

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Celebration of Worship – *Second Sunday in Lent - March 8, 2020*

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PRELUDE.....*Adagio for Strings*.....String Quartet  
Thomaso Albinoni E. Ray Peebles, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. Hobson

INTROIT.....*The Lord's Prayer*.....Chamber Choir (8:30)  
John Weaver Chancel Choir (11:00)

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

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“Rejoice, the Lord is King.....No. 715  
[Stanzas 1, 3-4]

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

CELEBRATION OF LIFE.....Rob Branham, Australian Missionary

MUSICAL OFFERING....“Blessed are the Men who Fear Him”....Chamber Choir  
from *Elijah* Chamber Orchestra  
Felix Mendelssohn

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 7:15-23.....Dr. Hobson  
New Testament, Page 8 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 (sings responsively)

*Our Father | in heaven | holy is your name | your kingdom come | your will be done |  
On earth | as in heaven | give us today | our daily bread |  
Forgive us our sins | as we forgive those | who sin against us |  
Save us from the time | of trial | and deliver us | from evil |  
For the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are yours forever |  
Forever | and ever | our Father | in heaven | holy is your name |*

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† OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Dr. Hobson

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Psalm 1*.....Chamber Choir (8:30)

Mark Hayes

Chancel Choir (11:00)

Chamber Orchestra

† DOXOLOGY .....No. 95

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Matthew 6:5-15.....Dr. Day

New Testament, Page 6 in your Pew Bible

I. First, the Kingdom of God is the rule or reign of God in our lives.

II. Second, the Kingdom of God requires certain qualifications for citizenship.

A. A childlike spirit. (Matthew 18:1-4)

B. A servant spirit. (Matthew 20:20-28)

C. A forgiving spirit. (Matthew 18:21-35)

III. Third, the Kingdom of God must become our magnificent obsession.

IV. Finally, the Kingdom of God is paradox - it is both a present reality as well as a future event.

+ \*HYMN OF INVITATION.....“We’ve a Story to Tell to the Nations”.....No. 569  
(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.*

BENEDICTION .....Bishop Hutchinson

SENDING FORTH.....*Seek Ye First the Kingdom of God*.....Chamber Choir (8:30)

Karen Lafferty

Chancel Choir (11:00)

Chamber Orchestra

POSTLUDE.....*Fugue in G Minor*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach



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

**Acolytes:** Cooper Morgan, Bunker Webb (8:30), Gray Howell, Owen Melton (11:00)

**Available Stephen Ministers:** Peggy Bennett(8:30), Connie Pierson (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.