

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Twenty-Second Sunday after Pentecost - October 21, 2018*

PRELUDE.....*Processional Prelude on HYFRYDOL*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
John G. Barr

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

INTROIT.....*Emerald Stream*.....Centenary College Choir
Seth Houston

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Ye Servants of God”.....No. 181

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 887.....Dr. Rhoad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Elijah Rock*.....Centenary College Choir
arr. Moses Hogan

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Esther 4:9-16.....Dr. Goad
Old Testament, Page 552 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 Beck

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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CHORAL RESPONSE.....*Still Waters*.....Sierra Worman, soprano
James G. Eakin III Centenary College Choir
[Psalm 23 with In Paradisum: May the Angels Lead You into Paradise]

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*My God is a Rock*.....Carlos Romero, baritone
arr. Robert Shaw/Alice Parker Centenary College Choir

† 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.....**THE POWER OF ONE**.....Dr. Day
I. First, “the Power of One” is released as you realize you are a steward of one of God’s greatest gifts - influence.

II. Second, the “Power of One” is released when you see and experience how one ordinary person can use his or her influence to make a powerful impact and difference.

III. Third, “the Power of One” is released when you “pay it forward” to people, especially the young people in your sphere of influence.

IV. Fourth, “the Power of One” is released as you focus on doing God’s will (one thing) extremely well.

V. Finally, “the Power of One” is released as you spend time deepening your relationship with God and His plan for your life.

+ *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....No. 451
(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.....Bishop William Hutchinson

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....*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*....Centenary College Choir
Peter Lutkin

POSTLUDE..... *In dir ist Freude*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Johann Sebastian Bach
[In Thee is Gladness]



Acolytes: Henry Peacock, Molly Reagan (8:30) Andrew Hobson, Mary Scott Sevier (11:00)
Crucifer: Grant Reagan (8:30), Landry Hobson (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.