

"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



 **First United Methodist Church**

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

April 23, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

(Please prepare for worship through prayer and silent meditation.)

CHORAL INTROIT

Now the Green Blade Rises

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

My heart is glad!

My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!

For you do not abandon me.

You give me counsel.

You are at my right hand.

You show me the path of life.

Your presence is sheer joy.

You are my God; apart from you, I have no good.

Blessed is your name!

PRAYER OF INVOCATION (Unison)

Mighty God, in whom we know the power of redemption, you stand among us in the shadows of our time. As we move through every sorrow and trial of this life, uphold us with knowledge of the final morning when, in the glorious presence of your risen Son, we will share in his resurrection, redeemed and restored to the fullness of life and forever freed to be your people. Amen.

*PASS THE PEACE

*HYMN No. 701, All Verses

When We All Get to Heaven

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

How Can It Be
Chancel Choir

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING No. 95

The Doxology

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.

*HYMN No. 297

Beneath the Cross of Jesus

CHILDREN'S TIME

Scott Wilks

(Following this part of the service, preschool children may go to the nursery, and children in grades K-6 may go to Creation Station.)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Acts 2: 14a, 22-32

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them,

“You that are Israelites, listen to what I have to say: Jesus of Nazareth, a man attested to you by God with deeds of power, wonders, and signs that God did through him among you, as you yourselves know— this man, handed over to you according to the definite plan and foreknowledge of God, you crucified and killed by the hands of those outside the law. But God raised him up, having freed him from death, because it was impossible for him to be held in its power. For David says concerning him, ‘I saw the Lord always before me, for he is at my right hand so that I will not be shaken; therefore, my heart was glad, and my tongue rejoiced; moreover, my flesh will live in hope. For you will not abandon my soul to Hades, or let your Holy One experience corruption. You have made known to me the ways of life; you will make me full of gladness with your presence.’

“Fellow Israelites, I may say to you confidently of our ancestor David that he both died and was buried, and his tomb is with us to this day. Since he was a prophet, he knew that God had sworn with an oath to him that he would put one of his descendants on his throne. Foreseeing this, David spoke of the resurrection of the Messiah, saying, ‘He was not abandoned to Hades, nor did his flesh experience corruption.’ This Jesus God raised up, and of that all of us are witnesses.”

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Far from God-Forsaken
Reverend Scott Wilks

*APOSTLE’S CREED No. 881

*HYMN No. 177

He Is Lord

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Following the Benediction, please greet one another with joy and affection.)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you may be able.

Items in **BOLD** are unison.

CALENDAR/EVENTS

5th Sunday Sing is next Sunday, April 30. Make plans to attend.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

UMM: Second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW: Second Thursday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall.

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United Methodist Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Unique Boutique: Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

NOTICES

Large Print Hymnals are available. If you would like to use one, please notify an usher.

Pastor Scott can be found on Facebook, (540) 818-9155, or parsonwilks@gmail.com.

Please silence your **Electronic Device** during the service out of respect for others.

The **Telephone** number for the church is (423) 727-7554 and the parsonage is (423) 727-7572.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
04/02	Holder	Perry/W. Smith	Communion	Pennington	Angel Easter & Spring
04/09	Bellamy/B. Smith	Winningham	J. Walsh	K. Walsh	
04/16	Worley	McGee	Gill	Payne	
04/23	Glenn	Hall	Wilks	Leigh	
04/30	Wright	Littlejohn	Fifth Sunday	Peake	