

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Fifth Sunday in Lent - March 18, 2018*

PRELUDE..... *Fairest Lord Jesus*..... Michael Scarlato, trumpet
arr. Christina Harmon David Hardin, trumpet
E. Ray Peebles, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING..... Mathew Hargett

INTROIT..... *Brethren We Have Met to Worship*..... Chancel Choir
arr. Bruce Greer Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION..... Mathew Hargett

† HYMN OF PRAISE “Rejoice, the Lord is King”..... No. 715

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... No. 884..... Mathew Hargett

† SCRIPTURE READING..... Matthew 18:21-31..... Erik Rasmussen
New Testament, Page 24 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..... Staci Zeagler

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Dr. Day

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.....“Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God”.....No. 405

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Erik Rasmussen

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*What Wondrous Love is This?*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Paul Halley Brass Ensemble

† 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.....Mark 1:14-15.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 42 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**IN QUEST OF A KINGDOM**.....Dr. Day

I. First, the kingdom of God has to do with the rule and reign of God in the human heart.

II. Second, the kingdom of God has to do with doing God's will on earth as it is in heaven.

III. Third, the kingdom of God has certain conditions of citizenship.

IV. Fourth, the kingdom of God has special blessings and rewards.

V. Finally, the kingdom of God requires a definite decision before being a citizen.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION....."We've a Story to Tell to the Nations".....No. 569

(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.....Erik Rasmussen

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.

BENEDICTIONMathew Hargett

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Fred Bock

POSTLUDE..... *If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), Quinton Hilliard, Harrison Ayres (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (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.