

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Easter Sunday - April 01, 2018*

PRELUDE.....*Intrada for Easter*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Jean Langlais/arr. Thomas Hundemer Brass Ensemble

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*Introit for Easter*.....Chancel Choir
Giovanni Gabrieli Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP.....Dr. Rhoads

The Lord is risen!

The Lord is risen indeed!

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! By His great mercy we have been born anew to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

We have an inheritance which is imperishable, undefiled and unfading.

Sing praises to the Lord, for he has done gloriously!

Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; for the Lord has comforted his people.

Hallelujah! For the Lord our God the Almighty reigns. The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ, and he shall reign forever and ever, King of Kings and Lord of Lords. Hallelujah!

Thanks be to God who gives us the victory.

INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today”..... No. 302
Stanzas 1-4

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Ye Choirs of New Jerusalem*.....Chamber Choir
Charles Villiers Stanford

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 320.....Dr. Goad

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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.*

CHILDREN’S BLESSING Billie Beck

JOYS & CONCERNS Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop William 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.

† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....Up from the Grave He Arose”.....No. 322

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING..... “Antiphon” from *Five Mystical Songs*.....Chancel Choir
Ralph Vaughan Williams Brass Ensemble

† DoxologyNo. 94

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....MATTHEW 28:1-15.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 41 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....THE RESURRECTION: SO WHAT?.....Dr. Day

V. Finally, the resurrection is essential because it can transform death into life without limits.

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise”.....No. 312

(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.....Rev. Wilkinson

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 William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....“Hallelujah” from *Messiah*Chancel Choir
George Frideric Handel Brass Ensemble

POSTLUDE.....“Toccatà” from *Symphony No. 5*E. Ray Peebles, organ
Charles-Marie Widor

BANNER CARRIER: William Peacock (8:30), Carter Cox (11:00)

ACOLYTES: Henry Peacock, Caroline Wood (8:30), Ivy Frierson, Claire Frierson (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Kace Sweatman (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00)

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

* **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

• K5–1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary

• 2ND–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.