

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Second Sunday of Easter – 4.23.17

PRELUDE.....*Sonata #3*.....E. Ray Peebles
Felix Mendelssohn

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

INTROIT.....*Crown Him with Many Crowns*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dave Williamson Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATIONDr. Goad

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Hail the Day that Sees Him Rise”.....No. 312

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE (11:00).....Steadfast Servants.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*How Beautiful*.....Madelyn Stewart, soprano
Twila Paris

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 18:21-35.....Dr. Goad
New Testament, Page 24 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 PRAYERDr. 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.....“Depth of Mercy”.....No. 355

OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“Hallelujah! Amen!”Ensemble (8:30)

from *Judas Maccabaeus* Chancel Choir (11:00)

George Frideric Handel

† 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.....John 21:15-19.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 142 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO FORGIVE LIKE JESUS**.....Dr. Day

I. First, forgiveness is a choice that will impact the rest of your life.

II. Second, forgiveness is a process of grace, and not an event.

III. Third, forgiveness is a letting go of the past hurt.

IV. Fourth, forgiveness is giving up your desire to get even or inflict revenge.

V. Finally, forgiveness is a matter of the heart.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Forgive Our Sins as We Forgive”No. 390
*(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.....Amen.....Ensemble (8:30)

John Rutter

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Dialogue sur les grands Jeux*.....E. Ray Peebles

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault



Acolytes: Wilson Guidry (8:30), Arman Ravari, Alayna Millican (11:00)

Crucifer: Vicki Guidry (8:30), Ary Ravari (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*
- *K5-1ST graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 207, behind the Sanctuary*
- *2ND-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.