

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Eighteenth Sunday after Pentecost* – 09.18.16

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PRELUDE.....“Romance” from *Symphonie #4*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Louise Vierne

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

INTROIT.....*The Lord Reigns*.....Chancel Choir  
Dale Wood

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”.....No. 103

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Goad

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....David Morgan

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light*...Men’s Ensemble  
Kathleen Thomerson/arr. Tom Trenney

† SCRIPTURE READING.....ACTS 26:12-19.....Dr. Goad  
New Testament, Page 180 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 .....Billie 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 & CONCERNS .....Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

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.....“Open My Eyes, That I May See”.....No. 454

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....Canticle of Praise\* .....Chancel Choir

John Ness Beck

+ 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.....EPHESIANS 6:6.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 238 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....I WILL...LIVE THE VISION.....Dr. Day

I. **Step 1:** Surrender your will to His and ask Him to reveal it.

II. **Step 2:** Don't expect to grasp the fullness of your vision at first. God will reveal it over time.

III. **Step 3:** The vision will relate to solving a problem or meeting the needs of other hurting people.

IV. **Step 4:** The vision may be revealed to you out of your pain, hardships or as you start serving in cooperation with somebody else's cause.

V. **Step 5:** The vision has the power to enable you to persevere when the going gets tough and courageously move forward with faith and confidence.

† HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....No. 451

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Rev. Wilkinson

*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.....Rev. Wilkinson

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

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ  
Eugène Gigout

\*The anthem *Canticle of Praise* is given to the glory of God and in honor of E. Ray Peebles by Johnny and Mary Peoples.

**ACOLYTES:** William Peacock (8:30), Henry Peacock (8:30), Lily Blaylock (11:00), Avery Adams (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** Russell Peacock (8:30), Grant Reagan (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.**