

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Eighth Sunday after Pentecost – 07.10.16

PRELUDE.....*Jerusalem, My Happy Home*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
George Shearing

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

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Paul Sjolund Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken”.....No. 731

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (11:00).....Rhodes Marshall Roberts.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Mark Allen Roberts, Jr.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Lark Ascending*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
Ralph Vaughan Williams E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....GENESIS 12:1-5.....Dr. Rhoads
Old Testament, Page 12 in your Pew Bible

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*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 BLESSINGBillie Tate

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. 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.....“We Gather Together”.....No. 131

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Come, Thou Fount*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Eric Nelson Chancel Choir (11:00)

+ 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 69:13.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 653 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO EXPERIENCE GOD’S BLESSING**.....Dr. Day

I. First, position yourself by praying and asking God for His favor.

II. Second, take the necessary steps to get to know God better.

III. Third, cultivate a humble, hungry heart for God.

IV. Fourth, be faithful and obedient in following His guidance and direction.

V. Finally, commit to being a channel for God's blessing to others.

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“He Leadeth Me”.....No. 128

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.....*God Be With You 'Til We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)

arr. Fred Bock

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fanfare*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Nicolas Jacques Lemmens

ACOLYTES: William Peacock (8:30), Garland Barrett (11:00), Lily Blaylock (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Russell Peacock (8:30), Benjamin Foreman (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.**