

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
Celebration of Worship – *Transfiguration Sunday - February 23, 2020*

PRELUDE.....“Prelude” [#3].....E. Ray Peebles, organ

from *Three Preludes and Fugues*

Felix Mendelssohn

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

INTROIT.....*The Lord Reigns*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Dale Wood

Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”.....No. 400

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 885.....Dr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Sound the Trumpet*.....Victoria Sundin, soprano

Henry Purcell

Benjamin McDonald, bass

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Genesis 3:1-13.....Dr. Rhoads

Old Testament, Page 3 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.....“The King of Love My Shepherd Is”.....No. 138

† OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Rhoads

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Christus Paradox*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Alfred Fedak

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.....Acts 16:6-10.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 165 in your Pew Bible

MESSAGE.....**WHEN YOU’VE MADE A BAD DECISION**.....Dr. Day

I. First, admit you have made a bad choice or decision and try to rectify it.

II. Second, receive God's forgiveness and forgive yourself.

III. Third, don't try to go through a door God has clearly closed - be sensitive to open and closed doors.

IV. Fourth, learn a life lesson from the consequences of your wrong decision.

V. Finally, rely upon the safety net of God's sovereignty and grace - put a Romans 8:28 band-aid on the wrong decision.

+ *HYMN OF INVITATION....."Trust and Obey".....No. 467
(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.....*Alleluia*.....Ensemble (8:30)

Larry Gatlin

Chancel Choir (11:00)

POSTLUDE.....*Trois Postludes pour orgue [#3]*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Denis Bédard



Crucifers: Bunker Webb (8:30), Crawford Chaney (11:00)

Acolytes: Harper Hearron, Rudd Morgan (8:30), Camille Wood, Harrison Chaney (11:00)

Available Stephen Ministers: Jimmy Ray (8:30), Charlcie Bain (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.