

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Sixteenth Sunday After Pentecost – 9.24.17

PRELUDE.....“Prélude Modal” from *Vingt-quatre Pièces*.....E. Ray Peebles
Jean Langlais

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

INTROIT.....*Come, We That Love the Lord*.....Ensemble (8:30)
(ST. THOMAS) Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Christ for the World We Sing”.....No. 568

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Rev. Wilkinson

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Hardy Foreman

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*I Will Sing New Songs*.....Victoria Sundin, alto
Antonín Dvořák

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Acts 10:34-38.....Dr. Rhoads
New Testament, Page 157 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 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....."Marching to Zion".....No. 733

† OFFERTORY PRAYER Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Paul Halley

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.....I Timothy 6:17-19.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 257 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**THE JOY OF DOING GOOD**.....Dr. Day

I. First, do good by sharing the life-changing message of God's love and grace.

II. Second, do good by sharing positive words that bless and build up others.

III. Third, do good by seizing and maximizing every opportunity to do the right thing.

IV. Fourth, do good by reaching out to the poor, the oppressed, the imprisoned and the less fortunate.

V. Finally, do good by expressing your gratitude to God for His blessings.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Forth in Thy Name, O Lord”.....No. 438
(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 Bishop William Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Come, We That Love the Lord*.....Ensemble (8:30)
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POSTLUDE.....*Fiat Lux (Eternal Light)*.....E. Ray Peebles
Theodore Dubois



Acolytes: Grayson Hargon, Layton Clark (8:30), Ashley Rayburn, Sophie Lee (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30), Arman 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*

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.