

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Seventh Sunday of Easter – 05.08.16

PRELUDE.....*Heut' triumphieret Gottes Sohn*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
(Today God's Son triumphs)

Johann Sebastian Bach
Jerusalem, My Happy Home
George Shearing

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

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
Warren Angell Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“For the Beauty of the Earth”.....No. 92

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

BAPTISM (11:00).....Andrew Pierce Summers.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Mahlon Summers

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Gift of Love*.....Benjamin McDonald, bass
Hal Hopson/Lloyd Larson Rebecca Jordan, soprano

† SCRIPTURE READING.....ECCLESIASTES 4:9-12.....Dr. Rhoads
Old Testament, Pages 757 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 BLESSINGRev. Wilkinson

Children leaving the service for Children's Chapel may be picked up after the service:

- *Infants–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*

JOYS & CONCERNSDr. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Dr. Beck

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....“Happy the Home When God is There”...No. 445

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*Praise His Holy Name*.....Texas Street Singers
Keith Hampton

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Christus Paradox*.....Chancel Choir
Alfred Fedak

† 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.....PSALM 127.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 704 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE STRENGTH OF A NATION**.....Dr. Day

I. First, strong families are committed to building a strong team.

II. Second, strong families enjoy spending time together.

III. Third, strong families work at improving their communication skills.

IV. Fourth, strong families express love and appreciation to each other.

V. Finally, strong families build strong churches.

† HYMN OF INVITATION..O Lord, May Church and Home Combine”...No. 695
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Beck

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. Beck

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You*Texas Street Singers (8:30)
‘Till We Meet AgainChancel Choir
(11:00)

Fred Bock

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata for Organ*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
John Weaver

ACOLYTES: Vivian Vekovius (8:30), Will Brady (11:00), Mason Sater (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Drew Moffitt (8:30), Mason Brady (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.**