

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Fourth Sunday in Lent - March 11, 2018*

PRELUDE..... *ANTIPHON I*.....E. Ray Peebles
Paul Hamill
[Set me as a seal upon thine heart.]

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Goad

INTROIT..... *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*.....Ensemble (8:30)
LIEBSTER JESU Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE “O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing”..... No. 57

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 888.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O Divine Redeemer*.....Brenda Wimberly, soprano
Charles Gounod

† SCRIPTURE READING.....John 11:38-48.....Mathew Hargett
New Testament, Page 128 in your Pew Bible

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† GLORIA PATRI
*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.*

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**CHILDREN’S BLESSING.....Billie Beck

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop Bill Hutchinson

THE LORD'S PRAYER Congregation (speaks in unison)

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.

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† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee”....No. 263

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Mathew Hargett

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Jesus, Joy of Man's Desiring*.....Ensemble (8:30)
J.S. Bach/arr. Bryceson Treharne Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGYNo. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessing flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Luke 7:11-23.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 79 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**DID JESUS REALLY PERFORM MIRACLES?**.....Dr. Day

I. First, a miracle is an event in which God's power makes a special entry into your life.

II. Second, a miracle is a glimpse into Jesus' true identity and nature.

III. Third, a miracle makes the impossible possible.

IV. Fourth, a miracle demonstrates God's power over nature, disease, tragedy and even death.

V. Finally, a miracle results in a changed life.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION....."Victory in Jesus".....No. 370

(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Bishop Bill Hutchinson

We rejoice to recognize you as members of Christ's holy church, and bid you welcome to the congregation of First United Methodist Church. With you, we renew our vows to uphold it by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness.

BENEDICTIONBishop Bill Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH..... *Word of God, Come Down on Earth*.....Ensemble (8:30)
LIEBSTER JESU Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Processional Prelude on HYFRYDOL*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. John G. Barr
[Jesus, What a Friend for Sinners]



Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), Jillian Rodgers, Emmerly Harper (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Grant Reagan (11:00)

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

♦ **COMMUNION WILL BE SERVED AT 9:30AM IN THE SANCTUARY AND NOON IN COUCH CHAPEL.**

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service:*

• *3-4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center*

• *K5-3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.