

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Palm Sunday* – 4.09.17

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PRELUDE.....“Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Gates” .....E. Ray Peebles  
from *March on a Theme of Handel*  
Alexandre Guilmant

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

INTROIT.....*The Lord Reigns*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE ..... “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”.....No. 278

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 887.....Dr. Goad

BAPTISM (8:30)..... Joshua Robert Conway.....No. 39, Dr. Day  
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. John Michael Conway

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00).....No. 45-49 .....Reception of Confirmation  
Class, Dr. Day & Rev. Joyce

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Sanctus” from *Solemn Mass*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Louis Vierne Chancel Choir (11:00)  
[Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of Hosts.  
Heaven and Earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna in the Highest!]

† CONGREGATIONAL READING.....No. 281.....Dr. Rhoads

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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.....“Am I a Soldier of the Cross”.....No. 511  
(Stanzas 1 and 4)

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING..... “Benedictus” from *Solemn Mass*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Louis Vierne Chancel Choir (11:00)  
[Blessed is He who comes in the name  
of the Lord. Hosanna in the Highest!]

† DOXOLOGY .....No. 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 21:1-11.....Dr. Day  
New Testament, Page 27 in your Pew Bible

I. First, courage begins with an inward battle with fear.

II. Second, courage deals with principles and not perceptions.

III. Third, courage is contagious.

IV. Fourth, courage opens the door to a better future.

V. Finally, courage brings positive results.

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Here I Am, Lord”.....No. 593

*(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

CONGREGATIONAL SENDING FORTH.....“Lord, I Want To Be Like Jesus”

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart, in my heart.*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart*

*In my heart, in my heart,*

*Lord, I want to be like Jesus in my heart.*

POSTLUDE.....*Fantasia Super: Valet Will ich dir geben*.....E. Ray Peebles

Johann Sebastian Bach

[All Glory, Laud and Honor]



**BANNER:** Russell Peacock (8:30), Trevor Cox (11:00)

**ACOLYTES:** Henry Peacock, Grayson Hargon (8:30), Sarah Margaret Foreman, Kate Foreman (11:00)

**CRUCIFER:** William Peacock (8:30), Benjamin Foreman (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.**

— **2017 Confirmation Class** —

Mason Patrick Brady	Isabella Grace Fertitta	Mary Catherine Osborn
Christopher James Carey	Davis Wood Gilmer	Russell Barrow Peacock, Jr.
Tyler Kane Carey	Vicki Elizabeth Guidry	Brayden Neil Robinson
Abigail Sarah Carney	Christopher Guy Hargon	Mary Ella Sanders
Katherine Grace Carney	Thomas Grey Jackson, Jr.	Reed Thomas Sepulvado
Carter Lewis Cox	Peyton Allen Johnson	Ivan Sutton Smith
Brennan Kate Deshotel	Thomas Payne Johnson	Brooke Ellen Turnbull
Emmaline Erin Drummond	Grant Clayton Lolley	Holden McInnis Webb
Annah Klaire Duffy	Mary Ella Mangin	Anna Kate Wilhite
Katie Claire Ferrier	Laura Lee Mayfield	Keith Kairbo Willis
	Hannah Danielle McGuire	