John Wesley, founder of Methodism, wrote Directions for Singing in his 1761 publication, Select Hymns. They are printed on the 3rd inside panel of this bulletin. Please take time to read them now and keep in mind these directions as we lift our voices together in praise of the one true and living God!

**OPENING VOLUNTARY BY FESTIVAL BRASS & CARILLON CHOIR**

**INTROIT FROM THE NARTHEX**

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 139  
  * Lobe den Herren  
  * Praise to the Lord the Almighty

* CALL TO WORSHIP

God who sent the Light into our world, who shone in the Bethlehem manger, and who spreads the Spirit’s rays, be with you.

And also with you.

**OPENING PRAYER**

O burning Mountain, O chosen Sun,
O perfect Moon, O fathomless Well,
O unattainable Height, O fathomless Well,
O Wisdom without end, O Mercy without limit,
O Strength without resistance, O Crown beyond all majesty;
The humblest thing you created sings your praise. Amen.

**HYMN STORY**

* THE HYMN NO. 529  
  * How Firm a Foundation  
  * (Stanza 1 all; 2 women; 3 men; 4 choir; 5 all)

**HYMN STORY**

* THE HYMN NO. 707  
  * Hymn of Promise

**HYMN STORY**

* THE HYMN NO. 172  
  * My Jesus, I Love Thee  
  * (Stanza 1 all; 2 choir; 3 all)

**HYMN STORY**

* THE HYMN NO. 298  
  * When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
  * (Stanzas 1 and 2 all; 3 choir; 4 all)

**HYMN STORY**

* THE HYMN NO. 152  
  * Alleluia, Alleluia Give Thanks to the Risen Lord  
  * (Stanzas 1 and 2 all; 3 choir; 4 all)

**HYMN STORY**

* THE RECESSIONAL HYMN NO. 327  
  * Diademata  
  * Crown Him with Many Crowns  
  * (Stanza 1 all; 2 choir; 3 all printed below)

3. Crown Him the Lord of heav’n; One with the Father known,
One with the Spirit through Him giv’n from yonder glorious throne.
To Thee be endless praise, for Thou for us hast died;
Be Thou, O Lord, through endless days adored and magnified.

**BENEDICTION**

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY  
  * Felix Mendelssohn

  * Molto Allegro (from *Sonata VI*)

**CONGREGATION STANDING**
Welcome to First United Methodist Church, Conway. First Church has provided a Methodist presence in Conway, since 1828. Through the years, First UMC has been known for the commitment of her members to the church and community, a strong Christian witness and an excellent music program. Learn more about FUMC by visiting us online at www.fumconway.org or find us on Facebook.

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 this service. If you don’t already have a church home, it is our hope that you will consider letting First Church fill that need.

A nursery is provided this afternoon and is located on the first floor of the Education Wing in Rm. 118. An usher or greeter will be happy to assist anyone with young children. Our nursery is staffed with paid professionals and loving volunteers. Those leaving children in the nursery are asked to sign in their children and check out a pager so that they may be contacted 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 power off cell phones and other electronic devices so that the worship service is not disrupted by them.

A reception follows immediately after the service in the church commons. Exit the sanctuary through the double doors at the front of the sanctuary to enter the commons. All are invited to the reception.

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Our next Music and Arts Event:

**Wednesdays at Noon**
**March 12~April 9**
**Lenten Organ Meditations**
Free 10 minute concerts during Lent
Soup and Sandwich Lunch available after program

ORGANISTS
March 12, Billy Fallaw
March 26, Roberta Rowland-Raybold
April 9 Ashley Sosis
March 19, Reverend Bud Esper
April 2 Susan Cadwell

**Festival Brass**
Chris Ackerman, *trumpet*
Steve Skillman, *horn*
Marlan McDonald, *trombone*
Bryan Buss, *trumpet*
Chad Horsely, *trombone*

**Percussion**
John Case, *timpani*
Thomas Hickman, *djembe*

**String Bass**
Lee Hickman

**Carillon Handbell Choir**
First United Methodist Church

**Choristers**
*members of*
Choir of Trinity United Methodist Church, Conway
Dr. Andrew Fowler, *director*
the Reverend Dr. Sandra Stevens-Poirel, *minister*
Choir of First Baptist Church, Conway
Rocky Taylor, *director*
the Reverend Dr. Robert Guffey, *minister*
Choir of Kingston Presbyterian, Conway
Bradley Hardee, *director*
the Reverend Rhett Talbert, *minister*
Chancel Choir of First United Methodist Church, Conway
Billy Fallaw, *director*
the Reverend Kyle Randle, *minister*
the Reverend Jo Anna Fallaw, *United Methodist Minister*
reader

**How Can I Keep from Singing?**

*A HYMN FESTIVAL*

February 23, 2014 at 5:00 p.m.
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