

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Palm Sunday - March 25, 2018

PRELUDE..... “Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates”.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
from *March on a Theme of Handel*
Alexandre Guilmant

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

INTROIT.....*The King of Glory Comes*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
Traditional Israeli Melody Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“All Glory, Laud and Honor”..... No. 280

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ride on, King Jesus!*.....Dr. David Hobson
arr. William Cutter

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 21:1-11.....Erik Rasmussen
New Testament, Page 27 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 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.....“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”.....No. 277

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Erik Rasmussen

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*Come, Let Us Sing*.....Texas Street Singers
 Allen Pote

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Who is He?*.....Chancel Choir
 arr. Vicki Wright Dan Santelices, violin

† 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.....Matthew 16:13-21.....Dr. Day
 New Testament, Page 22 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHO IS THIS JESUS?**.....Dr. Day

I. First, your answer determines your relationship with God.

II. Second, your answer determines how you will deal with life on a daily basis.

III. Third, your answer determines your character and conduct.

IV. Finally, your answer determines your courage and confidence in facing death.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Ask Ye What Great Thing I Know”.....No. 163

(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.

BENEDICTIONBishop Bill Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
arr. Fred Bock Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fantasia Super: Valet Will ich dir geben*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach
[All Glory, Laud and Honor]



Acolytes: Henry Peacock, Harper Hearron (8:30), Caroline Smith, Catherine Corley (11:00)

Crucifer: Ellen Douglas (8:30), Shep Smith (11:00)

Banner Carrier: William Peacock (8:30), Madalyn Byrd (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.