

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Sixth Sunday After the Epiphany – 2.12.17

PRELUDE.....“Méditation” from *Trois Improvisations*E. Ray Peebles
Louis Vierne

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

INTROIT.....*To God Be the Glory*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Russell Mauldin Brass Ensemble

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”.....No. 731

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*He That Keepeth Israel*.....Victoria Sundin, alto
Adolph Schlösser E. Ray Peebles, organ

“He that keepeth Israel, slumbers not, nor sleeps. He will give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways. Put thy trust in him and call upon him, for his ears are open unto thy prayers.” (Psalm 121:4)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Joshua 1:2-9.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 240 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.....“Lord, Speak to Me”.....No. 463

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O For a Thousand*.....Chancel Choir
Tongues to Sing Brass Ensemble
arr. Eric Nelson

† 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.....Exodus 4:10-17.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 63 in your Pew Bible

- I. First, your choice to leave the comfort zone will require recognizing this zone is a trap that prevents you from doing God's will, achieving your potential, and reaching your goals.

- II. Second, your choice to leave the comfort zone will require you to deal with a lot of uncomfortable feelings and thoughts.

- III. Third, your choice to leave the comfort zone will require courage to take big risks for God as you break through the wall of fear.

- IV. Fourth, your choice to leave the comfort zone will require you to stretch in order to meet the challenges you will face.

- V. Finally, your choice to leave the comfort zone involves deciding in advance to never again run away from your fears - stretching never stops.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION....."Give to the Winds Thy Fears".....No. 129

(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.....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.

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*O For a Thousand*.....Chancel Choir

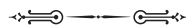
Tongues to Sing [excerpt]

Brass Ensemble

arr. Eric Nelson

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata for Organ*.....E. Ray Peebles

John Weaver



Acolytes: Grayson Hargon, Henry Peacock (8:30), Mae Graf, Sophie Lee (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Sanders Graf (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*