

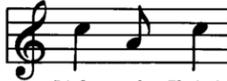
First Church at Worship

“This is the day that the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad in it.” God has indeed raised from the dead the one who was put to death “by hanging him on a tree.” Alleluia! God allows Jesus to appear “to us who were chosen by God as witnesses” in holy baptism and invites us to eat and drink at the table of the risen Christ. Alleluia!

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* THE EASTER PROCESSION

The light of Christ rises in glory, overcoming the darkness of sin and death.

Cantor		Congregation	
	Light of Christ!		Thanks be to God!

* THE EASTER PROCLAMATION

Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing, choirs of angels!
Exult, all creation around God's throne!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Sound the trumpet of salvation!

Rejoice, heavenly powers!
Sing, choirs of angels!
Jesus Christ, our King, is risen!
Rejoice, O earth, in shining splendor,
radiant in the brightness of our King!

Christ has conquered! Glory fills you!
Darkness vanishes for ever!
Rejoice, O holy Church! Exult in glory!
The risen Savior shines upon you!
Let this place resound with joy,
echoing the mighty song of all God's people!

ALLELUIA! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!
Glory and honor, dominion and power, be to God for ever and ever.
Christ is risen indeed! ALLELUIA!

* THE GREAT NOISE

The congregation is invited to join in with the clapping of hands, rattling of keys and other sounds of noise as we celebrate the Risen Christ breaking the bonds of death!

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70 Meineke

* THE EASTER HYMN No. 302 Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today

THE COLLECT

O God, who for our redemption gave your only begotten Son to the death of the cross, and by his glorious resurrection delivered us from the power of our enemy: grant us to die daily to sin that we may evermore live with him in the joy of his resurrection; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

ANTHEM *Litany for Easter* Gordon Young

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM see insert

THE FIRST LESSON Acts 10:34-43

Then Peter began to speak to them: ‘I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ—he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.’

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

THE PSALTER Psalm 118:14-17, 22-24 *Festal Song*

*God is my strength and song,
The Savior I have found;
Now from the tents of all the just
Comes the triumphant sound:*

*“The Right hand of the Lord
Has gained the victory!
The right hand of the Lord has won,
Has triumphed gloriously!”*

*This is the Lord's own Work
And marvelous to see;
The Lord has acted on this day,
We praise his victory.*

THE SECOND LESSON I Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

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

* THE GOSPLE ACCLAMATION No. 2043 *Celtic Alleluia*
Alleluia

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Mark 16:1-8

When the sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices, so that they might go and anoint him. And very early on the first day of the week, when the sun had risen, they went to the tomb. They had been saying to one another, ‘Who will roll away the stone for us from the entrance to the tomb?’ When they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had already been rolled back. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man, dressed in a white robe, sitting on the right side; and they were alarmed. But he said to them, ‘Do not be alarmed; you are looking for Jesus of Nazareth, who was crucified. He has been raised; he is not here. Look, there is the place they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter that he is going ahead of you to Galilee; there you will see him, just as he told you.’ So they went out and fled from the tomb, for terror and amazement had seized them; and they said nothing to anyone, for they were afraid.

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

* ANTHEM *Hallelujah Chorus (from Messiah)* G. F. Handel

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS Rev. Kyle

Long Live the King
Children will remain in worship with their families.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.

SERMON *The Greatest April Fool* Rev. Kyle Randle

OFFERTORY *Alleluia!* W. A. Mozart

OFFERTORY ANTHEM Joseph Haydn
Sing to the Lord on High

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS Doxology No. 94

* THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing,
always and everywhere to give thanks to you,
Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.
You show partiality, but accept everybody who fears you
and does what is right through faith.
And so, with your people on earth
and all the company of heaven
we praise your name and join their unending hymn.

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The congregation sits

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.
You raised him from the dead,
the first fruits of those who have fallen asleep.
In him we are given life.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection
you gave birth to your Church,
delivered us from slavery to sin and death,
and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread,
gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me.

"When the supper was over he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

On the third day you raised him from the dead
and revealed him to the women
who had come to the tomb to tend him.

And so,
in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ,
we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving
as a holy and living sacrifice,
in union with Christ's offering for us,
as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,
and on these gifts of bread and wine.
Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,
that we may be for the world the body of Christ,
redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
one with each other,
and one in ministry to all the world,
until Christ comes in final victory,
and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty God,
now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

COMMUNION

Communion will be served by Intinction. The choir will be served first. Following the choir, the ushers will direct the congregation to one of three stations. Any offering given at the Chancel Rail will be given towards our Lenten Mission Projects.

COMMUNION HYMNS *(Please join in singing)*

No. 162	<i>Alleluia, Alleluia</i>	<i>Alleluia No. 1</i>
No. 315	<i>Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain</i>	<i>St. Kevin</i>
No. 614	<i>For the Bread Which You Have Broken</i>	<i>For the Bread</i>

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 308 *Judas Maccabeus*
Thine Be the Glory

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Charles-Marie Widor*
Toccata (from Symphony V)

* *CONGREGATION STANDING*

Altar flowers are given to the glory of God.

We welcome FUMC Festival Brass to our worship this morning:
Becky Krivanek, trumpet; Ross Fallaw, trumpet, Ethan Bautz, trombone;
and John Case, timpani.

WELCOME TO FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newcomers and Guests

Welcome! 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.

We welcome children into our worship!

Children are part of the family of God. They learn how to worship God by seeing other people worship. Children are welcome in the church to worship with their parents or caregivers. We understand that sometimes it is hard to be present in worship with young children. If you choose, we have a nursery for infants and toddlers 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. An usher will direct you to the nursery.

Have a hard time hearing?

If you can't hear the service, please let an usher know. We have hearing assist devices which will help even the most hard of hearing to participate in the service!

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.

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Easter Sunday

April 1, 2018

10:30 a.m.

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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.