

# FIRST CHURCH

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF OAK RIDGE

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

*We embrace Jesus's message that God loves and accepts every person. Therefore, we welcome all to share in the life and ministry of this community of faith. Our welcome knows no boundaries of age, race, ethnicity, culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, marital status, economic condition, physical ability or mental ability.*

## WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### OPENING VOLUNTARY

Bye and Bye

arr. by: William Farley Smith

*The Trinity Chimes, the three chimes heard at the opening of the worship service, represent God our Creator, Jesus Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit who sustains us.*

### INTROIT

This Is the Lord's Day

by: Richard Wayne Dirksen

### CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to you this day, with burdens and cares in our hearts.

**Lord, take these burdens from us and ease our souls.**

We come to you this day,  
with fear and uncertainty about the future.

**Lord, calm our fears and help us to place our trust in you.**

Come, let us worship God whose love is abundant.

**Let us praise the God of our salvation who watches over us always. AMEN.**

### PROCESSIONAL HYMN, NO. 139

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

1 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!

O my soul, praise him, for he is your health and salvation!

Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,  
join me in glad adoration.

*stanzas 1, 2, 3, & 5*  
*LOBE DEN HERREN*

2 Praise to the Lord, above all things so wondrously reigning;  
sheltering you under his wings, and so gently sustaining!  
Have you not seen all that is needful has been  
sent by his gracious ordaining?

3 Praise to the Lord, who will prosper your work and defend you;  
surely his goodness and mercy shall daily attend you.  
Ponder anew what the Almighty can do,  
if with his love he befriends you.

5 Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!  
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him.  
Let the Amen sound from his people again;  
gladly forever adore him.

#### **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**In spite of many unanswered questions, I believe.**

**I believe in the living God, the joy of the universe,  
who is the pulse and purpose of all things seen and unseen,  
who from the dust of earth calls up living beings to be  
children of eternity, who through countless ages has  
provided for us many liberators and tirelessly seeks to bring  
victory out of defeat and life out of decay.**

**I believe in Jesus the Christ, God's true Son,  
who is bone of our bone and flesh of our flesh,  
who took upon himself the healing of the human race,  
who bore the burden of human Sin  
through betrayal, crucifixion, and death,  
who on the third day was found to be gloriously alive?**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit of God,  
within and among all who cherish Christ and his way,  
who brings hope out of despair,  
love out of apathy, and joy out of sorrow,  
who unceasingly regenerates and reforms the church  
that it may always be the contemporary body of the risen  
Christ, loving the world through prayer, word and deed.**

**I believe that even I am caught up  
in the resurgent life of Christ Jesus,  
and that nothing in life or death  
can separate me from his love and joy.**

**In spite of unanswered questions, I believe.  
Amen.**

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS DEO

TULANE



Glo - ry be to God on high, cre - a - tor of the world; Glo - ry be to God the Son, re -  
deem - ing grace to give; Glo - ry to the Ho - ly Ghost, in - spir - ing us to love;  
One in three, three in one for - ev - er - more. A - men.

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

I KINGS 19:1-8

### CONFESSION AND PARDON

Lord of the ages, in our busy lives,  
we do not always make time to love, to pray,  
or to sing your praises.  
We want to be strong, yet we often feel out of control:  
buffeted by the winds of change,  
rocked by the earthquakes in our relationships,  
burned by the fires of doubt.  
Forgetting what we cannot see,  
we despair and ask, "Why have you forgotten me?"  
Help us trust your presence, even when we feel utterly alone,  
trapped in our dark night of the soul.  
With the promise of Christ as our hope,  
lead us from our own wilderness wanderings  
into the well-tended garden of your love.  
Amen.

### PSALM 42

**As a deer longs for flowing streams, so my soul longs for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and behold the face of God? My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"**

These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I went with the throng, and led them in procession to the house of God, with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving, a multitude keeping festival.

**Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise my Creator, my help and my God.**

My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.

**Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts; all your waves and your billows**

have gone over me. By day the LORD commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.

I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me? Why must I walk about mournfully because the enemy oppresses me?"

As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"

Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise my Creator, my help and my God.

**EPISTLE LESSON**

GALATIANS 3:23-29

**MUSICAL RESPONSE**

The Holy City

words by: F. E. Weatherly  
music by: Stephen Adams

**GOSPEL LESSON**

JOHN 16:12-15

**HYMN OF PREPARATION, NO. 115**

How Like a Gentle Spirit

*SURSUM CORDA*

1 How like a gentle spirit deep within God reins our fervent passions day by day, And gives us strength to challenge and to win Despite the perils of our chosen way.

2 Let God be God wherever life may be; Let every tongue bear witness to the call; All humankind is one by God's decree; Let God be God, let God be God for all.

3 God like a mother eagle hovers near On mighty wings of power manifest; God like a gentle shepherd stills our fear, And comforts us against a peaceful breast.

4 When in our vain pretensions we conspire To shape God's image as we see our own, Hark to the voice above our base desire; God is the sculptor, we the fashioned stone.

5 Through all our fretful claims of sex and race The universal love of God shines through, For God is love transcending style and place And all the idle options we pursue.

**SERMON**

Learning to Listen to Silence

**PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**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.**

**OFFERTORY**

Elegy

by: George Thalben-Ball

**DOXOLOGY, NO. 94**

*LASST UNS ERFREUEN*

**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!**

**HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP, NO. 670**

Go Forth for God

*GENEVA*

1 Go forth for God, go to the world in peace;  
be of good courage, armed with heavenly grace,  
in God's good Spirit daily to increase,  
till in the kingdom we see face to face.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in peace.

2 Go forth for God, go to the world in love;  
strengthen the faint, give courage to the weak;  
help the afflicted; richly from above  
God's love supplies the grace and power we seek.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in love.

3 Go forth for God, go to the world in joy,  
to serve God's people every day and hour,  
and serving Christ, our every gift employ,  
rejoicing in the Holy Spirit's power.  
Go forth for God, go to the world in joy.

**BENEDICTION**

**CONCLUDING VOLUNTARY**

Carillon

by: Herbert Murrill

**WORSHIP LEADERS**

**Preacher:** Rev. Mark Flynn, *Lead Pastor*  
**Liturgist:** Rev. Jenny Caughman, *Spiritual Care Pastor*  
**Music:** Josh Sumter, *Music Associate & Organist*  
Robyn Maker, *Interim Choir Director*  
Clayton Scarborough, *Interim Choir Director*  
Members of the Parish Adult Choir  
Kyle Jones, *saxophonist*  
Eve Respass, *soloist*  
David Thomas, *accompanist*

*Floral arrangements are given to the glory of God by Tiddle Thomas' children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren in celebration of her 100th birthday; and by Myra, Judy, and Janet Stroud in honor of Bill and Sandi Henry; and by Laura & Fred Mclean.*

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