

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – *Fourth Sunday of Easter - April 22, 2018*

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PRELUDE..... *KINGSFOLD*..... E. Ray Peebles  
arr. Robert Lind

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

INTROIT..... *Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*..... Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “Soldiers of Christ Arise” ..... No. 513

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH..... No. 881..... Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING..... “Romans 8” from *Pilgrimage*..... David Westbrook, baritone  
Carlisle Floyd

† SCRIPTURE READING..... Isaiah 52:10-12..... Dr. Goad  
Old Testament, Page 835 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. Rhoads

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.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....Congregation

*Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.  
Thou my best Thought, by day or by night,  
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.*

*Be Thou my Wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my Treasure Thou art.*

*Be Thou my Breastplate, my Sword for the fight;  
Thou my whole Armor, be Thou my true Might;  
Thou my soul's Shelter, be Thou my strong Tower,  
Raise Thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.*

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....God So Loved the World.....Ensemble(8:30)  
John Stainer Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY .....No. 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.....Ephesians 6:13-18.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 239 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE LORD WHO GOES BEHIND YOU**.....Dr. Day

I. The first part of your equipment for battle is **the belt of truth**. (vs. 14)

II. The second part of your equipment for battle is the **breastplate of righteousness**. (vs. 14b)

III. The third part of your equipment for battle is your **shoes**. (vs. 15)

IV. The fourth part of your equipment for battle is your **shield and helmet**. (vs. 16,17a)

V. The final part of your equipment for battle is the sword of the Spirit. (v. 17b)

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Standing on the Promises”.....No. 374

*(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.*

BENEDICTION .....Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*May the Grace of Christ Be with You*.....Ensemble(8:30)  
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Grand Choeur in D Major*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
(à la Handel)  
Alexandre Guilmant

**Acolytes:** Henry Peacock (8:30), Kate Bell, Sophie Lee (11:00)

**Crucifer:** Kace Sweatman (8:30), Charlie Bell (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.