

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Seventh Sunday After the Epiphany – 2.19.17

PRELUDE.....Prelude on “Come, Christians,E. Ray Peebles
Join to Sing” (MADRID)
arr. Jack Jones

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

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Paul Sjolund Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONDr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE “Forward Through the Ages”..... No. 555

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

MUSICAL OFFERING...“Draw near, all ye people”...Richard Hemmings, baritone
from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn

“Draw near, all ye people, come to me! Lord God of Abraham, Isaac, and Israel; this day let it be known that Thou art God, and I am thy servant! O shew to all this people that I have done these things according to Thy Word! O hear me, Lord, and answer me: and shew this people that Thou art Lord God; and let their hearts again be turned!”
(I Kings 18:36)

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Psalm 139:13-16.....Rev. Wilkinson
Old Testament, Page 710 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..... Staci Zeagler
JOYS & CONCERNSDr. Day
MORNING PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

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, Whose LoveNo. 581
Through Humble Service”

OFFERTORY PRAYERRev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING (8:30).....*Come, Thou Fount.....Ensemble
of Every Blessing*
arr. Eric Nelson

MUSICAL OFFERING (11:00).....*Come, Thou Fount.....Chancel Choir
of Every Blessing*
arr. Mack Wilberg

† 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 Corinthians 12:7-11.....Dr. Day
New Testament, Page 212 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**FINDING YOUR “SWEET SPOT”**Dr. Day

- I. First, God has uniquely designed your personal “sweet spot.”

- II. Second, God wants you to discover your “sweet spot.”

- III. Third, God wants you to spend more time working and living in your “sweet spot.”

- IV. Fourth, God wants you to bless and add value to others from your “sweet spot.”

- V. Finally, God wants you to help others discover and live in their “sweet spot.”

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Gift of Love”.....No. 408
(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.)

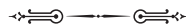
RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS.....Dr. Rhoads

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 Dr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be with You ‘Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart (MARION)*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Albert Travis



Acolytes: John Ashton Hunter (8:30), Crew Chandler, Cannon Chandler (11:00)

Crucifer: Leslie Hunter (8:30), Connor Edwards (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*