

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – Ninth Sunday after Pentecost – 07.17.16

PRELUDE.....*I Want to Walk As a Child of the Light*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
arr. Robert Train Adams

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

INTROIT.....*Come! Join Our Cheerful Song!*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine”....No. 166

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Hymn of Promise*.....Carla Stewart, alto
Natalie Sleeth/Lloyd Larson Madelyn Stewart, soprano

† SCRIPTURE READING.....EPHESIANS 1:17-19.....Dr. Rhoads
New Testament, Page 234 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. Day

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.....“Rock of Ages”.....No. 361

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Behold, How Good It Is*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Eugene Butler Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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.....COLOSSIANS 1:21-23.....Rev. Derek Joyce
New Testament, Page 244 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**LIFE IN CHRIST**.....Rev. Derek Joyce

Colossians 1:21-23—Once you were alienated from God and you were enemies with him in your minds, which was shown by your evil actions. But now he has reconciled you by his physical body through death, to present you before God as a people who are holy, faultless, and without blame. But you need to remain well established and rooted in faith and not shift away from the hope given in the good news that you heard.

This passage presents a beautiful summary of life transformation and offers a great new reality of a holy life in Christ. The gift of forgiveness and reconciliation that belongs to you in Jesus is powerful to shape your life. In Christ you can stand confidently as a new creation, one who is holy and righteous and experiencing abundant life. May we grow in the confidence that our transformation in Christ frees us from all fear, guilt and shame. Lord, remind us this morning that we are saints, and empower us to live as such!

†HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Amazing Grace”.....No. 378
Stanzas 1-3, 6

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.....Alleluia.....Ensemble (8:30)
Larry Gatlin Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Praeludium et Fuga in G, BWV541*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach

ACOLYTES: Kace Sweatman (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Dixon Poirier (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.**