

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost – 10.01.17

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PRELUDE.....*Jesus, Lover of My Soul*.....Laura Crawford, violin  
arr. Evelyn Larter Cara Lamb, piano

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

INTROIT.....*Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Johann Crüger Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....”Holy, Holy, Holy”.....No. 64

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

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Deuteronomy 30:15-20.....Rev. Wilkinson  
Old Testament, Page 233 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 & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER ..... Bishop 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....."Come, Sinners, to the Gospel Feast".....No. 339

† OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING....."Sanctus" from *Requiem*.....Laura Crawford, violin  
Gabriel Fauré Cara Lamb, piano

[Holy, Holy, Holy Lord. Lord God of Hosts. Ensemble (8:30)  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Chancel Choir (11:00)  
Hosanna in the Highest!]

† 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.....I Timothy 6:17-19.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 257 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**SEIZING YOUR DIVINE MOMENT**.....Dr. Day

I. First, when you seize a divine moment, you become a human catalyst creating a divine impact.

II. Second, when you seize a divine moment, instead of a moment missed, it becomes a moment maximized.

III. Third, when you seize a divine moment, you realize your choice will radically alter the course and content of your life.

IV. Fourth, when you seize a divine moment, you must understand the importance of timing.

V. Finally, when you seize a divine moment, it requires taking a risk and making a commitment.

#### CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION

CONFESSION (IN UNISON — PAGE 26)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS (IN UNISON — PAGE 30)

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*(The communion tray will be passed in the pews. As you are served, partake of the bread and the cup. When you are finished, place the cup in the holder on the back of the pew. Then serve the person seated next to you.)*

COMMUNION MEDITATION.....*My Shepherd will*.....Laura Crawford, violin  
*Supply My Need* Cara Lamb, piano  
arr. Cathy DeRousse

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Take Our Bread”.....No. 640  
*(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.....Bishop William Hutchinson

*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 ..... Bishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Deck Thyself, My Soul with Gladness*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Johann Crüger Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Holy, Holy, Holy*.....Cara Lamb, piano  
arr. Jerry Ray



**Acolytes:** Harper Hearron, Owen Melton (8:30), Emmery Harper, Jillian Rodgers (11:00)

**Crucifer:** Hutson Hearron (8:30), Vivian Vekovius (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:*

• *3–4 years (8:30 & 11:00): Children's Ministry Center*

• *K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*

Childcare for infants through 4 years is available from 8:15 to 12:15 in the Children's Ministry Center. From the sanctuary, follow the sign located in the hallway between the sanctuary and the Dawson Building. Outdoor access is located on the corner of Douglas and Milam Streets.