

First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Gabriel's Oboe

Enio Morricone

INTROIT

* 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. 100

LAUDA ANIMA

God, Whose Love is Reigning O'er Us

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

* HYMN OF THE DAY No. 572

Pass It Own

PASS IT ON

~ **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD** ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 18:1-15

¹ The Lord appeared to Abraham by the oaks of Mamre, as he sat at the entrance of his tent in the heat of the day. ² He looked up and saw three men standing near him. When he saw them, he ran from the tent entrance to meet them and bowed down to the ground. ³ He said, "My lord, if I find favor with you, do not pass by your servant. ⁴ Let a little water be brought, and wash your feet, and rest yourselves under the tree. ⁵ Let me bring a little bread, that you may refresh yourselves, and after that you may pass on—since you have come to your servant." So they said, "Do as you have said." ⁶ And Abraham hastened into the tent to Sarah and said, "Make ready quickly three measures of choice flour, knead it, and make cakes." ⁷ Abraham ran to the herd and took a calf, tender and good, and gave it to the servant, who hastened to prepare it. ⁸ Then he took curds and milk and the calf that he had prepared and set it before them, and he stood by them under the tree while they ate.

⁹ They said to him, "Where is your wife Sarah?" And he said, "There, in the tent." ¹⁰ Then one said, "I will surely return to you in due season, and your wife Sarah shall have a son." And Sarah was listening at the tent entrance behind him. ¹¹ Now Abraham and Sarah were old, advanced in age; it had ceased to be with Sarah after the manner of women. ¹² So Sarah laughed to herself, saying, "After I have grown old, and my husband is old, shall I be fruitful?" ¹³ The Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Shall I indeed bear a child, now that I am old?'" ¹⁴ Is anything too wonderful for the Lord? At the set time I will return to you, in due season, and Sarah shall have a son." ¹⁵ But Sarah denied, saying, "I did not laugh," for she was afraid. He said, "Yes, you did laugh."

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 116

MORNING SONG

**How shall I now repay the Lord
For all his gifts to me?
I will lift up salvation's cup
And call on him in need.**

**Before the people God has called
My vows will be made right;
The death of those who serve the Lord
Is precious in his sight.**

**I am your handmaid's child, O Lord,
Your servant all my days;
I will call on your Name and bring
The sacrifice of praise.**

**Before the people God has called
I will fulfill my vows,
Within your walls, Jerusalem,
And in the Lord's own house.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 5:1-8

¹ Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, ² through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand, and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. ³ And not only that, but we also boast in our afflictions, knowing that affliction produces endurance, ⁴ and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, ⁵ and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us. ⁶ For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. ⁷ Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. ⁸ But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 427

GERMANY

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
(Sts. 1-3)*

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 9:35-10:8

³⁵ Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness. ³⁶ When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. ³⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; ³⁸ therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

^{10:1} Then Jesus summoned his twelve disciples and gave them authority over unclean spirits, to cast them out, and to cure every disease and every sickness. ² These are the names of the twelve apostles: first, Simon, also known as Peter, and his brother Andrew; James son of Zebedee and his brother John; ³ Philip and Bartholomew; Thomas and Matthew the tax collector; James son of Alphaeus and Thaddaeus; ⁴ Simon the Cananaean and Judas Iscariot, the one who betrayed him. ⁵ These twelve Jesus sent out with the following instructions: "Do not take a road leading to gentiles, and do not enter a Samaritan town, ⁶ but go rather to the lost sheep of the house of Israel. ⁷ As you go, proclaim the good news, 'The kingdom of heaven has come near.' ⁸ Cure the sick; raise the dead; cleanse those with a skin disease; cast out demons. You received without payment; give without payment. [⁹ Take no gold, or silver, or copper in your belts, ¹⁰ no bag for your journey, or two tunics, or sandals, or a staff, for laborers deserve their food. ¹¹ Whatever town or village you enter, find out who in it is worthy, and stay there until you leave. ¹² As you enter the house, greet it. ¹³ If the house is worthy, let your peace come it, but

peace come upon it, but if it is not worthy, let your peace return to you. ¹⁴ If anyone will not welcome you or listen to your words, shake off the dust from your feet as you leave that house or town. ¹⁵ Truly I tell you, it will be more tolerable for the land of Sodom and Gomorrah on the day of judgment than for that town. ¹⁶ "I am sending you out like sheep into the midst of wolves, so be wise as serpents and innocent as doves. ¹⁷ Beware of them, for they will hand you over to councils and flog you in their synagogues, ¹⁸ and you will be dragged before governors and kings because of me, as a testimony to them and the gentiles. ¹⁹ When they hand you over, do not worry about how you are to speak or what you are to say, for what you are to say will be given to you at that time, ²⁰ for it is not you who speak, but the Spirit of your Father speaking through you. ²¹ Sibling will betray sibling to death and a father his child, and children will rise against parents and have them put to death, ²² and you will be hated by all because of my name. But the one who endures to the end will be saved. ²³ When they persecute you in this town, flee to the next, for truly I tell you, you will not have finished going through all the towns of Israel before the Son of Man comes."

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 427

GERMANY

*Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life
(Sts. 4-6)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Kyle

SERMON

Rev. Kyle D. Randle

~ **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD** ~

* 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

MEINKE

**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.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Blessed be the holy Trinity + one God,,
whose compassion endures forever. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

Compassionate God,
we confess to you all our sins.
Our burden is heavy, and we cannot free ourselves.
In your mercy, call us back to you.
Your yoke is easy and your burden is light.
Restore us to dwell in your peace.
In Christ's name we pray,
Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of grace,
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.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lift High the Cross

Carl Schalk

* PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

~ WE ARE SENT FORTH ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 2130 (TFWS)

The Summons

KELVINGROVE

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Alleluia! Sing to Jesus

Paul Manz

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God
and in memory of Karlene Gochenour Rudolph's
birthday on June 12th by Britt Stiltner.

Thank you for worshipping with us today!

Take a moment for prayer before you leave to acknowledge the God who loves you and welcomes you. Give thanks for those who have come before us, providing spaces like this one, set apart for the praise and worship of God.

Give thanks for the beauty of the creation that surrounds us and sings to us of the loving design of the Creator. Ask for God's presence along your journey, knowing that wherever you go, you do not go alone. May God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you this day and always.

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3rd Sunday after Pentecost

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10:30 a.m.

Welcome to First United Methodist Church

We are so glad you are here! We are a grace-filled United Methodist community in the South Carolina conference where all are welcome.

- Restrooms are located in the rear of the Sanctuary under the staircase leading to the balcony to your left.
- First UMC offers listening devices to those who may need them. Please see an usher for assistance.
- First UMC may live stream and record services.
- Fully staffed child care is available during the 9:30 am Sunday School and the 10:30 am Worship Service.
- Busy bags for children are available as you enter the Sanctuary and in the hallway just past the double doors at the front of the Sanctuary.