

First Church at Worship

THE OPENING VOLUNTARY

David German

Festive Trumpet Tune

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE EASTER GREETING

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 PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 154

Coronation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
vs. 1-4

* THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

* HYMN OF THE DAY

Germany

Rejoice the Lord of Life Ascends

Rejoice, the Lord of life ascends
in triumph from earth's battlefield:
his strife with human hatred ends,
as sin and death their conquests yield.

No more his mortal form we see;
he reigns invisible but near:
for in the midst of two or three
he makes his glorious presence clear.

He reigns, but with a love that shares
the troubles of our earthly life;
he takes upon his heart the cares,
the pain, and shame of human strife.

He reigns in heaven until the hour
when he, who once was crucified,
shall come in all love's glorious power
to rule the world for which he died.

ANTHEM

May His Love Abide
FUMC Sextet

Mary McDonald

~ WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD ~

THE FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

[Luke writes:] ¹In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning ²until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. ³After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them during forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. ⁴While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. "This," he said, "is what you have heard from me; ⁵for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now."

⁶So when they had come together, they asked him, "Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?" ⁷He replied, "It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. ⁸But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon

you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." ⁹When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. ¹⁰While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. ¹¹They said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven." This is the word of God for the people of God

Thanks be to God.

THE PSALTER

Psalm 47

Festal Song

**All peoples, clap your hands,
And shout with joy and sing,
The Lord Most High is to be feared
He is the earth's great King.**

**He brings the nations down
And peoples in our sight;
He chooses our inheritance;
His love is Jacob's might.**

**God has gone up on high
With shout and trumpet's voice;
Sing praise, sing praise to God our King,
Sing praise to him, rejoice.**

**For God is King of all,
Sing praise with all your skill;
He sits upon his holy throne
And rules all nations still.**

THE SECOND LESSON

Ephesians 1:15-23

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 302

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
vs 4

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 24:44-53

⁴⁴[Jesus said to the eleven and those with them,] "These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled."⁴⁵Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, ⁴⁶and he said to them,

"Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, ⁴⁷and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. ⁴⁸You are witnesses of these things. ⁴⁹And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

⁵⁰Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. ⁵¹While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. ⁵²And they worshiped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; ⁵³and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

* THE SEQUENCE HYMN No. 302

Easter Hymn

Christ the Lord Is Risen Today
vs. 6

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

Mr. Josh

SERMON

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ WE RESPOND TO THE GOSPEL ~

RECOGNITION OF THE 2022 GRADUATES

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

At the Name of Jesus

Cindy Berry

* PRESENTATION OF THE TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 94

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

THANKSGIVING FOR OUR BAPTISM

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

Christ is risen indeed. Alleluia!

In the waters of baptism,
we have passed over from death to life with Jesus Christ,
and we are a new creation.
For this saving mystery, and for this water, let us bless God,
who was, who is, and who is to come.

We thank you, God, for your river of life,
flowing freely from your throne:
through the earth,
through the city,
through every living thing.
You rescued Noah and his family from the flood;
You opened wide the sea for the Israelites.
Now in these waters you flood us with mercy,
and our sin is drowned forever.
You open the gate of righteousness
and we pass safely through.
In Jesus Christ, you calm and trouble the waters.
You nourish us and enclose us in safety.
You call us forth and send us out.

In lush and barren places, you are with us.
 You have become our salvation.
 Now breathe upon this water
 and awaken your church once more.
 Claim us again as your beloved and holy people.
 Quench our thirst; cleanse our hearts; wipe away every tear.
 To you, our Beginning and our End,
 our Shepherd and Lamb,
 be honor, glory, praise, and thanksgiving,
 now and forever. **Amen.**

* 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 *Meineke*

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. Amen.

PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God, in your mercy,
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.**

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

* HYMN OF SENDING No. 559 *Westminster Abbey*
Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

* BENEDICTION

* BENEDICTION RESPONSE *God Bless America* Irving Berlin

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY Craig Penfield
Allegro Brillante (from **Festival Concerto**)

* Congregation Standing

The altar flowers are given to the glory of God
 and in memory of those who have given their lives in service to our
 Nation and in memory of the children and teachers of Ulvade, Texas.

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, May 29

9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
 9:30 a.m. Sunday School / Education Building
 10:30 a.m. Morning Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, May 30

Church Office is Closed
 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Tuesday, May 31

6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102
 7:00 p.m. Cub Scouts Meeting / FLC Gathering Room
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting / FLC Room 102
 8:00 p.m. Al Anon Meeting / FLC Room 101

Wednesday, June 1

6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, June 2

6:30 p.m. Girl Scouts Meeting / FLC Room 103
 6:30 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Friday, June 3

12:15 p.m. NA Meeting / FLC Room 102
 6:30 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC Room 102

Saturday, June 4

8:00 a.m. Organ Festival / Sanctuary and Choir Room
 5:30 p.m. Chancel Choir Picnic / Family Life Center

The Church Office will be closed on
 Monday, May 30th Memorial Day.

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Seventh Sunday of Easter

Ascension Sunday

May 29, 2022

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.