

# First United Methodist Church

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Pastor: Randy Thomas  
18th Sunday after Pentecost - Green  
October 4, 2020

UNITY  
*in*  
GRACE

ONE CROSS, ONE SAVIOR, ONE BODY

## HERE TO SERVE

District Superintendent.....Eduardo Rivera  
Today's pianist.....Victor Gene Robbins  
Technical Support.....Vic Ivy & Ray Griffith  
Secretary / Bookkeeper.....Christina Duarte  
Children's Service Leader.....  
Nursery Attendant.....Antonia Terrazas  
Custodian.....Alexis Duarte & Delia Dutchover

# **BLENDED WORSHIP SERVICE**

October 4, 2020

**PRELUDE**

**WELCOME**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Nothing But The Blood #362

**PRAYER**

**HYMN**

I Surrender All #354

**PRAYER & PRAISE CARD/MORNING PRAYER/LORDS PRAYER**

**PRAISE & WORSHIP**

Cross Medley

Shout To The Lord

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

John 17:1-5

**MESSAGE**

THE SOURCE OF UNITY

By Pastor Randy Thomas

**INVITATION TO RECEIVE CHRIST AND ALTAR TIME / JOIN**

**THE CHURCH**

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Please let us pray for you and help you any way we can.  
Please fill out your prayer/praise card in you bulletin, and  
place it in the offering.

## THE SOURCE OF UNITY

### John 17:1-5 (NKJV)

<sup>1</sup> Jesus spoke these words, lifted up His eyes to heaven, and said: "Father, the hour has come. Glorify Your Son, that Your Son also may glorify You, <sup>2</sup> as You have given Him authority over all flesh, that He should give eternal life to as many as You have given Him. <sup>3</sup> And this is eternal life, that they may know You, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom You have sent. <sup>4</sup> I have glorified You on the earth. I have finished the work which You have given Me to do. <sup>5</sup> And now, O Father, glorify Me together with Yourself, with the glory which I had with You before the world was.

### John 8:44 (MSG)

You're from your father, the Devil, and all you want to do is please him. He was a killer from the very start. He couldn't stand the truth because there wasn't a shred of truth in him. When the Liar speaks, he makes it up out of his lying nature and fills the world with lies.

#### I. THE DREAM OF UNITY

\*Martin Luther King: I have a dream...

\*Our hope is in Jesus Christ.

### John 10:10 (NKJV)

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. **I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly.**

\*Where does unity come from?

#### II. THE SOURCE OF UNITY IS GOD

\*We don't worship three gods.

\*We don't worship one God who takes on three roles. \*God is a Trinity or Tri-unity.

\*There are hints of the Trinity in the Old Testament.

### Deuteronomy 6:4-5 (NKJV)

"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! <sup>5</sup> You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

\*Yahweh is singular (one). Elohim is plural (God is three). So read it: Yahweh (one God) our Elohim (Trinity) is one Yahweh.

\*The New Testament reveals the Trinity: the baptism of Jesus, the baptismal formula, and Paul's benediction.

### John 10:30 (NLT2)

The Father and I are one."

\*The oneness spoken of in the Scriptures is not of personage, but of counsel, fellowship, agreement, purpose, vision, work, love and glory.

### III. THE BENEFICIARY OF GOD'S UNITY

#### **John 17:21-23 (NLT2)**

I pray that they will all be one, just as you and I are one—as you are in me, Father, and I am in you. And may they be in us so that the world will believe you sent me.<sup>22</sup> “I have given them the glory you gave me, so they may be one as we are one.<sup>23</sup> I am in them and you are in me. May they experience such perfect unity that the world will know that you sent me and that you love them as much as you love me.

Dr. Ben Witherington: “Did Jesus believe He was the Son of God, the anointed one of God? The answer is yes. Did he see himself as the Son of Man? Yes, that’s the way He viewed Himself. Did He believe that anybody less than God could save the world? No, I don’t believe He did.”

#### **Philippians 4:8 (NLT2)**

And now, dear brothers and sisters, one final thing. Fix your thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable. Think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise.

NOTES:

**\*Please notice the next steps for your card.**

#### NEXT STEPS

- I just accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior.
- I just recommitted my life to Jesus Christ.
- I will think on the love of God for me.
- I will memorize the memory verse this week.

Please mark your next step on your Prayer Card and place it in the offering. Then, keep the next step above as a reminder for the upcoming week.

#### MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

#### **Hebrews 10:25 (NLT2)**

And let us not neglect our meeting together, as some people do, but encourage one another, especially now that the day of his return is drawing near.



⇒ Happy Birthday:  
Jim Ivy October 5th  
Mason May October 7th  
Cato May October 9th  
Joyce Childs October 12th  
Rosie Hopkins October 12th  
Shad Schoenfeldt October 15th  
James Schoenfeldt October 20th

- ⇒ If you would like to submit your “Upper Room” type devotionals for distribution to our members in December, please do so before October 28th.
- ⇒ The annual charge conference will be Monday, October 19th at noon. The following committees will meet to prepare:
  - ◇ Finance to meet today after Service
  - ◇ Administrative Board: Sunday October 11<sup>th</sup>
- ⇒ Join us Monday for a Prayer Meeting at 7pm in the parlor.
- ⇒ Needed: A temporary volunteer to prepare children’s story/lesson (on paper) for use during services.
- ⇒ All sermons and bulletins can be found on our website: **fsfumc.com**, as well as other updates and important information.
- ⇒ El Buen Vecino at 401 S. Valentine is now open for those who need their services. Tuesday and Thursday 2-5, Wednesday 1-5
- ⇒ We have a Food Bank. If you or someone you know can use that service, the office is ready to help Mondays through Thursdays: 9-12 noon and 1-3 pm

**WITH OUR GIFTS**

Received last Sunday:.....Tithes & Offerings.....\$1,810.00

**WITH OUR PRESENCE**

Last Sunday's Morning Service.....22  
Online Views (as of Thursday).....38

**FUMC MISSION STATEMENT**

New. Life. Now.

**WITH OUR PRAYERS**

Ruth & Emily Neyland who  
have continuing health  
issues,  
Johnnie & Olga Rivera.  
Kay Magee.  
Denna Sadler.  
Rosie Hopkins & Susie  
Vestal, her mom.  
Sara Borden.  
Melba Ward.  
Sylvia Thomas.  
Eva Gail Abington.  
Kate Finley, Jessica  
McGuire Harral's niece.

Adrienne & Jim Horton.  
Dr. and Mrs. Cecil George.  
Shawn Bealls who has  
melanoma behind an eye.  
Arcillia Garza is seeing a  
specialist in Dallas for an  
unknown mass.  
Ray Ortiz who has cancer.  
Sondra Bynum who has a  
tumor in her thyroid.  
Kendra Armstrong who has  
cancer in the uterus.

**GOD BLESS!**

HAVE A WONDERFUL WEEK!