

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – Sixth Sunday of Easter - May 26, 2019

PRELUDE.....*Faith, Hope, and Love*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
A Trilogy based on familiar Hymn-tunes

Carl F. Mueller

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

INTROIT.....*This is the Day*.....Ensemble (8:30)
Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE“Holy God, We Praise Thy Name”..... No. 79

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 888.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*God is My Shepherd*.....Rebecca Vacha, soprano
Antonín Dvořák

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Isaiah 61:1-7.....Bishop Hutchinson
Old Testament, Page 846 in your Pew Hymnal

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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 Rev. Joyce

MORNING PRAYERDr. Goad

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.....Bishop Hutchinson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Craig Courtney

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.....1 Peter 2:5.....Rev. Joyce

New Testament, Page 282 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**CALLED TO BE PRIESTS**.....Rev. Joyce

1 Peter 2:5—“You yourselves are being built like living stones into a spiritual temple. You are being made into a **holy priesthood** to offer up spiritual sacrifices that are acceptable to God through Jesus Christ.”

Isaiah 61:6—“You will be called **Priests of the LORD**, Ministers of our God, they will say about you.”

Many people think that only a select few are called to be priests. And while this might be true in a professional/vocational sense when it comes to ordering an institution and directing ministry programs, every follower of Christ has a calling to live as “The Priesthood of All Believers.” Let us explore the priestly tradition by examining the historical, biblical position of priests in Scripture, and see how each person who responds to the grace and love of God in Jesus enters into a life of worship and ministry. Committed followers of Jesus are called to offer their lives in sacrificial praise and thanksgiving in order to reflect and share the gospel hope for the world. Every person becomes priestly in life and vocation. And this is a marvelous gift for the world—to see faith on display, to see work as worship, and to know that God is alive and good, because people called by His name are priests of God.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Rejoice in God’s Saints”.....No. 708
(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. Goad

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 Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*On Eagle’s Wings*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Mark Hayes Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....PAEAN A SONG OF TRIUMPH.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Oliphant Chuckerbutty



Acolytes: Bunker Webb (8:30), Graham Pearson, Mary Hadley Pearson (11:00)

Crucifer: Harper Hearron (8:30)

† *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 (8:30 & 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.