

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Fourth Sunday after Pentecost - June 17, 2018*

PRELUDE..... Elogy.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
C. Hubert Parry

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

INTROIT.....*Come Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“This is My Father’s World”.....No. 144

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Rev. Wilkinson

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Father’s Day Video
Honoring Dr. Pat Day - 25 Years of Leadership Ross Barrett

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Eternal Father, Strong to Save*.....Men’s Ensemble
(Navy Hymn)
John B. Dykes/arr. Tom Scott

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 12:33-37.....Dr. Goad
New Testament, Page 15 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 Dr. Rhoads
 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.....“A Charge to Keep I Have”.....No. 413

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*We Will Serve the Lord**.....Ensemble (8:30)
 Taylor Davis 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.....Joshua 24:14-24.....Dr. Day
 Old Testament, Page 268 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**A CHOICE YOU MAKE, NOT A CHANCE YOU TAKE**.....Dr. Day

I. First, choose character over convenience - Live life from the inside out.

II. Second, use energy management over time management.

III. Third, choose to give rather than always take.

IV. Fourth, choose to be real rather than phony.

V. Fifth, choose to live life in balance rather than imbalance.

VI. Finally, choose to be positive rather than negative.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Rise Up, O Men of God”.....No. 576

(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.

BENEDICTIONDr. Rhoads

SENDING FORTH.....*We Will Serve the Lord* (excerpt).....Ensemble (8:30)
Taylor Davis Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Fanfare*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
William Mathias

* Given to the Glory of God and in memory of Lucy Ballard and Bertram Knox Andress, their children; Nellie, Willie Knox, Grace, Homer, Irene, Ennis, Nedra, and Margaret, and their decedants.

Acolytes: Hutson Hearron (8:30) Trevor Cox, Garland Barrett (11:00)

Crucifer: William Peacock (8:30) Grant Reagan (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.