

We Gather to Worship God

Genuine repentance and piety stand in stark contrast in the gospel and all around us. All creation stands in need of God's forgiveness. Today we celebrate the heart of our faith—the good news of Jesus Christ sets us free! We pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to unite the church today in its proclamation and witness to the world

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Rondo Celebration”
Carillon Handbell Choir

Douglas Wagner

INTROIT

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 110

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Ein' Feste Burg

* THE GREETING

From God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, grace and peace be with you all.

And also with you.

* CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

The Sun of righteousness shall rise with shining beams of healing. Let us gather under the wings of God's mercy. **Amen.**

Gracious God, ***we acknowledge that we are sinners and we confess our sins—those known to us that burden our hearts, and those unknown to us but seen by you. We know that before you nothing remains hidden, and in you everything is revealed. Free us from the slavery of sin, liberate us from the bondage of guilt; and work in us that which is pleasing in your sight; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen***

With a heart full of mercy and compassion, God saves us and forgives us all our sins. 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 worshipping 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

Joel 2:23-32

OT. Pg. 848

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

THE PSALTER

Psalm 46

Diademata

God is our hope and strength,
In need his help is near;
Though earth should shake and mountains break,
We will not ever fear.

Though waters rage and foam,
Seas rise and mountains cower,
The Lord of hosts is with us still,
And Jacob's God our tower.

Streams from the throne of God
Make glad his temple grounds;
God dwells in her to help her soon,
She shall not be cast down.
Though kingdoms, nations, quake,
The earth melts at God's power,
The Lord of hosts is with us still,
And Jacob's God our tower.

Come, see what God has done:
He makes all conflict cease,
He breaks the bow, snaps spears, burns shields,
And gives the nations peace.
Know, then, that I am God,
Exalted in this hour;
The Lord of hosts is with us still,
And Jacob's God our tower.

THE SECOND LESSON 2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18 NT Pg. 213

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ANTHEM

“No One Ever Cared for Me Like Jesus”
Jimmy Brown, *tenor*; Justin Cox, *baritone*; Lib Wellons, *piano*

Weigle

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke 18:9-14 NT Pg. 81

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CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

“God's Tools”

Rev. Kyle

Children ages three through third-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON

“Reflections”

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE HYMN OF RESPONSE No. 500 *Morecambe*

“Spirit of God, Descend Upon My Heart”
You are invited to the altar during the singing of this hymn.
Kneel...commune with God...return to your pew when ready.

* 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

Meineke

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/THE LORD'S PRAYER

After each petition, please respond

Hear us, O God.

Your mercy is great.

OFFERTORY

“Verso in G minor”

Zipoli

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Eric Thiman

“Thy Church, O God, her heart to Thee upraiseth”
Thy Church, O God, her heart to Thee upraiseth;
With her the nation bow before thy face:
With high thanksgiving thee thy glad Church praiseth;
Our strength thy spirit, our trust and hope thy grace.

Unto great honour, glory undeserved,
Hast Thou exalted us, and drawn Thee nigh.
Nor, from thy judgments when our feet had swerved,
Didst Thou forsake, nor leave us, Lord most high.

Unto our minds give freedom and uprightness;
Let strength and courage lead o'er land and wave.
To our souls' armour grant celestial brightness,
Joy to our hearts, and faith beyond the grave.

Our plenteous nation still in power extending,
Increase our joy, uphold us by Thy word;
Beauty and wisdom all our ways attending,
Goodwill to man and peace though Christ our Lord.

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

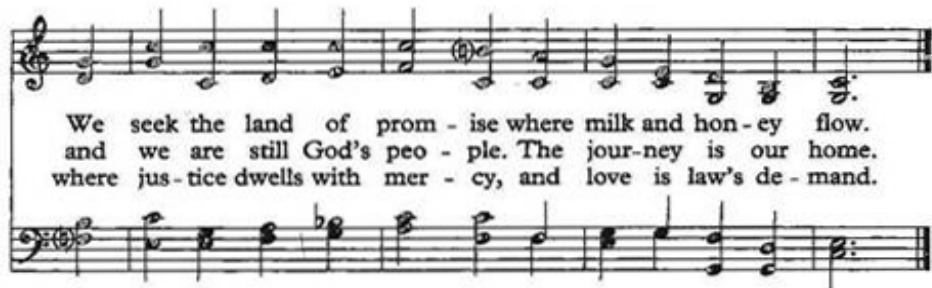
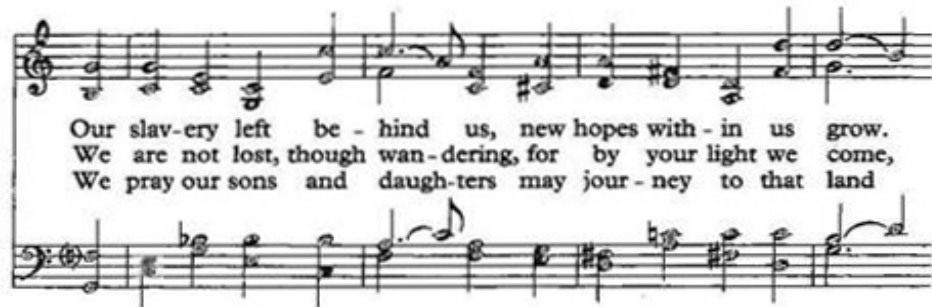
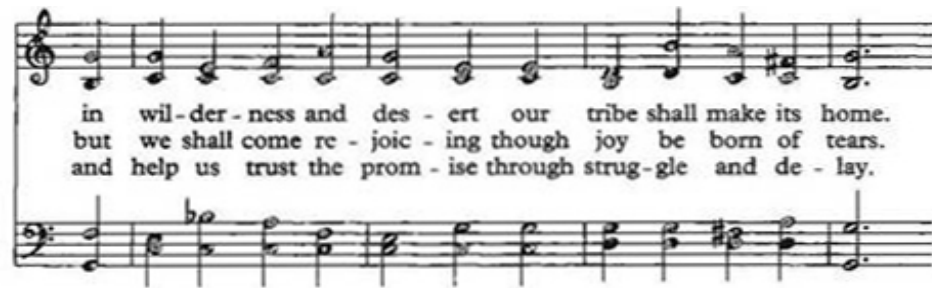
~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING

Lancashire

“Lead On, O Cloud of Presence”

1. Lead on, O cloud of Pres - ence, the ex - o - dus is come,
2. Lead on, O fier - y Pil - lar, we fol - low yet with fears,
3. Lead on, O God of free - dom, and guide us on our way,



*BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach
"Toccatina and Fugue in D minor"

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of Pat Breeze for her years of service to our church and Sunday School by the Emma Thompson Class.

In Memoriam
Laura Garren Johnson
1939-2013

A service of Death and Resurrection was celebrated on Sunday, October 20 at First United Methodist Church.

Serving This Sunday, October 27

- Altar Guild:** Janet Martin, Jean Steen, Jill Watts
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Laurel Edwards, Ross Fallaw, Samuel Hickman
- Liturgist:** Tim Whitten
- Counting Committee:** (Sunday) Jan Bitting and George Martin (Monday) Maxine Dunn and Margaret Thompson
- Trustee Duty:** Jim Edwards
- Sound Technician:** Lee Hickman / Charles Hucks / Thomas Hickman
- Ushers:** Jim Ward (Chairman), Charles Timbes (Co-Chairman) Bob Butler, Philip Davis, Andy Hendrick, Blake Hewitt, Spivey Hood, Doug Roof, Benjamin Smith, John Steen, Randy Wood.
- Nursery Volunteers:** Daniel and Laura Hunnicutt
- Children's Church:** Charles and Ann Myers

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, October 27

- 9:15 a.m. Carillon Choir Rehearsal / Sanctuary
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast 100.9 FM
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary
- 4:00 p.m. Requiem Rehearsal / Sanctuary
- 5:00 p.m. Trunk or Treat / FLC Parking Lot

Monday, October 28

- 10:30 a.m. Bible Study & Discussion / FLC Senior Room

Tuesday, October 29

- Bulletin Deadline
- 3:30 p.m. Pottery for Children / FLC

Wednesday, October 30

- 3:00 p.m. Children's Snack Time / Education Wing
- 3:15 p.m. Cherub and Wesley Treble Choirs Rehearsal / Rm. 105
- 4:00 p.m. W.W. Activities / Education Wing & FLC
- 5:30 p.m. Wednesday Evening Meal / Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 p.m. Bible Study / John McCutcheon Classroom
- 7:00 p.m. Requiem Rehearsal with Orchestra / Sanctuary



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Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost
October 27, 2013
11:00 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.