

Welcome! During the Worship Services

In worship, the people read the **bold print** and a liturgist reads the regular print. Worship guides or notations are *italicized*.

“†” indicates to please stand as you are able.

① Prayer for Transformation

O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe our sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be the oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.

*from The United Methodist Hymnal,
written by Toyohiko Kagawa, Japan, 20th century*

② Vision Statement

It is our vision to be a community of faith as loving and considerate of persons as Jesus; as devoted to justice as the Old Testament prophets; as responsive to truth as science; as beautiful as art; as intimate as the home; and as indispensable as the air we breathe.

*Based on the Founders' Statement of the
Congregational Church in Lee, MA, 1778*

Our Liturgists in Worship Today Are

8:00 Pat Jungmeyer
9:30 Martha Conant
11:00 Stephanie Lane

Worship in the Chapel 8:00 a.m.

Gathering Music
“Toccata Eroica” E. Broughton
“God of Our Fathers” R. Hughes

Welcome † Passing the Peace

Prelude
“O God, Our Help in Ages Past” arr. D. Bish

Opening Prayer

† **Hymn**
“God of the Ages” UMH #698

Prayer for Transformation ① Liturgist

Children’s Time
Hymn
“I’m Goin’ a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing” (v. 1&4)
UMH #333

The Lord’s Prayer

Singing Into Silence
“Alleluia” TFWS #2014

Prayers for Others

Prayer Response
“The Lord’s Prayer” Mallotte
Anthony Weber, soloist

Scripture 1 Peter 1:22-2:10

Offering

Prayer of Dedication Liturgist
Offertory
“Make Me a Channel of Your Peace” arr. Hayes
Anthony Weber, soloist

† **Doxology** UMH #95

† **Hymn**
“Seek Ye First” UMH #405

Scripture Luke 20:20-25
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“Stranger in a Familiar Land”
Rev. Vivian C. Hiestand

Vision Statement ② Liturgist

Faith and Service Moment Ted Schlagenhauf

† **Hymn**
“For the Healing of the Nations” UMH #428

† **Benediction**

Postlude
“Toccata on ‘O God Our Help in Ages Past’” E. Childs

Worship in the Sanctuary 9:30 a.m.

Gathering Music
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“God of Our Fathers” R. Hughes

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Anthem
“Be Thou My Vision” arr. Parker
Sanctuary Choir

Singing Into Silence
“Alleluia” TFWS #2014

Prayers for Others

Scripture Deuteronomy 6:5 and 10:12-13

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Scripture Matthew 22:34-40
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Sermon
“I Don’t Know What I Believe About God & Country”
Rev. Charles Murry

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Faith and Service Moment Ted Schlagenhauf

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“For the Healing of the Nations” UMH #428

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Worship in the Sanctuary 11:00 a.m.

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This Week at First Church

Sunday, May 28, 2017

- 8:00 AM Classic Worship Service** Chapel
- 9:30 AM Classic Worship Service** Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Samaritan Sunday School Class Parlor
- 9:30 AM Serendipity Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons
- 9:30 AM Upper Room Sunday School Class
..... Upper Room - Rm 235
- 9:45 AM Children's Sunday School
..... Village Classrooms
- 11:00 AM Classic Worship Service** Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Crosswalk Class Wesley Commons
- 11:00 AM Open Hearts Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons
- 12:00 PM Columbarium Memorial Day Service
..... Columbarium

Monday, May 29, 2017

Church Office and Building Closed for Memorial Day

Tuesday, May 30, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Fellowship Hall
- 8:55 AM Worship Staff Meeting ... Wesley Commons
- 9:30 AM Intercessory Prayer Parlor
- 9:30 AM Staff Meeting Wesley Commons
- 4:00 PM Bible Study Gathering Place

Wednesday, May 31, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stoody... Sanctuary
- 9:15 AM Scheduling Team Gathering Place
- 9:30 AM Circle Sarah..... Parlor
- 10:30 AM Kids' Closet Sorting Gathering Place
- 12:00 PM Noon Book Study
Reading for the Common Good Parlor
- 1:30 PM Clergy Meeting Gathering Place
- 3:00 PM Kids' Closet..... Kids' Closet
- 7:00 PM Book Study *Reading for the Common Good*
..... Wesley Commons

Thursday, June 1, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Fellowship Hall
- 6:30 AM Men's Bible Study.....
..... The Egg & I, South College Avenue
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stoody... Sanctuary
- 9:00 AM Worship Design Team Meeting
..... Wesley Commons
- 10:00 AM Orientation for Annual Conference Lay &
Equalization Members Parlor
- 11:30 AM UMW Leadership Team Meeting Parlor
- 3:00 PM OK Chorale..... Village Commons
- 5:30 PM Stover Street Stompers Parlor

Friday, June 2, 2017

- ALL DAY Stage to Storage Fellowship Hall
- 9:00 AM Organ Practice – Karen Stoody... Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Columbarium Board..... Gathering Place
- 12:00 PM Organ Practice – David Adkins.... Sanctuary
- 6:30 PM First Friday Bridge Club Parlor

Saturday, June 3, 2017

- 9:00 AM Kids' Closet Kids' Closet

Sunday, June 4, 2017

- 8:00 AM Classic Worship Service** Chapel
- 9:30 AM Classic Worship Service** Sanctuary
- 9:30 AM Samaritan Sunday School Class ... Parlor
- 9:30 AM Serendipity Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons
- 9:30 AM Upper Room Sunday School Class
..... Upper Room - Rm 235
- 11:00 AM Classic Worship Service** Sanctuary
- 11:00 AM Crosswalk Class Wesley Commons
- 11:00 AM Open Hearts Sunday School Class
..... Village Commons
- 12:30 PM Organ Tuning Sanctuary



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May 28, 2017

Seventh Sunday of Easter



Today's Sermon:
"I don't know what I believe about GOD and COUNTRY"



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Sunday Worship Services:

CLASSIC WORSHIP

8:00 a.m.
in the Chapel
9:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
in the Sanctuary