

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Sixth Sunday of Easter – 5.21.17

PRELUDE.....“Intermezzo” from *Suite Romantique*.....E. Ray Peebles
Denis Bédard

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

INTROIT.....*Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*.....Chancel Choir
Paul Sjolund

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE“God, Whose Love is Reigning O’er Us”.....No. 100

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

BAPTISM (8:30).....Beckett Robert Valentine.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Robert Merrell Valentine

BAPTISM (8:30).....Reed Emerson Call.....No. 39, Dr. Day
Presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Aaron Call

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Prelude in G# Minor*.....Alison Beck, piano
Sergei Rachmaninoff

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Joshua 24:13-18.....Rev. Wilkinson
Old Testament, Page 268 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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II. Second, success is a choice, not a chance - decide for life or life will decide for you.

III. Third, your choices will bring consequences whether good or bad.

IV. Fourth, you never know how large the impact may be for a seemingly minor choice.

V. Finally, today's choices bring tomorrow's results.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“I Am Thine, O Lord”No. 419
(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 MEMBERSRev. Wilkinson
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.

BENEDICTIONBishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Alleluia*.....Chancel Choir
Larry Gatlin

POSTLUDE.....“Final-Toccata” from *Suite Romantique*.....E. Ray Peebles
Denis Bédard



Acolytes: Henry Peacock (8:30), Trevor Cox, Chandler Gulett (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Carter Cox (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.