

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Third Sunday after Pentecost* – 06.05.16

PRELUDE.....“[IV] Trio a 2 dessus de ChromhorneE. Ray Peebles, organ
et la basse de Tierce [IX] Basse de Trompette”

from *Mass for the Convents*

François Couperin

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

INTROIT.....*As the Deer* (Psalm 42:1).....Ensemble (8:30)

Martin Nystrom

Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE..... No. 103 “Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise”, st. 1 & 3

No. 126 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”, st. 1 & 3

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 88 I.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Great Peace Have They*.....Rebecca Vacha, soprano

Which Love Thy Law

James Rogers

† SCRIPTURE READING.....PSALM 22:1-11.....Dr. Goad

Old Testament, Pages 579 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

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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† CHORAL RESPONSE...“My Soul is Waiting for the Lord”...AUS TIEFER NOT
OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Like as the Hart Desireth the*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Waterbrooks (Psalm 42:1-3) Chancel Choir (11:00)
Herbert Howells

† 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 42.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 633 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHERE ARE YOU GOD?**.....Dr. Day

I. First, the sense of the absence of God can be used to make us want Him more than anything He can give us or do for us. (vs, 1-3)

II. Second, the sense of the absence of God can become an opportunity to grow in our faith and understanding of His true nature. (vs. 4-7)

III. Third, the sense of the absence of God is experienced by everyone, many times, when we need His presence the most. (vs. 9-10)

IV. Finally, the sense of the absence of God reminds us God is present and involved in our lives even when He seems deaf or on an extended leave of absence. (vs. 8)

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

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 ‘Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Hymne d’Action de Grâce (Te Deum)*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Jean Langlais

The postlude is a hymn of thanksgiving based on the well-known chant “Te Deum” (We Praise Thee O God: We acknowledge Thee to be the Lord.)

ACOLYTES: Annie Anderson (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (8:30), Lily Blaylock (11:00), Catherine Corley (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Emily Anderson (8:30), Connor Edwards (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.**