

First Church at Worship

Gordon Young

Toccata on PICARDY

* 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. 98 TO GOD BE THE GLORY
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* HYMN OF THE DAY NO. 347 *The Spirit Song* SPIRIT SONG

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

* THE FIRST LESSON Genesis 25:19-34

¹⁹ These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, ²⁰ and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. ²¹ Isaac prayed to the Lord for his wife because she was barren, and the Lord granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. ²² The children struggled together within her, and she said, "If it is to be this way, why do I live?" So she went to inquire of the Lord. ²³ And the Lord said to her, "Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other; the elder shall serve the younger." ²⁴ When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. ²⁵ The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle, so they named him Esau. ²⁶ Afterward his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel, so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them. ²⁷ When the boys grew up, Esau was a skillful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. ²⁸ Isaac loved Esau because he was fond of game, but Rebekah loved Jacob. ²⁹ Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. ³⁰ Esau said to Jacob, "Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!" (Therefore he was called Edom.) ³¹ Jacob said, "First sell me your birthright." ³² Esau said, "I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?" ³³ Jacob said, "Swear to me first." So he swore to him and sold his birthright to Jacob. ³⁴ Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright. The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE ACT OF PRAISE Psalm 119: 129-136 CANONBURY

**Rejoicing, Lord, in your decrees,
I follow them with all my will;
Revealing light, your word goes forth
And gives the simple wisdom still.**

**Ready to faint, I yearn, I gasp
That your commandment may be mine;
Return to those who love your Name
In mercy as in former time.**

**Restore my footsteps in your word
Let evil have no claim on me;
Release me from my foes and I
Will keep your statutes faithfully.**

**Reveal your countenance and teach
Your servant your commandments, Lord;
Rivers of tears I shed because
The people do not keep your word.**

Romans 8:1-11

¹ Therefore there is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. ² For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. ³ For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, ⁴ so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. ⁵ For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. ⁶ To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. ⁷ For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed, it cannot, ⁸ and those who are in the flesh cannot please God. ⁹ But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. ¹⁰ But if Christ is in you, then the body is dead because of sin, but the Spirit is life because of righteousness. ¹¹ If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ Jesus from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

The word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 707 PROMISE

Hymn of Promise
(sts. 1-2)

* THE GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 13:31a, 45-46

³¹ [Jesus] put before them another parable:
⁴⁵ “Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; ⁴⁶ on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.
 The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* SEQUENCE HYMN No. 707 PROMISE

Hymn of Promise
(st. 3)

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Monica Yates

SERMON Rev. Mel Arant

~ 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.**

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**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 bring every burden to God.

Silence is kept for reflection

God of all mercy,
we have sinned against you,
our neighbors, and your creation.
Within ourselves and our communities,
our desire to do what is good
is at war with the evil that dwells in us.
We lament the evil that holds us captive.
We repent of the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Rescue us, forgive us, and restore us
for lives of compassion and courage
through our Savior Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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

The Grace Divine

Roger Price

* PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**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 ~

Doxology No. 95

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 428

For the Healing of the Nations

CWM RHONDDA

* BENEDICTION

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Te Deum

Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Altar flowers are given to the Glory of God

Today, we welcome the Rev. Mel Arant to lead worship at First UMC. Rev. Arant serves at the Coordinator of Clergy Services and Conference Secretary to the South Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church. With more then 30 years of serving in local churches and through the Conference offices, Rev. Arant represents the connectional nature of the United Methodist Church. He is married to Melissa, they have three children and two grandchildren. Rev. Arant spent his teen years in Aynor where his father served as pastor to Pisgah United Methodist Church. Let us welcome Rev. Arant to First UMC.

Reverend Kyle and Reverend Emily are with their families today.

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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7th Sunday after Pentecost
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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.