

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – Eleventh Sunday After Pentecost – 8.20.17

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PRELUDE.....*Andantino*.....E. Ray Peebles  
César Franck

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

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

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Rhoads

† HYMN OF PRAISE .....“God of Grace and God of Glory”.....No. 577

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....3rd Grade Bible Presentation

*We rejoice in this step in your journey with God. We pray God will guide you, your family, and us, as you use this Holy Bible in your home, your Sunday School classes, and in worship. We will learn together and grow in our love for God’s word.*

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*How Beautiful Upon*.....Rebecca Vacha  
*the Mountains, Op. 41, #3*  
Flaxington Harker

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Deuteronomy 31:1-8.....Dr. Goad  
Old Testament, Page 233 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 & CONCERNS ..... Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER .....Rev. Wilkinson

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....."Thy Word is a Lamp".....No. 601

† OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*O Praise Ye the Lord*.....Chancel Choir  
César Franck

† 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 1:3-9.....Dr. Day  
Old Testament, Page 240 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**COURAGEOUS LIVING IN A FEARFUL WORLD**.....Dr. Day

I. First, Joshua's courage expanded and enabled him to say "yes" to life.

II. Second, Joshua's courage began with an inward battle with fear.

III. Third, Joshua's courage enabled him to get out of his comfort zone and take risks.

IV. Fourth, Joshua's courage enabled him not to compromise or leave God out of his calculations.

V. Finally, Joshua's courage inspired commitment and involvement from others.

† \*HYMN OF INVITATION....."How Firm A Foundation".....No. 529  
*(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 .....Rev. 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.*

BENEDICTION .....Rev. Wilkinson

SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle's Wings*.....Chancel Choir  
arr. Mark Hayes

POSTLUDE.....*Pièce Héroïque in B Minor*.....E. Ray Peebles  
César Franck

**Acolytes:** Ellen Douglas (8:30), Arman Ravari, Alayna Millican (11:00)

**Crucifer:** Kace Sweatman (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*

• *K5–3RD graders (11:00): Dawson Building, Room 208, behind the Sanctuary*



### *Presentation of Bibles to Third Grade*

Charles Thomas Adams  
Layton Faries Clark  
Anna Claire Demole  
Keegan Jonah Demole  
Claire Nicholson Frierson  
Parker Michael Guidry  
Conrad McVea Hilliard

Graham Harrison Kyle  
Bennett Neil Lewis  
Hayes Layton McDaniel  
Owen Matthew Melton  
Graham Lee Pearson  
Mary Hadley Pearson  
Mary Stafford Poirier  
Emerson Olivia Sater

Lee Cyril Scheffy, III  
Mary Scott Sevier  
Caroline Hanna Smith  
Luke William Smith  
Frank H. Thaxton, V  
Ryan Harlan Tujague  
William Andrew Love Vance