

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Fifth Sunday After Epiphany - February 9, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*Hymn Prelude on ABERYSTWYTH*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
[Jesus, Lover Of My Soul]

arr. Claude Means

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Goad

INTROIT.....*Come, Join Our Cheerful Song*.....Chancel Choir
Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. Goad

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

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

MUSICAL OFFERING.....“O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig”Brass Ensemble
from *Reformation Suite* E. Ray Peebles, organ
[O Lamb of God, innocent]

Benjamin M. Culli

† SCRIPTURE READING.....James 1:2-8.....Dr. Rhoads
New Testament, Page 277 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 Tate

JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Day

MORNING PRAYER Bishop 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.....“Through it All”.....No. 507

† OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Canticle of Faithfulness*.....Chancel Choir
Daniel Bird Brass Ensemble

† 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.....Proverbs 3:5-6.....Dr. Day
Old Testament, Page 720 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**HOW TO MAKE WISE DECISIONS**.....Dr. Day

I. Step One: Determine the facts.

II. Step Two: Pray for guidance and wisdom.

III. Step Three: Seek the advice of others - utilize the master mind principle.

IV. Step Four: Be sensitive to your intuitions.

V. Step Five: List all possible alternatives and their advantages and disadvantages.

VI. Step Six: Make sure the timing is right, then make the decision and don't second guess your choice.

† *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 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 Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*God Be With You 'Till We Meet Again*.....Chancel Choir
arr. Dale Wood

POSTLUDE.....“Nun freut euch” from *Reformation Suite*.....Brass Ensemble
[Dear Christians, One and All, Rejoice] E. Ray Peebles
Benjamin M. Culli



Crucifers: Rudd Morgan (8:30), Luke Smith (11:00)

Acolytes: Cooper Morgan (8:30)

Available Stephen Ministers: Nelda Thomas (8:30), Ann Shocklee (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.