

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

A community of faith committed to sharing the love of Jesus Christ with a hurting world through words and actions  
MAY 17, 2015 CONFIRMATION SUNDAY 9:30 A.M. Service

We welcome you to this service of praise and adoration. Let God speak to you through the songs and the message, and enjoy the fellowship of those who are seeking the Lord and the spiritual help that we need for daily living.

## PRELUDE

### WELCOME

Sue Harris, Worship Leader

### CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Spirit is here among us

**People: within us, around us, between us.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to strengthen us

**People: bringing courage, bringing conviction.**

Leader: The Spirit is here to move us,

**People: making us sing and praise.**

Leader: The Spirit is here.

**People: Come, Holy Spirit, inspire us to be your witnesses in this world!**

### WORSHIP IN SONG: GOD IS IN THE HOUSE (by Russell Fragar & Darlene Zschech)

As for me, God came and found me. As for me He took me home.

As for me, He gave me a family, and I'll never walk alone.

In my life I'm soaked in blessing and in heaven there's a great reward.

As for me and my house, we're gonna serve the Lord.

I've got Jesus, Jesus, He calls me for His own. And He lifts me, lifts me above the world I know.

God is in the house, there is no doubt God is in the house can't keep Him out.

As for me and my house, we're gonna serve the Lord. (Hillsongs Australia)

### FOREVER (by Chris Tomlin, Jesse Reeves)

Give thanks to the Lord our God and King; His love endures forever. For He is good; He is above all things.

His love endures forever. Sing praise. Sing praise.

With a mighty hand and outstretched arm, His love endures forever.

For the life that's been reborn, His love endures forever. Sing praise. Sing praise.

*Chorus: Forever God is faithful. Forever God is strong. Forever God is with us, forever, forever.*

From the rising to the setting sun His love endures forever. And by the grace of God we will carry on;

His love endures forever. Sing praise. Sing praise. Sing praise. Sing Praise. (Chorus) (2000 Six Steps Music)

### HEAR OUR PRAISES (by Reuben Morgan)

May our homes be filled with dancing, may our streets be filled with joy;

May injustice bow to Jesus as the people turn to pray.

*Chorus: From the mountain to the valley, hear our praises rise to You;*

*From the heavens to the nations, hear our singing fill the air.*

May a light shine in the darkness, as we walk before the cross;

May Your glory fill the whole earth as the water o'er the seas. *Chorus*

Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! (Repeat 2 x's) *Chorus (1998 Integrity Hosanna Music)*

**OPENING PRAYER:** Creator God, strengthen us with your gifts of grace, to love and serve you as a disciple of Christ. Help us to grow into the fullness of the stature of Christ. Fill us with the joy of your presence. Increase in us the fruit of your Spirit: the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of love, patience and gentleness, the spirit of wonder and true holiness. We pray in the loving name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

### THIS I BELIEVE (The Creed) (by Matt Crocker & Ben Fielding) (Hillsong Music Pub.)

Verse: Our Father everlasting the all creating One God Almighty.

Through Your Holy Spirit conceiving Christ the Son Jesus our Saviour.

*Chorus: I believe in God our Father. I believe in Christ the Son. I believe in the Holy Spirit, Our God is three in one. I believe in the resurrection, that we will rise again, for I believe in the Name of Jesus.*

Our Judge and our Defender, suffered and crucified, forgiveness is in You.

Descended into darkness You rose in glorious life, forever seated high.

*Bridge: I believe in You. I believe You rose again. I believe that Jesus Christ is Lord.*

*Chorus: I believe in life eternal. I believe in the virgin birth. I believe in the saints' communion, and in Your holy church. I believe in the resurrection when Jesus comes again, for I believe in the Name of Jesus.*

### BRINGING OUR NEEDS TO GOD

#### PRAYER RESPONSE SURELY THE PRESENCE OF THE LORD (By Lanny Wolfe) (1977 Lanny Wolfe Music)

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace.

I can hear the brush of angel's wings, I see glory on each face; surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

**WORSHIP IN GIVING:** Offering

Special Music by the Youth Choir

**SHARING THE WORD** Scripture: 1 Corinthians 12:12-27

Sermon: The 3 R's – for Confirmation and Church Membership Pastor Richard Nichols

Grace Harsche and Fisher Hudak

### PERSONAL WITNESS

### WORDS OF INTRODUCTION

### PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATES FOR BAPTISM

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Synclaire Lyn Angelow, Connor Neil Darlington, Anna Denise Mlynek

### FOR CONFIRMATION

Synclaire Lyn Angelow	William Tyler Hare	Peyton Kathleen Jagodzinski	Cailin Leigh O'Donnell
James Anthony Blatcher	Grace Elizabeth Harsche	Grant Allan Johnston	Ashley Elizabeth Rogers
Katelei Logan Clark	Elizabeth Ruth Horton	Stephanie Grace Maines	Grace Roscoe
Devin Conaty	Gwynivere Erin Horton	Anna Denise Mlynek	Carter Joseph Taylor
Connor Neil Darlington	Fisher Dennis Hudak	Sarah Elizabeth Murray	Anna Cate Youse

### CONGREGATIONAL COMMITMENT

**Pastor:** Do you, as Christ's Body, the Church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

**Congregation: We do.**

**Pastor:** Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

**Congregation: With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.**

### QUESTIONS TO THE CONFIRMANDS

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

### CONFIRMATION OF FAITH

### RECEPTION INTO THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

### COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

**Leader:** Members of the household of God, I commend these persons to your love and care.

Do all in your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

**People: We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of the United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the Church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. Amen!**

**CLOSING SONG:** The Summons (Please see insert for words)

**GOING FORTH:** The Benediction

**PLEASE JOIN YOUR FRIENDS** and your 1<sup>st</sup> UMC family in Fellowship Hall every Sunday morning following this service. Come for coffee, tea, lemonade and continental breakfast from 10:30-11:00. Just follow the path outside the sanctuary building or wind your way inside the education building, up to Fellowship Hall.

**A NOTE TO PARENTS:** Child care is available in Room E101 for children up to age four. We love children and little ones are welcome in our worship service. On those days when your child is fussy, the parlor located behind the sanctuary provides an excellent place to care for your children and still participate in the worship service. There is a powder room right outside the parlor that can be used for changing diapers.

**USHERS:** Greg Kincaid, Shelly Kincaid, Ed Henry, Valery Henry, David Stepp **ACOLYTE:** Emme Youse

**ATTENDANCE LAST WEEK:** Worship: 534 Sunday School: 40

**PLEASE LET US KNOW...**Due to current privacy regulations, churches are no longer notified if a member of their congregation is hospitalized. Therefore, if you or someone you know is ill or in the hospital, please let the church office know so that we can help in their healing process through our prayers, visits, food preparation, etc.

**THE CHANCEL BOUQUET HAS BEEN GIVEN BY:** Barbara Dapper, to the glory of God and in loving memory of her husband, Edward.

**PRAYER CONCERNS:** Charles Simon (brother of Bob Simon), Ann Kenny (friend of Beth Fisher), Shirley VanDuser, Harris Fister, James Vine (father of Keith Vine), Sueanne Krout (daughter of Sarah Buchanan), Jesse Atkins (Dana Young's uncle), Paul Haynes, Nancy Bogden & Mike Emmel (friends of Bruce Van Dyke), Sumiko Young (Moorestown Girl Scout Leader), Tracy Cramer (friend of Keith Vine's niece), Dan Hill (cousin of Denise Gattton), Carolyn Emme, Kim Moore (sister of Jackie Murray), Colin Saari (friend of Dick Loring), Rose Marie Sturtevant (mother of Karen Pry), Mary Berner, Charlie Delaney, Rick Loring (son of Dick Loring), Laura Gould (sister of Ed Youse), Doug Nemeth (son of Dot & Zollie Nemeth), Marion Keefe (friend of Ada Campanile), Janet Durand, Bruce Slocum, Karen Pearce (mother of William Pearce), Susan Moody (daughter-in-law of Joan Moody), Nitin Shah & Malvika Cherukara (friends of Barun McArthur), Marion Stepp, Joe Van Osten (father of Cindy Suta), Jane Mertz, Mark McCoy (son of Bob McCoy), Joe Cavallo (neighbor of Doug Hamilton), Lonnie Heller, Kathy Diehl, Matthew Colby (son of Walt & Lu Colby), Jim McMeans (Dave McMeans' brother), Jim Coshland (Alan Coshland's brother).

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