

# We Gather to Worship God

The rich man who comes to ask Jesus what he should do to inherit eternal life is a good man, sincere in his asking. Mark's gospel is alone in saying that Jesus looked on him and loved him. Out of love, not as judgment, Jesus offers him an open door to life: sell all you own and give it to the poor. Our culture bombards us with the message that we will find life by consuming. Our faith counters this message with the invitation to find life by divesting for the sake of the other.

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY *Allegro in D* Johann Pachelbel

## \* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

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

## \* OPENING DIALOGUE

We look in the mirror and what do we see?

**We see people who try to be faithful,  
even as questions and struggles challenge our faith.**

We look in the mirror and how do we see?

**We see with hearts which are open to God's love,  
with lives which seek to trust when all the evidence  
tells us not to be so foolish.**

We look in the mirror and who do we see?

**We see Jesus, the One who struggles with  
the questions we raise, who models faithfulness  
for all who would follow.**

## \* 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)

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! Amen.**

## \* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*\*All may exchange signs of peace.*

## CONSECRATION OF THE ACOLYTES

~ WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD ~

## THE FIRST LESSON

Job 23:1-9, 16-17

Then Job answered:

<sup>2</sup>“Today also my complaint is bitter;

his 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 ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 22:1-11

*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.

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**Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*My Shepherd Will Supply My Need*  
Kim Carey, *flute*

Mack Wilberg

## \* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 10:17-31

<sup>17</sup>As he 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.” This is the word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Rev. Kyle

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

Radical Reorientation

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

\* HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 474

Precious Lord

Precious Lord, Take My Hand

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY

By Waterside in Babylon

Pachelbel

\* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

\* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 2241

Land of Rest

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Jean Josef Mouret

Rondeau (from Sinfonies De Fanfares)

\* CONGREGATION STANDING

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

The roses in the Chancel are in memory of  
Pam Misner  
by Gary Misner, Sue and Bob Miller.

THINGS TO KNOW WHILE WORSHIPING AT FIRST UMC

We are grateful that you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope that you will receive a blessing from the service. If you don't already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

All worshipers are asked to sign the Attendance Pad at the end of each pew and pass it along to your neighbors.

The Nursery is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Parents are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager, so that we may contact you should the need arise during worship.

A restroom is located in the Narthex, the Parlor, and the first floor of the Education Wing. Baby Changing Stations are located in the Nursery, Rm. 118.

In the hustle and bustle of getting ourselves ready for church, it is easy to forget to turn off our cell phones. We offer this gentle reminder to please turn cell phones off so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, October 14

- 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
- 11:45 a.m. Pumpkin Patch Opens / Courtyard
- 12:45 p.m. Trinity UMC Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
- 2:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Worship / Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF High School / Family Life Center (FLC)
- 5:00 p.m. UMYF Middle School / FLC
- 5:00 p.m. Bridge Group/ FLC

Monday, October 15

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer / Hut Chapel Courtyard
- 6:00 p.m. SPRC Meeting / FLC Room 101
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC Room 104

Tuesday, October 16

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Educations Wing
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer / Hut Chapel Courtyard
- 6:00 p.m. Cocaine Anonymous (CA) Meeting / FLC Room 103
- 6:30 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC Room 104
- 8:00 p.m. Al-Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, October 17

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer / Hut Chapel Courtyard
- 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
- 6:15 p.m. Ladies Bible Study Fellowship / Room 216
- 6:15 p.m. Disciple Fast Track Adult Study / Room 218
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

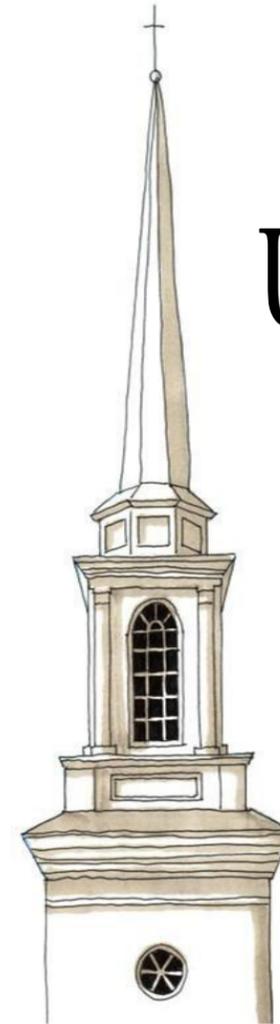
Thursday, October 18

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer / Hut Chapel Courtyard
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC Room 104
- 6:00 p.m. Finance Committee Meeting / FLC Room 101
- 7:00 p.m. Trinity UMC Activities / Education Wing

Friday, October 19

- 8:30 a.m. Preschool / Education Wing
- 12:00 p.m. Noon Day Prayer / Hut Chapel Courtyard
- 1:00 p.m. Lions Club Meeting / Fellowship Hall
- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

**The Pumpkin Patch is Open**  
**Monday-Saturday / 11:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**Sunday / 11:45 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.**  
**All proceeds Will Go To Flood Victims.**



# First United Methodist Church

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Twenty-first Sunday After Pentecost  
October 14, 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.