

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Second Sunday of Easter - April 08, 2018

PRELUDE..... *Jesus, Lover of My Soul*..... Laura Crawford, violin
arr. Larter Cara Lamb, piano

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING..... Rev. Wilkinson

INTROIT..... *Crown Him with Many Crowns*..... Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dave Williamson Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION..... Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE “Thine Be the Glory”..... No. 308

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00)..... No. 45-49 Reception of Confirmation Class
Dr. Day & Rev. Joyce

MUSICAL OFFERING..... *Arise, My Soul, Arise*..... Laura Crawford, violin
Charles Wesley/Dan Forrest Ensemble (8:30)
Chancel Choir (11:00)

† SCRIPTURE READING..... Acts 9:1-9..... Dr. Goad
New Testament, Page 154 in your Pew Bible

† 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.....“In the Garden”.....No. 314

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Easter Meditation*.....Cara Lamb, piano
Paul Halley E. Ray Peebles, organ

† 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.....Luke 24:10-32.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 109 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**CHRIST ON EVERY ROAD**.....Dr. Day

I. First, there is the Damascus Road - the road of new life.

II. Second, there is the Jericho Road - the road of service.

III. Third, there is the Calvary Road - the road of suffering.

IV. Fourth, there is the Broken Road - the road of restoration.

V. Finally, there is the Emmaus Road - the road of fellowship.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“He Lives”.....No. 310

(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.....Dr. Rhoads

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.

BENEDICTIONDr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble(8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE....*Paean: A Song of Resurrection Triumph* (Fanfare).....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Oliphant Chuckerbutty

Acolytes: Layton Clark (8:30), Sophie Lee, Madalyn Byrd (11:00)

Crucifer: Rowan Miller (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.

— 2018 Confirmation Class —

Ann Estelle Anderson	Victoria Anne Patten
Robert Paul Bowman, Jr.	Pierson Christopher-Carson Phillips
Nathaniel Frederick Brown	Isabelle Grace Russell
Julia Claire Hancock	Olivia Claire Russell
Merritt Elizabeth Hughes	Kaitlyn Rose Stage
Eleanor Kate Lawrence	Anna Camille Toms
Alexandra Angel Martinez	William Wyatt Watkins
Alayna Marie Millican	William Fields Whitman