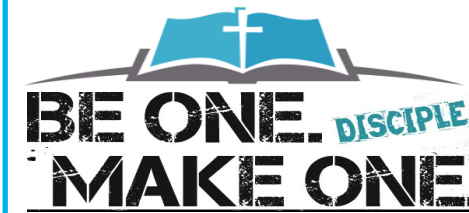




Welcome to First Church, we are so happy that you chose to worship with us! Here are some resources available to you this morning:

- **Children's Activity Packs** are located at the entrance and rear of the sanctuary.
- **Nursery Childcare** (under 3 years of age) is available during services (pagers available at the Check-In Childcare Greeter Desk).
- Please bring your infant with you to worship! A **Comfort Corner** is available for your convenience, ask an usher for directions.
- **Wee Worship** (ages 3 to 5) and **Kids Worship** (ages 6 through 5th grade) follow the Children's Message at the 10:45 service. This program is designed to help children become accustomed to the structure and purpose of worship. Wee Worship is in Room 118 and Kids Worship in Room 216.
- For **Hearing Assistance**, wireless receivers are available. See an usher for assistance.
- **Large Print Hymnals** are available, see an usher for assistance.
- **Seat Cushions** for the wooden pews are available at the Sound Desk located in the rear of the Sanctuary.

Thank you for joining us today and we hope to see you again! Please visit the **Welcome Desk** (located outside the multipurpose room) for more information and to receive a special gift.



Week 12: Theme ~ *Obedience*

Daily Bible Readings

March 19	<i>Choosing Obedience</i> Jonah 1:1-2:10
March 20	<i>God's Promises</i> Jonah 3:1-10; James 1:22-25
March 21	<i>Not Knowing</i> Genesis 6:13-22; Luke 5:1-11
March 22	<i>Hearing God's Call</i> Psalm 119:9-16, 33-40, 57-64, 97-104
March 23	<i>Obedience that Leads Others to Christ</i> Acts 3:1-16, 4:1-22
March 24	Relax & Reflect
March 25	Worship

LEADING IN TODAY'S MORNING WORSHIP

Preaching..... Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
 Worship Leader..... Rev. John Shellenberger
 Organist..... Frank Heberlig
 Accompanist..... Karen Philp—Sounds of Worship
 Michal Foursevitch
 Sound & Media..... Michael Garman & Ken Rapp

SERVING OUR CHILDREN DURING MORNING WORSHIP

Sunday School Greeter. TBD
 Worship Greeter..... Marilyn Knott (8:15); TBD (10:45)
 Crib/Toddlers..... Sarah Jones, TBD, Kevin Knott (8:15);
 Kim LaPointe, TBD, Julianne LaPointe (10:45)
 Wee Worship (10:45) Kelley Levan, Jill Matolyak
 Kids Worship (10:45)..... Dan Wertz, Jenell Paris

Welcome to

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*Opening Doors with Christ, One Another
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Week 11: Perseverance

Memory Verse:

I'm convinced that nothing can separate us from God's love in Christ Jesus our Lord: not death or life, not angels or rulers, not present things or future things, not powers or height or depth, or any other thing that is created.
 (Romans 8:38-39)

March 18, 2018

*Rev. Dr. Dennis Keller
Rev. John Shellenberger*

Sunday Services

Worship	8:15 AM, 10:45 AM
Sunday School for all ages	9:30 AM

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FOUNDATION SERVICE ~ 8:15 AM

"For no one can lay any foundation other than the one that has been laid; that foundation is Jesus Christ."

~ I Corinthians 3:11

Prelude "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" arr. James Denton

Welcome

*Greeting (Responsively) (Isaiah 40:28:31)

Don't you know? Haven't you heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the creator of the ends of the earth.

**He doesn't grow tired or weary.
His understanding is beyond human reach,
giving power to the tired and reviving the exhausted.**

Youths will become tired and weary,
young men will certainly stumble;

**but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength;
they will fly up on wings like eagles;
they will run and not be tired;
they will walk and not be weary.**

*Hymn of Praise..... "Blessed Assurance" No. 369
(Ushers will receive green prayer cards)

*Affirmation of Faith "The Apostles' Creed" No. 881

*Praise Chorus..... "Lord, I Lift Your Name on High" No. 2088
(Words will be projected on the screen)

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Ministry of Music..... "Breathe on Me, Breath of God" Handbells
Arranged by Mazzententa

The Service of Christian Giving

Offertory "He Leadeth Me" arr. Harold DeCou

*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow" No. 95

*Offering Prayer

Anthem..... "How Beautiful" Sounds of Worship
Words and Music by Twila Paris

Scripture Reading..... Romans 8:31-39 CEB Page 864

Sermon..... "Nothing Can Separate Us" Pastor Keller

*Hymn..... "Victory in Jesus" No. 370

*Benediction

Postlude..... Chorale Prelude on "Rathburn" by Homer Whitford

**Please stand as able.*

SUNDAY SCHOOL ~ 9:30 AM

☪ Children's Sunday School ☪

- Classes for 3 year olds to 5th grade are using the Deep Blue Curriculum where kids dive deep into the bible and learn more about God, Jesus, faith and how it all fits together into life today. All classes learn the same bible lesson, but at different levels appropriate for their age.
- Classes for babies and toddlers are located on the first floor of the Children's Department. Check in with the greeter who will guide you to your child's room.

☪ Youth Sunday School: 4G ~ Morning Edition ☪

Middle School: B003
High School: Youth Lounge
UMHC Students: B005

☪ Adult Sunday School ☪

Walk-in visitors and new class members are welcome in all classes.

- **FAITH IN EVERYDAY LIFE** (Room 207) - A group of singles and couples age 25ish and above, but all are welcome. A discussion-based class that values friendship. Come discuss a variety of contemporary topics related to living out the Christian faith, compassion, and social justice.
- **FAITHFUL FAMILIES** (B001A, off Youth Lounge) - This class is made up of parents who are in the child-raising stage of life, and who enjoy discussion-based Bible studies related to living a faithful, Christ-centered life.
- **CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP** (Room 223) - A multi-generational adult class that selects short-term studies which generate challenging discussion of Christian principles. Adam Hamilton will lead us in a 6 week DVD series called John: The Gospel of Light and Life. This special Lenten study follows the life, ministry, death, and resurrection of Jesus through the Gospel of John
- **GROWING IN CHRIST** (Room B004) - A mixed class of single adults and couples of all ages that select short-term studies intended to challenge thinking and create fruitful conversation of Christian principles.
- **GUYER CLASS** (Room 123) - A well-established group of elders in the church who study the United Methodist Quarterly Adult Bible Studies, which are designed as encouragement and instruction in living a life of faith.
- **HELPING HANDS CLASS** (Room 105 in office wing) - A group of active seniors who focus on studies designed as encouragement and instruction on living a life of faith. Interactive studies and discussions are led by several class members. Also, class members enjoy many Christian social activities together.

For information on adult **Bible studies** held during the week and other **small-group opportunities** contact Tina Eaton at adultministry@fumchurch.com.



CONVERGENT SERVICE ~ 10:45 AM

"Many gifts, one Spirit, one love known in many ways."

Welcome and Prayer

*Praise and Worship

"Glory to God"

"Refiner's Fire"

"Good, Good Father"

Anthem

"My God is So Great, So Strong and So Mighty" Children's Choir

Pastoral Prayer

Offering

Anthem..... "Surely, He Has Borne Our Sorrows" Sanctuary Choir

Based on Isaiah 53:4-6

Words and Music by Heather Sorenson

Scripture Reading..... Romans 8:31-39 CEB Page 864

Sermon..... "Nothing Can Separate Us" Pastor Keller

*Closing Song

"Trading My Sorrows"

*Blessing

**As you feel led, please stand or be seated.*