

**First United Methodist Church**  
**11:00 AM Service of Worship**  
April 28, 2019  
**SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**GATHERING**

**Before the Service Begins**

Please write your praises or prayer concerns and either give them to the ushers or bring them to Pastor Mike during the Passing of the Peace. Prayer request slips are available in the Registration Pads in each pew and on the table in front of the Church Office.

**GREETING**

The Lord is risen!  
**He is risen indeed!**

**WELCOME, REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS. . . . . Rev. Mike Brown**

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad down your pew.  
Guests: please include your phone number and complete address.)

**OPENING VOLUNTARY. "Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands". . harmonized by S. Scheidt & J. S. Bach**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP. . . . . Rev. Brown and Congregation**

Living God,  
long ago, faithful men and women  
proclaimed the good news  
of Jesus' resurrection,  
and the world was changed forever.  
Teach us to keep faith with them,  
that our witness may be as bold,  
our love as deep,  
and our faith as true. Amen.

--lectionary.library.vanderbilt.edu, alt.

**\*HYMN NO. 64. . . . . "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty"**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 889 . . . . . "An Affirmation from 1 Timothy 2:5-6; 1:15; 3:16**

**\*RESPONSE NO. 70 . . . . . "Glory Be to the Father"**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM . . . . . Charles Wesley Whittaker**

**SHARING PRAISES AND CONCERNS**

**CALL TO PRAYER . . . . . "Lead Me, Lord". . . . . Samuel S. Wesley . . . . . Chancel Choir**

**THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE. . . . . Rev. Brown and Congregation**

Gathered with the living Christ among us, let us offer prayers to God for the needs of all the world, saying: Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.

For the Church: especially Lawson our Presiding Bishop and Doreen our District Superintendent, that we who have met the risen Christ may be instruments of healing and forgiveness in our broken world. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For this church family, that we may witness to Christ by our deeds and invite others to know Christ through the words we speak. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who struggle with faith or who lack belief, that God's presence and love may be made known to them and bring light to their life's journey. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who live and work in places of violence and unrest, and for those who struggle for peace and justice, that Christ's gift of peace may settle in the hearts of all the human family. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, that they may find healing in the name of the Risen Christ. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

For those who have died, that having acknowledged Jesus as their Lord and their God, they may rejoice forever with the Living One. **Alleluia! Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lifting our voices with all creation and with all the saints who have borne witness to the Risen Christ, let us offer ourselves and one another to the living God. **Alleluia! To You, O Lord, we give praise and glory.**

Blessed are you, Holy God, who gives us the Easter word of peace through Jesus Christ. Hear the prayers which we offer in the hope of glory and breathe upon us with Your Holy Spirit. Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God, now and always, and unto the ages of ages. **Amen.**

--trinitybeth.org, alt.

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN NO. 701....."When We All Get to Heaven"

OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Rev. Brown

OFFERTORY....."Open the Eyes of My Heart"..... arr. by C. Tornquist..... Ashton Aldridge & Piper Loeffler

\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95..... "Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

CHILDREN'S MOMENT..... Ida Cooksey  
(Children, Kindergarten and younger, are invited to leave the Sanctuary for age-appropriate learning activities.)

ANTHEM..... "People Need the Lord"..... arr. by Lloyd Larson..... Chancel Choir

## PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

SCRIPTURE..... Acts 5:27-32..... Rev. Mike Brown  
(Pew Bible NT p. 123)

SERMON..... "To This We Are Witnesses"..... Rev. Mike Brown

## RESPONSE TO THE WORD

\*HYMN NO. 310....."He Lives"

## SENDING FORTH

\*BENEDICTION.....Rev. Brown

\*RESPONSE..... "The Lord Bless You and Keep You"..... Peter C. Lutkin..... Chancel Choir

CLOSING VOLUNTARY..... "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise"..... tune, *Llanfair*..... setting, Janet Linker

\*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)

**Bulletin Baskets:** are found at the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience to discard your bulletins.

**Reminder to parents: Safe Sanctuary Policy** - "No child is left unsupervised for any reason at any time." Parents are encouraged to take their children to the restroom before any worship service begins. If a child needs to go to the restroom during worship, an adult or buddy needs to go with them.