

# First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

Roberta Rowland-Raybold

*Voluntary on ITALIAN HYMN*

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. 610

ENGELBERG

*We Know That Christ Is Raised*

\* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

ANTHEM

Bach/Gounod

*Ava Maria*

Caroline Dill, soloist

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Genesis 21:18-21

<sup>8</sup> The child [Isaac] grew and was weaned, and Abraham made a great feast on the day that Isaac was weaned. <sup>9</sup> But Sarah saw the son of Hagar the Egyptian, whom she had borne to Abraham, playing with her son Isaac. <sup>10</sup> So she said to Abraham, "Cast out this slave woman with her son, for the son of this slave woman shall not inherit along with my son Isaac." <sup>11</sup> The matter was very distressing to Abraham on account of his son. <sup>12</sup> But God said to Abraham, "Do not be distressed because of the boy and because of your slave woman; whatever Sarah says to you, do as she tells you, for it is through Isaac that offspring shall be named for you." <sup>13</sup> As for the son of the slave woman, I will make a nation of him also, because he is your offspring." <sup>14</sup> So Abraham rose early in the morning and took bread and a skin of water and gave it to Hagar, putting it on her shoulder, along with the child, and sent her away. And she departed and wandered about in the wilderness of Beer-sheba. <sup>15</sup> When the water in the skin was gone, she cast the child under one of the bushes. <sup>16</sup> Then she went and sat down opposite him a good way off, about the distance of a bowshot, for she said, "Do not let me look on the death of the child." And as she sat opposite him, she lifted up her voice and wept. <sup>17</sup> And God heard the voice of the boy, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What troubles you, Hagar? Do not be afraid, for God has heard the voice of the boy where he is. <sup>18</sup> Come, lift up the boy and hold him fast with your hand, for I will make a great nation of him." <sup>19</sup> Then God opened her eyes, and she saw a well of water. She went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink. <sup>20</sup> God was with the boy, and he grew up; he lived in the wilderness and became an expert with the bow. <sup>21</sup> He lived in the wilderness of Paran, and his mother got a wife for him from the land of Egypt.

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

THE ACT OF PRAISE

Psalm 86

ST. THOMAS

**Teach me your way, O Lord.  
And I will keep your law;  
O knit my heart to you that I  
My hold your Name in awe.**

**With all my heart, O Lord,  
I praise your Name today;  
For in your love you saved me from  
The power of the grave.**

**A band of violent men:  
The arrogant arise;  
They seek my life, they have not set  
The Lord before their eyes.**

**You, Lord, are slow to wrath  
Compassionate and true;  
Turn to me and be merciful,  
Give me your strength anew.**

**Show me your favor now,  
That those who hate may see  
And be ashamed because you, Lord,  
Have helped and strengthened me.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Romans 6:1b-11

<sup>1b</sup> Should we continue in sin in order that grace may increase? <sup>2</sup> By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? <sup>3</sup> Do you not know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? <sup>4</sup> Therefore we were buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we also might walk in newness of life. <sup>5</sup> For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. <sup>6</sup> We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, so we might no longer be enslaved to sin. <sup>7</sup> For whoever has died is freed from sin. <sup>8</sup> But if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. <sup>9</sup> We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. <sup>10</sup> The death he died, he died to sin once for all, but the life he lives, he lives to God. <sup>11</sup> So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

The word of God for the people of God

**Thanks be to God.**

\* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 130

MARTIN

*God Will Take Care of You*

*(Sts. 1-2)*

\* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 10:24-39

<sup>24</sup> "A disciple is not above the teacher nor a slave above the master; <sup>25</sup> it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household! <sup>26</sup> "So have no fear of them, for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered and nothing secret that will not become known. <sup>27</sup> What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light, and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. <sup>28</sup> Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather, fear the one who can destroy both soul and body in hell. <sup>29</sup> Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. <sup>30</sup> And even the hairs of your head are all counted. <sup>31</sup> So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. <sup>32</sup> "Everyone, therefore, who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven, <sup>33</sup> but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven. <sup>34</sup> "Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace but a sword. <sup>35</sup> For I have come to set a man against his father, and a daughter against her

mother, and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law, <sup>36</sup> and one's foes will be members of one's own household. <sup>37</sup> "Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me, and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me, <sup>38</sup> and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. <sup>39</sup> Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it."

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

\* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 130

MARTIN

*God Will Take Care of You*

*(Sts. 3-4)*

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Rev. Emily

SERMON

Rev. Emily L. Kirby

~ 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

*This My Church Shall Be*

Carol Muehig

\* 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. 415

*Take Up Thy Cross*

GERMANY

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

\* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

*Rigaudon*

André Campra

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God  
and in honor of the 100th birthday on  
June 16th, of our Mother and Grandmother,  
Josephine Taylor Holbert  
by Dawne and Danny Clonts, April and Scott Canady  
and Brendon and Luann Clonts.

*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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4th Sunday after Pentecost

June 21, 2026

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.