

# First Church at Worship

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*O God Thou Faithful God*

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. 452

*My Faith Looks Up to Thee*  
vs. 1-3

*Olivet*

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day be wholly thine!

While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray from thee aside.

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

<sup>1</sup>Job answered [his friend:]

<sup>2</sup>"Today also my complaint is bitter;  
[God's] hand is heavy despite my groaning.

<sup>3</sup>Oh, that I knew where I might find him,  
that I might come even to his dwelling!

<sup>4</sup>I would lay my case before him,  
and fill my mouth with arguments.

<sup>5</sup>I would learn what he would answer me,  
and understand what he would say to me.

<sup>6</sup>Would he contend with me in the greatness of his power?  
No; but he would give heed to me.

<sup>7</sup>There an upright person could reason with him,  
and I should be acquitted forever by my judge.

<sup>8</sup>"If I go forward, he is not there;  
or backward, I cannot perceive him;

<sup>9</sup>on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;  
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him.

<sup>16</sup>God has made my heart faint;  
the Almighty has terrified me;

<sup>17</sup>If only I could vanish in darkness,  
and thick darkness would cover my face!"

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 22

*Hamburg*

**Lord, why have you forsaken me,  
And why are you so far away  
From my complaint and my distress  
Poured out before you night and day?**

**Yet you are holy, and the songs  
Of praise of Israel are your throne;  
When our forefathers called on you,  
You saved them, and rescued all your own.**

**But I am mocked and put to scorn,  
All those who see me laugh and say,  
"You trust in God, so let us see  
The help of him to whom you pray."**

**Yet you, O Lord, have been my God  
And only hope since I was born;  
Trouble is near me, none can help;  
My Savior, leave me not forlorn.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Hebrews 4:12-16

<sup>12</sup>Indeed, the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart. <sup>13</sup>And before him no creature is hidden, but all are naked and laid bare to the eyes of the one to whom we must render an account.

<sup>14</sup>Since, then, we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast to our confession. <sup>15</sup>For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who in every respect has been tested as we are, yet without sin. <sup>16</sup>Let us therefore approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.  
This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN NO. 402

*I Want to Be a Christian*  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
vs. 1-2

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more loving in my heart.

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup>As [Jesus] was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, "Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?" <sup>18</sup>Jesus said to him, "Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. <sup>19</sup>You know the commandments: 'You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honor your father and mother.'" <sup>20</sup>He said to him, "Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth." <sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, "You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me." <sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

<sup>23</sup>Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, "How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!" <sup>24</sup>And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, "Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! <sup>25</sup>It is easier for a

camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." <sup>26</sup>They were greatly astounded and said to one another, "Then who can be saved?" <sup>27</sup>Jesus looked at them and said, "For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible."

<sup>28</sup>Peter began to say to him, "Look, we have left everything and followed you." <sup>29</sup>Jesus said, "Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, <sup>30</sup>who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. <sup>31</sup>But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first."

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* THE SEQUENCE HYMN NO. 402

*I Want to Be a Christian*  
*Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*  
vs. 3-4

Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be more holy in my heart.

Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart;  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.  
In my heart, in my heart,  
Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT (10:30)

Mr. Josh

SERMON

*The Presence of Absence*

Josh Tietje

ANTHEM (10:30)

*Sing to the Lord*

Antonio Vivaldi

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose teaching is life,  
whose presence is sure,  
and whose love is endless.  
**Amen.**

Let us confess our sins to the one who welcomes us with an open heart.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God our comforter:

**like lost sheep, we have gone astray.  
We gaze upon abundance and see scarcity.  
We turn our faces away from injustice and oppression.  
We exploit the earth with our apathy and greed.  
Free us from our sin, gracious God.  
Listen when we call out to you for help.  
Lead us by your love to love our neighbors as ourselves.  
Amen.**

All have sinned and fall short of the glory of God.

By the gift of grace in † Christ Jesus, God makes you righteous.  
Receive with glad hearts the forgiveness of all your sins.  
**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

Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

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. 399

*Take My Life and Let It Be*  
vs. 1 & 3

*Messiah*

Take my life, and let it be  
consecrated, Lord, to thee.  
Take my moments and my days;  
let them flow in ceaseless praise.  
Take my hands, and let them move  
at the impulse of thy love.  
Take my feet, and let them be  
swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my will, and make it thine;  
it shall be no longer mine.  
Take my heart, it is thine own;  
it shall be thy royal throne.  
Take my love, my Lord, I pour  
at thy feet its treasure-store.  
Take myself, and I will be  
ever, only, all for thee.

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in  
loving memory of Sylvia Byrd Watts,  
by Frank, Teresa and Frankie.

Rev. Kyle, Nancy, Jonas and Sara will be out of town October 8<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>.  
Please contact Josh (828) 476-0113 or  
the Church Office (843) 488-4251 with pastoral concerns.

Church secretary, Cathy, will be out of town October 14<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>.

### This Week at FUMC

#### Sunday, October 10

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 / All Ages / Education Wing  
9:30 a.m. Youth Sunday School / Family Life Center (FLC) Room 103  
10:30 a.m. Morning Worship / Sanctuary & Live Online

#### Monday, October 11

6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

#### Tuesday, October 12

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Gathering Room  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing / Field Trip  
6:00 p.m. CA Group / FLC Room 102  
7:00 p.m. Cub Scout Meeting / FLC Gathering Room  
8:00 p.m. AI Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101  
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102

#### Wednesday, October 13

8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
3:00 p.m. WW Snack and Fellowship / Fellowship Hall  
3:30 p.m. WW Activities / Education Wing  
3:45 p.m. Youth Hangout / FLC Room 103  
4:00 p.m. Confirmation Class / FLC Room 104  
4:45 p.m. Chime Choir Rehearsal / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons  
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall  
6:00 p.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Commons  
6:15 p.m. Adult Bible Study / Room 216  
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
8:00 p.m. Quintet Rehearsal / Room 105

#### Thursday, October 14

8:00 a.m. Peoples Underwriters / FLC Gathering Room  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
4:30 p.m. Cherub Choir Rehearsal / Room 105  
5:00 p.m. Wesley Treble Choir / Room 105  
5:00 p.m. **Pumpkin Patch Delivery / Courtyard**  
6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102  
6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 104

#### Friday, October 15

7:00 a.m. Youth Prayer Breakfast / FLC Gathering Room  
8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing  
6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

#### Saturday, October 16

7:00 a.m. UMW Rummage Sale / Fellowship Hall

### **The Pumpkin Patch is Open Daily**

11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Sundays 11:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Please invite family, friends, and neighbors!  
Proceeds go towards Children and Youth Ministries.

### **Rummage Sale Donations Drop-Off**

Monday - Friday

10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Fellowship Hall

# First United Methodist Church

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*Christ and the Rich Young Ruler / Heinrich Hofmann / 1889 (Greyscale)*

## Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

October 10, 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.