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**Order of Worship**

First United Methodist Church: Stillwater, Oklahoma

**5th Sunday of Easter: Confirmation Sunday**

**April 28th, 2024**

\*indicates you may rise in body or spirit as you are able 8:30 a.m.

Please respectfully allow others to worship by keeping cell phones and pagers silent or off.

Words in the bold type are for the congregation to speak.

PRELUDE *Here I Am, Lord* Arr. Michael Helman

 Jubilee Ringers

WELCOME

\*HYMN No. 384 V. 1,3,4 *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

\*GREETING

*Let us embrace the richness of our faith journey;*

 **guided by Scripture, Tradition, Experience, and Reason.**

*May our conversations be rooted in the wisdom of scripture,*

 **enriched by the heritage of tradition,**

 *enlightened by personal experiences,*

 **and grounded in the discernment of reason.**

\*HYMN No. 177 *He is Lord*

**CONFIRMATION CLASS**

 ***CONFIRMAND MENTOR***

 Henry Fontanier Ivan Hughes

 Junia Hayes Heidi Warren

 Breanne Hook Ashlie Sebert

 Connor McCombs Ed Davis

 Emma Mourer Tammy Davis

 Cash Sylvester Don Crawley

 Colin Upson Wes Edwards

 Jaylee Voight Christy Barnes

CHILDREN’S CHOIR *I See You God* Mark Burrows

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION Chris Ward

Age-appropriate activities are planned for young children. 3 & 4 year olds are invited to

room 320 and Kindergarten through 2nd grade to *Children’s Church* in room 317.

An adult will meet them in the front of the sanctuary following the Children’s Conversation.

ANTHEM *My Shepherd Will Supply My Need* Arr. Mack Wilberg

PASTORAL PRAYER AND DEDICATION

THE LORD’S PRAYER Ecumenical version

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,**

**your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

**Give us today our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,**

**now and forever. Amen.**

OFFERTORY *Crown Him With Many Crowns* Arr. Sondra Tucker

Jubilee Ringers

\*RESPONSE TO THE OFFERING Hymnal No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;**

**Praise God all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts!**

**Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!**

**Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 12:28-34

SERMON “*To Love and Serve God Fully*” Kyle Anderson

CALL TO PRAYER No. 2115 *Christ Has Risen*

**Christ has risen while earth slumbers, Christ has risen where hope died,**

**as he said and as he promised, as we doubted and denied. Let the moon embrace the blessing; let the sun sustain the cheer; let the world confirm the rumor: Christ is risen, God is here.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

**Merciful God,**

 **we come before you with hearts longing to draw near to your kingdom.**

**May your love reign in our hearts,**

 **transforming us from within and guiding our thoughts,**

 **words, and actions.**

**Open our eyes to recognize the signs of your work in the world**

 **around us and give us the courage to participate in its unfolding story.**

**As we venture closer to your kingdom, may we be filled with hope, joy,**

 **and peace, knowing that in your presence is fullness of life.**

**In the name of Jesus Christ,**

 **who proclaimed the nearness of your kingdom, we pray.**

**Amen.**[[1]](#footnote-1)

CALL TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

\*HYMN (TFWS) No. 2223 *They’ll Know We Are Christians*

\*SENDING FORTH AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE  *Hallelujah! What a Savior!* Philip Bliss

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**Mission Candle**

Today’s Lighting of the Mission Candle is to the glory of God and in celebration of Al Rutledge’s 100th Birthday given by Betty and Family.

**Greeter Training Today**

Would you like to be a greeter here at First UMC? Come learn how to effectively welcome others to First UMC today, Sunday, April 28th at 3:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.

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**We are a Church Beyond Walls:**

**Strengthening Our Faith; Sharing the Gospel; Serving and Loving Our Neighbors**

**Fellowship Time 9:30-10:00 a.m.**

Join with other worshipers for fellowship, coffee, and snacks following the 8:30 service and prior to Sunday School in the Church Parlor and Chapel area.

**Visiting?**

We welcome you to First United Methodist Church. It is our desire that you feel at home as we share together in Christian worship. We pray the service will be inspirational and that you will experience God’s Holy Spirit ministering to you at your point of need. After the service we invite you to visit our Welcome Center, located just outside the church office, where you can pick up a special gift, we have for you.

**Tithes & Offerings**

Presenting our tithes and offerings is an act of worship. You can place your gift in the offering plate at the sanctuary entrance or give online by TEXTING an amount to 405-400-1682 or through the fumcstw.org website.

**Stillwater First UMC Annex Dedication & Open House**

**Today 2-4.**

Come by the new First UMC Annex building for a brief dedication and tour the facility any time between 2-4 p.m.

**Upper Room Devotions**

Looking for a good daily devotion? Upper Room Daily Devotions are available outside the Sanctuary next to welcome center or on their website [www.upperroom.org](http://www.upperroom.org). You can even sign up from the website to have the devotions sent to your email daily.

**FUMC Quilters**

Join our quilters group each Friday morning as we share in fellowship and mission. We meet at 9:00 a.m. in the sewing room on the lower level of the main church building. If interested contact Alice Fowler 405-612-4269.

**Stillwater FUMC this Week**

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| **Sunday, April 28**8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Faith Class10:00 a.m. Closer Walk10:00 a.m. Sunday School Class11:10 a.m. Blended Worship 2:00 p.m. First UMC Annex Dedication4:00 p.m. Greeter Training4:00 p.m. Revelation 5:00 p.m. Momentum Youth  **Monday,** **April 29**4:30 p.m. Guys Bible Study7:00 p.m. Chamber Singers**Tuesday,****April** **30**1:00 p.m. Staff Meeting**Wednesday,****May 1**11:45 a.m. UMW Luncheon5:00 p.m. Jubilee Ringers5:15 p.m. Woman’s Bible Study5:30 p.m. Mid Week Meal6:00 p.m. Couples Small Group6:00 p.m. Youth Bells6:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal6:30 p.m. Momentum Youth6:30 p.m. Children’s Choir6:30 p.m. Pastor’s Bible Study**Scan the QR code below to check in,****share prayer requests, and glimpse upcoming events at First UMC!**A qr code with a dinosaur  Description automatically generated | **Thursday, May 2**9:30 a.m. Woman’s Bible Study12:00 p.m. Covenant2:00 p.m. Shower Ministry5:00 p.m. Community Dinner5:30 p.m. Hospitality & Evangelism**Friday, May 3**6:30 a.m. UMM Breakfast 9:00 a.m. Quilting 3:00 p.m. Young Adult Group**Sunday, May 5**8:30 a.m. Traditional Worship 9:30 a.m. Fellowship 9:30 a.m. Faith Class10:00 a.m. Closer Walk10:00 a.m. Sunday School Class11:10 a.m. Blended Worship 12:45 p.m. Praise Band Rehearsal4:00 p.m. Revelation5:00 p.m. Momentum Youthj0229389**Join the Church!**We would love to have you join our family! If you would like to become a member of Stillwater First United Methodist Church, please visit with Pastor Kyle or Pastor Cindy at the close of the service.Pastor Kyle at the close of the service. |

 **Organist:** Dana Ayers

 **Acolytes:** Wilk Cline, Wesley Waller

 **Ushers**: Cathy Bird, Brad Hise, Glenn Selk, and Norv Stunkel

 **Sound System:** John Sebert

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**Church Pastors**

 Senior Pastor……………………..………………………Kyle Anderson

 Associate Pastor…….…………….…………. Cindy Robertson Riedel

 Ministers……………….………... Every Member of Our Congregation
 Director of Worship & Music Ministries……………..…. Keegan Rose

 Director of Youth Ministries…………………….………...Janelda Lane

 Director of Children’s Ministries……………...………........ Chris Ward

 Coordinator of Technology & Marketing…….……….…Garett Reding

For a complete list of church staff members, please visit us on the web at: [www.fumcstw.org](http://www.fumcstw.org).

Northern Prairie District Superintendent ▪ Carol Cook Moore

Resident Bishop of the Oklahoma Area ▪ Jimmy Nunn

Missional Outreach Supported By Our Helping Hands Contributions

Bolivian Village Nurse - Mulungushi Seminary Scholarships – Women’s Health Clinic in Liberia

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Email Address ▪ firstunited@fumcstw.org
KSPI 780 AM/94.3 FM ▪ Live broadcast of the 8:30 a.m. traditional worship service

(Cut out and keep on your refrigerator.) ✂

1. The Prayers of the People for this week was written collaboratively by the attendees of the worship planning training held in Ponca City on April 12th and 13th of this year. [↑](#footnote-ref-1)