

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday After Pentecost – July 23, 2017 – 11:00 a.m.



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*United in the Spirit, First United Methodist Church of Belmont exists
to be more like Jesus Christ for our community and beyond*
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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAISE AND PRAYER

PRELUDE

"We Walk by Faith"

Wilson

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Based on Psalm 105:1-4, 7

Kristen Surratt

Give thanks to the Lord;
call on His name;
make His deeds known to all the people!

***For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!***

Sing His praises;
tell of His wonderful works,
and glory in His holy name!
Let those who seek the Lord rejoice!

***For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!***

Search for God, and for His strength.
Never stop looking for Him.

***For He is the Lord, our God,
faithful to a thousand generations!***

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 116

"The God of Abraham Praise"

*OPENING PRAYER

Lord of all power and might, the author and giver of all good things: Graft in our hearts the love of your Name; increase in us true religion; nourish us with all goodness; and bring forth in us the fruit of good works; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

CHORAL ANTHEM

"Walk By Faith!"

Raney

Walk, walk by faith!

By faith, Noah built an ark in the midst of doubt and fear.

By faith, he waited patiently till the plan of God was clear.

By faith, David slew Goliath with a mighty blow.

By faith, Moses spoke for God, saying "Let my people go!"

He walked by faith!

By faith, Esther told the king Haman was an evil man.

By faith, the Israelites were saved, according to God's plan.

By faith, Deborah told Barak that peace would be restored.

By faith, Hannah prayed to God and a son was her reward!

She walked by faith!

By faith, Jesus came to earth, in lowly human frame.

By faith, he obeyed the plan that God in heaven made.

By faith, we will walk each day, his spirit by our side;

By faith, we will find our way, by faith and not by sight!

We'll walk by faith!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 50)

Exodus 3:1-15

Martha Taylor

This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Rev. George Ragsdale

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

HYMN OF REFLECTION No. 60 Upper Room Worshipbook

"The Summons"

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

After each petition we enter into the prayer together with these words:

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"By Faith"

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*Act of Praise

"Doxology"

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God above ye heavenly hosts!
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

*Prayer of Dedication
The Lord's Prayer (Hymnal Pg. 895)

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

COMMISSIONING OF 2017 VBS TEAM

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN OF COMMITMENT No. 111

"How Can We Name a Love"

*POSTLUDE

****Those who are able please stand.***

WELCOME! We're glad you chose to worship with us this morning. We invite you to check out the opportunities we have for children, youth and adults of all ages and stages of life. We offer ministries and a community of faith that will help challenge and encourage you as together we seek to grow as faithful followers of Jesus Christ, serving God and our neighbor in all that we do.

VISITORS: Stop by our welcome table in the narthex as you leave today to receive a small gift and more information about our church. We would love to know more about you, so please sign the attendance pad as it is passed down your pew and share your contact information so that we can be in touch with you.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL COMMISSIONING: This morning at both worship services we are commissioning our ministry partners who will be spending their week at Vacation Bible School. Please keep in prayer this group of adults and youth as they share stories of Super Heroes from the Bible with children of our church family but also many children from our community ages three through fifth grade.

CHURCH UPDATES VIA TEXT MESSAGING: Did you know our church sends occasional news and important updates via text message? If you haven't signed up yet, text FUMCBELMONT to 313131 or visit www.fumcbelmont.org/text. You can opt out at any time.

LITURGY BOXES FOR CHILDREN: Liturgy Boxes are intended to help young children engage in our worship services with intentionally chosen items to use at different times throughout worship. If your child would like to use one of the boxes, they are located in the Narthex. Please return them following the worship service for others to use next week.

PARENTS HELP US STAY IN TOUCH WITH OUR COLLEGE AGE YOUNG ADULTS. Please send Margie current contact information for those not in school and update any student addresses you have for the upcoming school year.

BASEBALL TICKET ORDER FORM

Join your church family for fun and fellowship!



August 4th

Game Time: 7:05 PM

Ticket Price: \$15/person*



*Children three and under are free with a paying adult.

Ticket cost includes general admission and unlimited chicken sandwiches, hotdogs, chips, soda and water.**

**STAY AFTER THE GAME
TO ENJOY THE FINAL FIREWORKS EXTRAVAGANZA
OF THE SEASON!**

Pre-order your tickets to ensure we have enough for everyone.

You can pick up your family's tickets during office hours between July 24 and August 3.

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FUMC BELMONT NIGHT AT THE GRIZZLIES GAME

Name: _____

Email (for confirmation): _____

How many tickets are you purchasing? _____

Total cost (quantity x \$15) _____

Please submit payment with the ticket order form. Checks should be made out to FUMC Belmont and in the memo line, Gastonia Grizzlies game.

**If there are food allergies in your family, alternate pricing is available.