

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost* – 10.22.17

PRELUDE.....“Lamento” from *Suite for Organ*.....E. Ray Peebles
Denis Bédard

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

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Texas Street Singers (8:30)
Warren Angell Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Ye Servants of God”No. 181

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Confutatis” from *Requiem*.....Dr. Pat Craig, baritone
Giuseppe Verdi

[When the wicked have been confounded, doomed to the devouring flames, call me
with the blessed. I pray, suppliant and kneeling, my heart crushed almost to ashes;
watch over me in my final hour.]

† SCRIPTURE READING.....1 Timothy 2:1-7.....Rev. Wilkinson
New Testament, Page 254 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 Rev. Joyce

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....."Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies".....No. 173

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30)....."Didn't My Lord Texas Street Singers
Deliver Daniel" Margaret Jones, soloist
from *Spirit Suite*
arr. Mark Hayes

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*The Majesty and Glory*.....Chancel Choir
*of Your Name**
Tom Fettke

† 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 Peter 2:9.....Rev. Joyce
New Testament, Page 283 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....WHY DO WE DO WHAT WE DO?.....Rev. Joyce

1 Peter 2:9—But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people who are God's own possession. You have become this people so that you may speak of the wonderful acts of the one who called you out of darkness into his amazing light.

Why do we do what we do? This question has driven lots of conversations lately. Each person may answer it differently as it relates to different parts of life. Why do we play sports? (To win.) Why do we go to work? (To make \$\$.) Why do we enjoy movies? (To escape.) Why do we listen to music? (To express ourselves.) Why do we invite friends over? (To share life.) The questions are endless. This question is also great to ask ourselves about church and all of what that means. Why do we do church? Why do we worship? Why do we call for prayer? Why do we study the bible? Why do we believe in leadership? Why do we insist on community? Why do we talk about money? Why do we encourage serving? We do this because the world desperately needs to hear the good news of Jesus Christ. We do this because we who have stepped into the light of God's transforming love, are compelled to speak into the darkness and proclaim the gospel hope. We do what we do because we have been made alive for God in Christ, and want to see the world rescued by God's love. Let us proclaim the wonderful acts of God's extravagant love and grace, that the world may know Christ.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“O Spirit of the Living God”.....No. 539
(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. 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 Bishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH (8:30).....*God Be With You*..... Texas Street Singers
'Til We Meet Again
arr. Fred Bock

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

POSTLUDE..... "Toccata" from *Suite for Organ*..... E. Ray Peebles
Denis Bédard



*Given to the glory of God and in memory of Leila Lamb Dugan by Family and Friends

Acolytes: Emily Anderson (8:30), Mary Poirier, Elizabeth May (11:00)

Crucifer: Annie Anderson (8:30), 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.**

* **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.