

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Fifth Sunday of Easter - April 29, 2018*

PRELUDE..... *Festival Prelude on VICTORY*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. C.S. Lang

[The strife is o'er, the battle done; the victory of life is won; the song of triumph has begun: Alleluia!]

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

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Paul Sjolund

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.....No. 140

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Rev. Wilkinson

BAPTISM (11:00)..... Sadie Ann Scurlock.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by her parents Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gaines Scurlock

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Agnus Dei*.....Carlos Romero, baritone
Georges Bizet

[Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; give us peace.]

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 137 (Psalm 23).....Rev. Wilkinson

† 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.....Billie Beck

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.....“Close to Thee”.....No. 407

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Mack Wilberg

† 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.....Hebrews 13:5-6.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 276 in your Pew Bible

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

I. First , the Lord who goes beside you will give you **courage and confidence.**

II. Second, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **companionship**.

III. Third, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **comfort**.

IV. Fourth, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **conscience**.

V. Finally, the Lord who goes beside you will give you **creative counsel**.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“How Firm a Foundation”.....No. 529

(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.....*Alleluia*.....Chancel Choir
Larry Gatlin

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata on MARION*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Albert L. Travis
[Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart]

Acolytes: Grayson Hargon (8:30), Avery Adams, Charlie Adams (11:00)

Crucifer: 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.