



FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
HOLY COMMUNION
MAY 2, 2021



Joys and Celebrations

Chimes of the Trinity and Prelude

When the Prelude begins, please prepare for worship through prayer and meditation.

Call to Worship

Leader: Come and sit with me; we shall study the Word.

People: Together we shall read and understand.

Leader: Come and kneel with me; we shall break the bread.

People: Together we shall eat and be satisfied.

Leader: Come and walk with me; we shall part the waters.

All: Together we shall risk, and, behold, we shall be changed.

Amen.

Hymn

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH 366

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome

Affirmation of Faith: Korean Creed

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

We believe in the one God, maker and ruler of all things, Father of all men, the source of all goodness and beauty, all truth and love. We believe in Jesus Christ, God manifest in the flesh, our teacher, example, and Redeemer, the Savior of the world. We believe in the Holy Spirit, God present with us for guidance, for comfort, and for strength. We believe in the forgiveness of sins, in the life of love and prayer, and in grace equal to every need. We believe in the Word of God contained in the Old and New Testaments as the sufficient rule both of faith and of practice. We believe in the Church as the fellowship for worship and for service of all who are

united to the living Lord. We believe in the kingdom of God as the divine rule in human society, and in the brotherhood of man under the fatherhood of God. We believe in the final triumph of righteousness, and in the life everlasting. Amen.

Musical Interlude

Children's Time

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture

John 15:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Bearing Fruit"

John Crabtree

Holy Communion

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader to people:

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

People to leader:

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

Leader and people:

Glory to God. Amen.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And so with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said:

“Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.”

And so, in remembrance of these mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ’s offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast

at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and for ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray together:

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.

Call to the Table

(Please remember that Christ's Table is open to all. Both members and visitors to God's house are welcome at God's table.)

Words for Receiving the Elements

The body of Christ, given for you.

AMEN.

The blood of Christ, given for you.

AMEN.

Closing Prayer

Hymn

"Trust and Obey

UMH 467

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

(Items in **BOLD** are Unison)

Announcements

At 9:30 Sunday mornings, coffee will be offered to all adults. A choice of drinks and prepackaged snacks will be offered to the kids. Sunday School will begin at 10. We are so pleased that Don Morris will be teaching the adult class on the first Sunday of each month. Except for Children's Church, we will not begin observing the Volunteer Schedule until the first Sunday in May. If you would be willing to help with Children's Church or Children's Sermons, please contact Wanda Payne.

Notices

The TELEPHONE number for the church is (423) 727-7554. You may call or text the pastor at (423) 494-4045.