

Order of Worship

5th Sunday of Easter

May 2, 2021

Prelude Hymn #268(GG)

“Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires, known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise Hymn # 238 (AA)

“I’m So Glad”

I’m so glad Jesus lifted me.
I’m so glad Jesus lifted me.
I’m so glad Jesus lifted me,
singin’ Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me.
Satan had me bound; Jesus lifted me,
singin’ Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,
singin’ Glory, Hallelujah, Jesus lifted me!

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Deuteronomy 7:9-10

Special Selection

“Love is a Miracle” *By: Maverick City*

Sermon

“The Greatest Love Story” *John 3:16-18*

Offering

Selection

“Break Every Chain” *By: Tosha Cobb*

Offertory Prayer

Communion

Passing of the Peace

Benediction

Postlude Hymn #191 (AA)

“When The Roll Is Called Up Yonder”



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible Exploration

Please join us for our weekly Bible Exploration every Wednesday at 6:30 pm EST via Zoom. The Zoom Meeting ID is 822 525 2227 and the password is 305332. Make growing in the word of God a priority in 2021.

Kahoot’s Youth Bible Trivia

The Youth Bible trivia next session is on May 12, 2021 @ 7:45 pm. The Zoom Meeting ID is 849 0422 5930 and password 191186. It is not too late to get in on the fun!

WORSHIP with First Presbyterian

We will be worshipping with First Presbyterian Church every **4th Sunday**. Be sure to tune in to their TV ministry on channel 64 - WAXN on 4th Sundays.



Ten Cents-a Meal

We Can Make a Huge Difference when ALL participate. Using the same passage Two and Five Cents-a-Meal has used since 1982.... *“Verily I say unto you, inasmuch as you have done it unto one of the least of my brothers you have done it unto me.”* – *Matthew 25:45*. Please consider a gift to Ten Cents-a-Meal every first Sunday.

Good morning FUPC parents and youth!

First United will celebrate **Youth Recognition Day on Sunday, June 13th** during morning worship. We will recognize our Class of 2021 Graduates and our 2021 Confirmation Class members. In order to prepare the special bulletin insert, we need to gather information about all of the achievements and the wonderful activities each of our Youth have been involved in - even in the midst of the pandemic. Please download the attached **Youth Recognition Questionnaire** and return by Email to Tamara Williams at tdallasw@yahoo.com or you can mail or drop off at the church office to the attention of the Education Ministry, **by Sunday, May 30th**. I realize that many of the awards that students receive may be given out after that date. You can always Email me with any other recognitions that need to be added after that date and I will be happy add any additional info



May Birthdays

<i>Deidre Rogers</i>	<i>May 4th</i>
<i>Lelia Lindsay</i>	<i>May 7th</i>
<i>Antwon Small</i>	<i>May 16th</i>
<i>Stanley Watkins</i>	<i>May 17th</i>
<i>Ronald Mullen</i>	<i>May 20th</i>
<i>Natalie Beard</i>	<i>May 21st</i>
<i>Eliana Taylor</i>	<i>May 24th</i>
<i>Louise Ezell</i>	<i>May 25th</i>
<i>Charles Jackson</i>	<i>May 25th</i>
<i>DéAndre Yongue</i>	<i>May 29th</i>
<i>Serenitye Taylor</i>	<i>May 29th</i>
<i>Kip Layer</i>	<i>May 29th</i>
<i>Etta Lynn</i>	<i>May 30th</i>
<i>Sean Maxwell</i>	<i>May 30th</i>



Happy Birthday!



Martin Luther King Jr. improvised the most iconic part of his “I Have a Dream Speech.”

On Wednesday, August 28, 1963, 250,000 Americans united at the Lincoln Memorial for the final speech of the March on Washington. As Martin Luther King Jr. stood at the podium, he eventually pushed his notes aside.

The night before the march, Dr. King began working on his speech with a small group of advisers in the lobby of the Willard Hotel. The original speech was more political and less historic, according to Clarence B. Jones, and it did not include any reference to dreams. After delivering the now-famous line, “we are not satisfied, and we will not be satisfied until justice rolls down like waters and righteousness like a mighty stream,” Dr. King transformed his speech into a sermon.

Onstage near Dr. King, singer Mahalia Jackson reportedly kept saying, “Tell ‘em about the dream, Martin,” and while no one will know if he heard her, it could likely have been the inspiration he needed. Dr. King then continued, “Even though we face the difficulties of today and tomorrow, I still have a dream. It is a dream deeply rooted in the American dream....” And then the famous Baptist preacher preached on, adding repetition and outlining the specifics of his dream. And while this improvised speech given on that hot August day in 1963 was not considered a universal success immediately, it is now recognized as one of the greatest speeches in American history.

For more information on the 1963 March on Washington, visit [pbs.org/marchonwashington](https://www.pbs.org/marchonwashington).



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PRAYER LIST Email: prayer@fupcc.org

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord. Keep the church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, bring all creation to worship at his feet, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.