
who faithfully served as Minister of Music and Organist at
First United Methodist Church for over 23 years.

The flowers are very special to me today. Not only do they glorify our Lord,
they mark the tenth anniversary of my sweetheart's death. I'd like for the
flowers to go home with two special ladies that I first met 42 years ago. The
first is for Lib Wellons who was the choir director when we came to Conway.
The second is for Bobbie Davis who was the church secretary and the first
Methodist we met when we opened the church door. Thank you ladies! How I
miss my church and it's wonderful members. Love, Pat Breeze

Serving This Sunday, August 31

Altar Guild: Dawne Clonts, Freda Jones, Suzanne Owen, Amelia Wood

Crucifer and Acolyte: Laurel and Jade Edwards, Savannah Seremet

Counting Committee: (Sunday) Hunter Jenkins, Kelly Cooper

(Monday) Maxine Dunn, Margaret Thompson, Nancy Stiltner

Trustee Duty: George Martin

Sound Technician: Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman

Children's Church: Mark and Jenny Chanaca

Ushers: Duc Watts (Chairman), Phillip Thompson (Co-Chairman)

Jack Driggers, James Hammond, Craig Hyman, Jimmy Jones, Blake Martin,
George Martin, Dick Sayre, Ernie Turnes.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, August 31

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary

Monday, September 1

Office is Closed in Observance of Labor Day

Tuesday, September 2

7:00 p.m. UMW General Meeting: Guest Speaker Julie Whitten/ FLC

Wednesday, September 3

2:30 p.m. Children are picked up from school

3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities

3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

5:30 p.m. Church Family Meal / Fellowship Hall

6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205

6:30 p.m. Adult Bible Study & Discussion / Room 122

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

Thursday, September 4

6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC



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Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost

August 31, 2014

11:00 a.m.

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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.