

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Fourth Sunday After the Epiphany – 1.29.17

PRELUDE *Carillon* E. Ray Peebles
Leo Sowerby

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Rev. Wilkinson

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE..... “All People That on Earth Do Dwell”.....No. 75

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken*....Cara Lamb, piano
arr. Paul Mickelson/Don Wyrzten E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Mark 9:14-27.....Dr. Goad
New Testament, Page 54 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

JOYS & CONCERNSDr. Day

MORNING PRAYERBishop William Hutchinson

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 Faith Looks Up to Thee”.....No. 452

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Never Ending Song of Praise*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Ed Harris 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.....Matthew 17:19-21.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 23 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**MAKE THE IMPOSSIBLE POSSIBLE**.....Dr. Day

I. First, making the impossible possible involves believing in God for something
EXTRAORDINARY - a breakthrough miracle.

II. Second, making the impossible possible involves believing God in spite of the mountain you are facing.

III. Third, making the impossible possible involves risk taking action on your part.

IV. Fourth, making the impossible possible involves believing not only God CAN or WILL but God **has** fulfilled His promises in advance.

V. Finally, making the impossible possible involves **PATIENT PERSEVERANCE.**

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Spirit of Faith, Come Down”.....No. 332

(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Goad

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.

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle's Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....“Finale” from *Sonate #4*.....E. Ray Peebles
Alexandre Guilmant



Acolytes: Harper Hearron (8:30), Quinton Hilliard, Shep Smith (11:00)

Crucifer: Ellen Douglas (8:30), Mason Sater (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.**

* **IF YOU WISH TO JOIN** the First United Methodist Church family, please come forward at this time.

***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*