

FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF BELMONT



SERVICE OF WORSHIP

The Seventh Sunday after Pentecost – July 23, 2017 – 8:30 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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PRAISE AND PRAYER

*SONG

"Holy"

1. *What heart could hold the weight of Your love
And know the heights of Your great worth
What eyes could look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun
(REPEAT)*

Chorus *You are holy holy holy
God most high and God most worthy
You are holy holy holy
Jesus You are Jesus You are
(Jesus You are Jesus You are)*

2. *Your name alone has pow'r to raise us
Your light will shine when all else fades
Our eyes will look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun
Who is like You God*

Chorus

Bridge *Who shall we say You are
You're the living God
Who shall we say You are
You're the Great I Am
The highest name of all
You're all You say You are*

Chorus

3. *And You will come again in glory
To judge the living and the dead
All eyes will look on Your glorious face
Shining like the sun
Who is like You God*

*SONG

"You Make Me Brave"

1. *I stand before You now
The greatness of Your renown
I have heard of the majesty and wonder of You
King of Heaven in humility I bow*

Chorus *As (to) Your love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven
You made a way for all to enter in (to Your love)*

2. *I have heard You calling my name
I have heard the song of love that You sing
So I will let You draw me out beyond the shore
Into Your grace*

Chorus X 2 *You make me brave
You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the Love that made a way (REPEAT)*

*You make me brave
You make me brave
You call me out beyond the shore into the waves
You make me brave
You make me brave
No fear can hinder now the promises You've made (REPEAT)*

*Because of love in wave after wave
Crashes over me crashes over me
For You are for us You are not against us
Champion of Heaven You made a way*

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*PRAYER

PROCLAMATION OF GOD'S WORD

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON (Pg. 50)

Exodus 3:1-15

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

SERMON

Rev. George Ragsdale

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION

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

Lord, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord, perhaps your voice issuing forth from a burning bush is what we need to shake us from our complacency. We have a hard time comprehending your call to us because we feel so inadequate to respond in faithful service.

So we look to others to do the work. We are happy to support their efforts with our funds and our limited interest. Now, Lord, we need to take the next step into actual service to you. Forgive our slowness of action and heart, O Lord. Quicken our spirits to accept the call you have for us. Give us courage and strength to do your will and help others in need. We ask these things in the name of Jesus our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

As a forgiven and reconciled child of God, you are invited to give your offerings and gifts to God by placing them in the offering plate when you come forward to receive communion.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

*TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

... as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

... now and for ever.

Amen.

*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, for ever. Amen.

*BREAKING THE BREAD

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

Music During Communion

"We Fall Down"

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GOING FORTH AS WITNESSES TO THE WORLD

COMMISSIONING OF 2017 VBS TEAM

*BENEDICTION

*SONG

"Burn Like a Star"

1. *We were born for greater things
We were born to chase Your dreams
Come my Lord awaken holy fire
We are turning from our sin
We are praying once again
Come my Lord awaken holy fire
We are aching for the real thing
Hearts are open wide*

Chorus 1 *Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts*

2. *Send revival start in us
Set Your holy spark in us
Send us out in resurrection power
History's about to change
We are rising once again
Send us out in resurrection power
We are aching for the real thing
Hearts are open wide*

Chorus 2 *Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
Burn like a star light a fire in our hearts
For Your glory for Your fame
In this darkness light a flame in us*

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*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.

"SOMETIMES IN APRIL" MOVIE SHOWING JULY 30: As our church continues to be a Hope Companion to a community of orphans in Rwanda, we will use the movie "Sometimes in April" to get a glimpse into what the country of Rwanda experienced during the genocide of 1994. Following the movie, there will be a time of discussion. A meal will be served. Dinner will be served at 5:00 p.m. and the movie will begin at 5:30 p.m. The evening will wrap up about 8:00 p.m.

*Due to graphic content, viewers must be 18 or older. Child care will be available for younger children, led by our youth as they, too, learn about Zoe and the work our community is doing to learn how to support themselves.

ZOE LEARNING OPPORTUNITY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH: While parents view the movie "Sometimes in April" our children and youth will be learning about the children of our Hope Companion team and what the Zoe organization does to empower these children to become self-sufficient. Children and youth will have a meal together beginning at 5:00 p.m. and then have a learning opportunity about Zoe and engage in a service opportunity to serve the children of our community named Abishyizehamwe. Please let us know if your youth or children will be attending by emailing Kristen@fumcbelmont.org.

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.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 23

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Church Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Group
- 5:30 p.m. VBS

Monday, July 24

- 5:30 p.m. VBS

Tuesday, July 25

- 5:30 p.m. VBS

Wednesday, July 26

- 5:30 p.m. VBS
- 6:15 p.m. Adult Bell Choir

Thursday, July 27

- 5:30 p.m. VBS

Friday, July 28

- 5:30 p.m. VBS

Sunday, July 30

- 8:30 a.m. Worship
- 9:15 a.m. Church Breakfast
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Worship
- 4:00 p.m. Knitting Group
- 5:00 p.m. "Sometimes in April" ZOE Movie

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

- Debbie Ballard (mother of Chelsea & Josh Elmore)
- Cheryl Fleming
- Bobbie Jones (mother of Crystal Cooper)
- Alan Austin and Family (Jessica Durham)
- Mike Harrison
- Debra Baxa and family upon the death of Mark
- Alex Ross (Lily Sloan)
- Randy Crane (Stuart Bondurant)
- Bette Armstrong
- Keith Lowe
- The family and friends of MacKenzie Loid upon her death (Nicole Stanforth)
- Steve & Susie Matulis
- The family and friends of Johnny Lawing upon his unexpected death
- Susan Painter (Tim Painter's aunt)
- Maggie Moore
- Anne Haxton (Dottie Moore's mother)

If you have an emergency or have a confidential prayer request, please contact George at the church office (704-825-2106) or his cell (704-249-0645).

The names above will remain on the prayer list for one month unless otherwise notified.

OUR STAFF

- Rev. George Ragsdale ~ Pastor
- Kristen Surratt ~ Director of Discipleship Ministries
- Renee Painter ~ Director of Music
- Janice Pennington ~ Business Manager
- Margie Ligon ~ Director of Youth Ministry
- Linda Smith ~ CDC Director
- Carole Bertino ~ Administrative Assistant