

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost* – 09.04.16

PRELUDE.....*Clair De Lune*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Goad

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“To God be the Glory”.....No. 98

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 888.....Dr. Rhoads

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Truly McDaniel

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*The Lord Is My Light*.....Sarah Wilkerson, soprano
Frances Allitsen

† SCRIPTURE READING.....PSALM 24.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 617 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 BLESSINGBillie Tate
Children leaving the service for Children’s Chapel may be picked up after the service:

- 3–4 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 & CONCERNSRev. Derek Joyce

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.

† HYMN OF PREPARATION.....“A Charge to Keep I Have”.....No. 413

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*For the Beauty of the Earth*.....Ensemble (8:30)
John Rutter 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.....1 CORINTHIANS 10:23-31 - 11:1.....Rev. Derek Joyce
New Testament, Page 210 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**DO EVERYTHING FOR THE GLORY OF GOD**.....Rev. Derek Joyce

1 Corinthians 10:23-31 - 11:1- All things are lawful, but not all things are beneficial. All things are lawful, but not all things build up. Do not seek your own advantage, but that of the other...So whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do everything for the glory of God. (v. 23-24, 31)

We all are invited to participate in numerous activities, especially as we begin the rhythm of the Fall Semester. Schedules get filled up with plenty of commitments, extra curricular activities, and so on. And while some activities are obviously better than others, there are still some that require a thoughtful decision-making process. This happens every day at home, work, and even when we play. And our decisions always have implications. Of course, some decisions carry more weight than others, and therefore yield consequences that extend wider than others. How do we decide what to do? What do you consider important? Do you consider your ministry for Christ when thinking about your decision? Do you consciously think about bringing glory to God with what lies in front of you? This Sunday we will look at Paul’s thoughts on doing everything for the glory of God. May the Lord guide us, so that we may live in a way that puts Christ first and that builds others up.

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”No. 438

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Rhoads
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. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You 'Till We Meet Again*..... Ensemble (8:30)

arr. Dale Wood

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fuga in C, BWV537*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

ACOLYTES: John Ashton Hunter (8:30), Caroline Wood (11:00)

CRUCIFER: Leslie Hunter (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.**

♦ **YOU MAY JOIN THE CHURCH** by profession of faith, transfer of membership, or reaffirmation of your vows of discipleship. Our church receives persons from other traditions by transfer. If you have been baptized in another denomination, re-baptism is not necessary. If you wish to join our church family, please come to the front of the church, and meet the pastors during the singing of the last hymn.

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