

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Sixth Sunday After Epiphany - February 16, 2020*

PRELUDE.....“Romance” from *Symphonie #4*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Louis Vierne

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

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

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Christians, Join to Sing”.....No. 158

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. Rhoads

BAPTISM (11:00).....Samuel Mial Scurlock.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by his parents, Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gaines Scurlock

MUSICAL OFFERING....“If with all your Heart” from *Elijah*Gary Elam, tenor
Felix Mendelssohn

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Galatians 5:16-26.....Dr. Rhoads
New Testament, Page 232 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 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.....“Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”.....No. 358

† OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING...*Like as the Hart Desireth the Waterbrooks..*Ensemble (8:30)

[Psalm 42: 1-3]

Chancel Choir (11:00)

Herbert Howells

† 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 Corinthians 10:13.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 209 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE....**DECIDING RIGHT FROM WRONG IN A WORLD OF GRAY**.....Dr. Day

I. First, does what I do really matter as long as I am sincere?

II. Second, will my course of action lead me closer to God or farther away?

III. Third, how will my course of action impact and influence others?

IV. Fourth, would I want my family and friends to know what I have done or do I hope no one finds out?

V. Fifth, if everyone followed my course of action would the result be beneficial for everyone?

VI. Sixth, will I think positively of myself when I look back at what I have done or will I regret the consequences?

VI. Finally, will my course of action conflict or align with the Bible?

+ *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“O Jesus, I Have Promised”.....No. 396
(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.....*May the Grace of Christ Be with You*.....Ensemble (8:30)
arr. Dale Wood Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Toccata*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ
Theodore Dubois



Crucifers: Henry Peacock (8:30), Will Vance (11:00)

Acolytes: Anabelle Teague, Cole Rice (8:30), Crawford Chaney, Gillian Barrett (11:00)

Available Stephen Ministers: John Pleasant (8:30), Shine Johnson (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.