

We Gather to Worship God

James tells us to stop showing favoritism...treating the rich with more honor than the poor. Jesus himself seems to show partiality in his first response to the Syrophenician woman in today's gospel. Was he testing her faith in saying Gentiles don't deserve the goods meant for God's children? Or was he speaking out of his human worldview, but transcended those limits when she took him by surprise with her reply? Either way, the story tells us that God shows no partiality. Everyone who brings his or her need to Jesus is received with honor..

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *It Is Well* *Ville du Havre*
Voices in Bronze

* INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 147 *Royal Oak*
All Things Bright and Beautiful

* OPENING DIALOGUE

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

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

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Let us confess our sin, calling for God's transforming power.

(silence is kept for reflection)

Source of all life,

we confess that we have not allowed

your grace to set us free.

We fear that we are not good enough.

We hear your word of love freely given to us,

yet we expect others to earn it.

We turn the church inward,

rather than moving it outward.

Forgive us. Stir us.

Reform us to be a church powered by love,

willing to speak for what is right,

act for what is just,

and seek the healing of your whole creation.

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! Amen.

* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

**All may exchange signs of peace.*

PRESENTATION OF THIRD GRADE BIBLES

~ *WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD* ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Proverbs 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23

A good name is to be chosen rather than great riches,
and favor is better than silver or gold.

The rich and the poor have this in common:

the Lord is the maker of them all.

Whoever sows injustice will reap calamity,
and the rod of anger will fail.

Those who are generous are blessed,

for they share their bread with the poor.

Do not rob the poor because they are poor,

or crush the afflicted at the gate;

for the Lord pleads their cause

and despoils of life those who despoil them.

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

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 146

Azmon

Happy are they whose hope is in

The God whom Jacob knew;

Who made the heavens, earth, and sea,

Whose promises are true.

To those oppressed, the Lord our God

Gives justice constantly;

He feeds the hungry and all those

In prison he sets free.

The Lord lifts up all those bowed down

And gives the blind new sight;

The stranger, widow, fatherless,

He strengthens by his might.

God brings the wicked to their doom,

And he will reign always;

From age to age, O Zion, sing

To God unending praise.

THE SECOND LESSON

James 2:1-10, 14-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, "Have a seat here, please," while to the one who is poor you say, "Stand there," or, "Sit at my feet," have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you? You do well if you really fulfill the royal law according to the scripture, "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, "Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill," and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

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ANTHEM

Sing to the Lord on High

Joseph Haydn

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 7:24-37

From there he set out and went away to the region of Tyre. He entered a house and did not want anyone to know he was there. Yet he could not escape notice, but a woman whose little daughter had an unclean spirit immediately heard about him, and she came and bowed down at his feet. Now the woman was a Gentile, of Syrophenician origin. She begged him to cast the demon out of her daughter. He said to her, "Let the children be fed first, for it is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." But she answered him, "Sir, even the dogs under the table eat the children's crumbs." Then he said to her, "For saying that, you may go—the demon has left your daughter." So she went home, found the child lying on the bed, and the demon gone. Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, "Ephphatha," that is, "Be opened." And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, "He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak."

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Mr. Josh

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.

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

Be Opened

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 454

Open My Eyes

Open My Eyes, That I May See

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Michael Burkhardt

O That I Had a Thousand Voices

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 438

Duke Street

Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Felix Mendelssohn

Allegro Molto (from Sonata VI)

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
and in honor of our grandchildren,
Addison, Maddox, and Jackson.
And in memory of our grandson, Jess Lucas Dannelly, II
by Jess and Wendy Dannelly

The Church Bell will toll on Tuesday in commemoration
of the events of September 11, 2001.



TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH WORK DAY OFFERING! Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering to invest in the comprehensive care we are called by God to provide for the children at Epworth Children's Home, our church's ministry to God's children. Please find information about Epworth and the Work Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously by using the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For more information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation.

Serving This Sunday, September 9

Altar Guild: Frances Driggers, Sue Dusenbury, Sylvia Richardson, Lois Sayre
Acolytes and Crucifer: Samuel Hickman, Ben Chanaca, Leighton Petkosvek
Bus Duty: Ben Smith
Children's Church: Joy Tietje
Counting Committee: Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
Trustee Duty: Debbie Jenkins, Tyler Thomas
Sound Technicians: Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
Ushers: Brad Todd (Chairman), Kent and Will Bitting, Mark Brooks, Tucker Gore, William Goldfinch, Britt Stiltner, Bill Taylor, Alex Todd, Johnny Vaught, Mark Woodward.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, September 9

9:30 a.m. Sunday School
9:30 a.m. New Adult Study / Family Life Center / Room 101
9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
11:30 a.m. Chamber Orchestra Rehearsal / Sanctuary
4:00 p.m. Grand Strand AGO Convocation Dinner / Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall
5:30 p.m. UMYF High School / Family Life Center (FLC)
5:30 p.m. UMYF Middle School / FLC
5:30 p.m. Bridge Group/ FLC

Monday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle Meeting / Seremet Home / 227 Walden Lake Rd.

Tuesday, September 11

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Educations Wing
10:00 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 213
10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle Meeting / FLC Room 101
6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC Room 102
6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
8:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, September 12

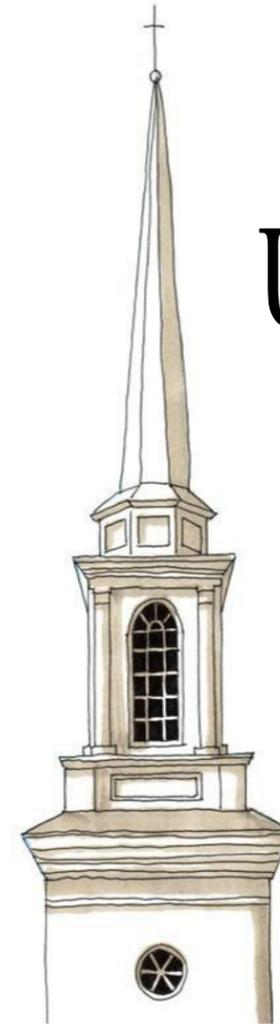
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
4:00 p.m. Asbury Ringers Rehearsal / Room 211
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / Education Wing Room 123
4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / Room 211
5:15 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
5:15 p.m. Voices in Bronze / Room 211
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
6:30 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Adult Study / Room 218
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105
7:00 p.m. Sonshine "Sunday" School Class / Commons

Thursday, September 13

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
1:00 p.m. CAP Board Meeting / FLC Room 101
4:00 p.m. Conway High School Education / FLC Gathering Room
6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104
6:00 p.m. Trustees Meeting / Commons

Friday, September 14

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102



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Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost
September 9, 2018
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.