

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – 07.03.16

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PRELUDE.....*The Star Spangled Banner*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
(Concert Variations)

Dudley Buck

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

INTROIT.....*America, the Beautiful*.....Chancel Choir  
arr. Bob Krogstad

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“God of the Ages”.....No. 698

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (11:00).....Archie Beckwith McCotter.....No. 39, Dr. Day  
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kyle McCotter

MUSICAL OFFERING....*Give Me Your Tired, Your Poor*...Melvin Simmon, tenor  
Irving Berlin

† SCRIPTURE READING.....II CHRONICLES 7:11-16.....Dr. Goad  
Old Testament, Page 486 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 & 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.....“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”.....No. 697

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Battle Hymn of the Republic*.....Chancel Choir  
Peter J. Wilhousky

† 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.....PSALM 85:4-7.....Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 668 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**LORD, OPEN THE HEAVENS**.....Dr. Day

I. First, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a deep sense of conviction for our sins.

II. Second, when the Lord opens the Heavens many people will be filled with the Holy Spirit.

III. Third, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be an outpouring of joy and love upon His people.

IV. Fourth, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a new emphasis and excitement about personal evangelism and winning people to Jesus Christ.

V. Fifth, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a new and deeper involvement of the laity in ministry.

VI. Finally, when the Lord opens the Heavens there will be a widespread moral and ethical change.

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“This is My Song”.....No. 437

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Day

*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. Day

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Chancel Choir  
John Rutter

POSTLUDE.....*Processional*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Grayston Ives

**ACOLYTES:** Kace Sweatman (8:30), Abby Weego (8:30), Sydney Harrel (11:00),  
William Harrel (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** 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.**