

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Fourth Sunday After Pentecost – 7.02.17

PRELUDE.....*The Star-Spangled Banner*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Carolyn Hamlin and Richard Nichols Brass Ensemble

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

INTROIT.....*America, the Beautiful*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Bob Krogstad Brass Ensemble

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“God of the Ages”.....No. 698

† PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*God Bless America*.....Dr. Pat Craig, bass
Irving Berlin

† SCRIPTURE READING.....James 5:13-20.....Rev. Wilkinson
New Testament, Page 281 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 PRAYERBishop 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.....“My Country, ‘Tis of Thee”.....No. 697

OFFERTORY PRAYER Rev. Wilkinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Battle Hymn of the Republic*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Peter Wilhousky Brass Ensemble

† 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.....II Chronicles 7:14.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 487 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WAKE UP, AMERICA!**.....Dr. Day

- I. First, the **BASIS** of Renewal.

- II. Second, the **BURDEN** of Renewal.
 - A. Brokenness (“humble themselves”)

 - B. Selflessness (“pray”)

C. Earnestness (“seek my face”)

D. Holiness (“turn from their wicked ways”)

III. Finally, the **BLESSING** of Renewal.

A. God’s favor. “Then I will hear from heaven.”

B. God’s forgiveness. “I will forgive their sins.”

C. God’s faithfulness. “I will heal their land.”

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“America the Beautiful”.....No. 696
*(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.....Amen.....Chancel Choir

John Rutter

Brass Ensemble

POSTLUDE.....*Now Thank We All Our God*.....E. Ray Peebles
arr. Sigfried Karg-Elert Brass Ensemble



Acolytes: Leslie Hunter, Ashley Rayburn (11:00)

Crucifer: Madalyn Byrd (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*

• *K5-3RD 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.