

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – *Fourth Sunday of Easter* – 5.07.17

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PRELUDE.....“Berceuse” from *Suite Bretonne*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Marcel Dupré

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

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION ..... Rev. Wilkinson

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....“The God of Abraham Praise”.....No. 116

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885..... Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)  
Olivia Zeagler (11:00)

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Sadie McGuire

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Great Peace Have They*.....Melonie Hilton, soprano  
*Which Love Thy Law*  
James Rogers

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Philippians 3:10-16.....Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)  
New Testament, Page 242 in your Pew Bible Jake Talley (11:00)

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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 ..... Dr. Rhoads (8:30)  
Madeline Osborn (11:00)

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.....“On Jordan’s Stormy Banks I Stand”.....No. 724

OFFERTORY PRAYER ..... Dr. Rhoads (8:30)  
Ethan Barton (11:00)

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Deep River*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Mack Wilberg Chancel Choir (11:00)

† DOXOLOGY .....No. 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.....Joshua 1:1-10.....Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 240 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**SET YOUR SAIL FOR SUCCESS**.....Dr. Day

I. First, you must sight the port. (vs. 1-2)

II. Second, chart the course. (vs, 3-4)

III. Third, follow the captain's orders. (vs. 5,6,10)

IV. Fourth, move ahead with singleness of purpose. (vs. 7)

V. Finally, sail on with persistence. (vs. 9)

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION .....“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”.....No. 127  
*(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 .....Rev. Wilkinson (8:30)

Dr. Rhoads (11:00)

SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle's Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)  
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Epilogue*.....E. Ray Peebles  
Norman Gilbert



**Acolytes:** Emily Anderson (8:30), Alex Thaxton, Cade Thaxton (11:00)

**Crucifer:** Annie Anderson (8:30), Kat Thaxton (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.