

# We Gather to Worship God

Jesus' parable about two sons who don't do what they say reveals surprises about the reign of God, such as prostitutes and tax collectors going before others into God's kingdom. Paul urges us to look to Christ as a model of humility, looking to the interests of others above our own. Nourished by the broken bread and shared cup, we offer our lives for the sake of our needy world.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY Johann Walther  
*All Glory Be to God on High*

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 117 St. Anne  
*O God, Our Help in Ages Past*

## \* CALL TO WORSHIP

*We come to hear the stories  
of other people  
in another world  
long ago.*

***We come to hear the stories  
that are also about us today  
in this place.***

***God, give us ears to listen  
eyes to see  
hearts to accept.***

\* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH No. 881  
*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.*

\* GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

## \* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*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.*

*God hears our cry and sends the Spirit to change us and to empower our lives in the world. Our sins are forgiven, God's love is unconditional, and we are raised up as God's people who will always be made new in the name of Jesus Christ. 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."

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 OT Pg. 64

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

ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 78:1 Truro

***Hear, O my people, what I say,  
Incline your ears to learn my ways;  
I will declare a parable,  
The mysteries of ancient days.***

***What our forefathers told to us,  
And that which we have heard and known,  
The mighty works which God has done,  
Their children also must be shown.***

***We will recount to those to come,  
The power of God and deeds he wrought;  
He gave a law to Israel,  
Which now their children must be taught;***

***That generations still to come  
And children yet unborn be told,  
So they might trust God, not forget,  
But keep his judgments as of old.***

THE SECOND LESSON Philippians 2:1-13 NT Pg. 197

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

ANTHEM At the Name of Jesus Cindy Berry

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 21:23-32 NT Pgs. 23-24

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**Thanks be to God.***

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 God's Work Our Hands Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 620 One Bread One Body  
*One Bread One Body*

OFFERTORY Gerald Near  
*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded*

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 95

## \* LITANY OF FIVE LOAVES

*Celebrated during Shabbat meals, challah bread represents a connectivity that we share with God and in community with one another, as brothers and sisters in Christ. In the midst of global religious conflict, systemic injustice, and fear of universal change, let us always remember to celebrate our call and intertwined destinies, as we live to serve God in word, truth, and deed.*

***Lord, we are one in community and faith.***

*The gift of God's love comes without any cost to us. Corn tortillas, a luxury for many people in Latin America, demonstrate our communal privilege, wealth, and inability to be effective leaders in eradicating poverty-stricken communities. We celebrate in communion the hope of those living in a world of scarcity, despair, and hazardous conditions. May the spirit of universal love guide us in recognizing the areas in which we have failed to effectively lead, while giving us strength to help empower our neighbors.*

***Lord, we are one in community and faith.***

*India, Afghanistan, and Pakistan are all communities that eat naan bread. While the waters of raging storms have surfaced in war, political disagreements, and catastrophic events within these countries, let us remember that we are one body in Christ. As we seek to celebrate these cultures in the enjoyment of this bread, let us also share prayers of collective harmony, cultural understanding, and healing within our community and throughout the world.*

***Lord, we are one in community and faith.***

*Pita bread is an international favorite often used to scoop sauces or dips. Most pita bread is baked in high temperatures, causing the flattened rounds of dough to puff up dramatically. Like pita bread, we are often placed in unpleasantly warm and tumultuous situations, causing us to not conduct ourselves with one another in Christian love. As we break bread together, let us reflect upon offering hands of kindness, grace, and mercy toward one another, as was demonstrated through our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.*

***Lord, we are one in community and faith.***

*Chapati bread is eaten in some Eastern African countries. The bread has a flat surface and is unleavened. Unlike most bread, chapati does not rise, but remains still before being cooked. Let us look to chapati as a symbol of peace, unwavering faith, and stillness in the presence of God. As we are sometimes faced with difficult decisions as leaders within The United Methodist Church and Christian faith, let us remember the gift of communal serenity.*

***Lord, we are one in community and faith.***

- \*Taking the Bread and Cup
- \*The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements. (The pastor's station offers gluten-free bread.)

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given towards World Communion Sunday.

COMMUNION HYMNS

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| No. 356  | <i>When We Are Living</i> | Norris |
| No. 2186 | <i>Song of Hope</i>       | Red    |

~ 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 Dietrich Buxtehude  
*Fugue in D*
- \* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

NOTES FOR WORSHIP

Numbers by the hymns, Affirmation of Faith, and Doxology are from the United Methodist Hymnal and The Faith We Sing Hymnal (TFWS) found in the pew racks. Old Testament and New Testament scripture readings are from the New Revised Standard Version, located in the pew. Page numbers for the readings are listed in the order of worship.

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- Altar Guild:** Karen Foxworth, Janet Martin, Jill Foxworth
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Ross Fallaw, Jackson Hagen, Jonas Randle
- Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Sarah Staub
- Trustee Duty:** Cathy Senn, Randy Wood
- Bus Duty:** Janet Martin
- Children's Church:** Justin and Amanda Roof
- Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks
- Ushers:** Spivey Hood (Chairman) Bob Butler, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Daniel Hunnicutt, Doug Roof, Scott Sayre, Ben Smith, Randy Wood.

**This Week at FUMC**

**Sunday, October 1**

- World Communion Sunday
- 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
- 3:00 p.m. Blessing of the Animals / Courtyard
- 4:00 p.m. Acolyte Training / Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF and Bridge Meeting / FLC

**Monday, October 2**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room
- 4:30 p.m. Capital Campaign Team / Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / Family Life Center (FLC)

**Tuesday, October 3**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 9:30 a.m. Staff Meeting / Room 215
- 10:00 a.m. Burroughs/Collins Circle / FLC Senior Room
- 4:30 p.m. Capital Campaign Team / Fellowship Hall
- 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC

**Wednesday, October 4**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 3:00 p.m. Wonderful Wednesday Activities / FLC
- 3:30 p.m. Church Yard Work Day / Courtyard
- 4:30 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
- 4:30 p.m. Chime Choir (Grades 1 & 2) / Room 211
- 5:10 p.m. Voices in Bronze (Grades 3-5) Rehearsal / Room 211
- 5:10 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:15 p.m. "Seamless" Ladies Bible Study / Room 216
- 6:15 p.m. "Soul Shift" Bible Study / Room 217
- 6:15 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Room 205
- 7:00 p.m. Sonshine Class Meeting / Parlor
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105

**Thursday, October 5**

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

**Friday, October 6**

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



# First United Methodist Church

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost  
World Communion Sunday  
October 1, 2017  
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