

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Third Sunday of Easter* – 4.30.17

PRELUDE....“Méditation & Prélude” from *24 Pièces en style libre*...E. Ray Peebles
Louis Vierne

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Rhoads

INTROIT.....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”.....No. 559

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Dr. Rhoads

CELEBRATION OF LIFEStephen Ministry

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Arise, My Soul, Arise*.....Dr. David Hobson, baritone
Dan Forrest Laura Crawford, violin

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I Corinthians 3:9-15.....Rev. Wilkinson
New Testament, Page 203 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 PRAYERDr. Goad

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.....“My Hope Is Built”.....No. 368

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....A Covenant Prayer.....Ensemble (8:30)

Dan Forrest Chancel Choir (11:00)

† 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.....Matthew 7:24-28.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 9 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE SECRET OF AN UNSINKABLE LIFE**.....Dr. Day

I. First, we are all building our lives daily.

II. Second, we have been given the power to choose how we will build.

III. Third, we will be tested to see if our life is unsinkable.

IV. Fourth, we will not all be able to stand the test.

V. Finally, we will not sink if our foundation is solid and secure on The Solid Rock Jesus Christ.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION“Standing on the Promises”No. 374
(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 MEMBERSDr. Goad

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.

BENEDICTIONDr. Goad

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You ’Till We Meet Again*.....Ensemble (8:30)

arr. Dale Wood

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Psalm XIXE*.....Ray Peebles
Benedetto Marcello



Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), Quinton Hilliard, Shep Smith (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Grant Reagan (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.