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First Church Service on Facebook Live

9:30 AM



LISTEN TO HIM

FORTY STEPS ON THE ROAD TO RESURRECTION

Our Mission

The mission of the church is to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision REACH...EQUIP...SEND

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First UMC Virtual Order of Service

Prelude

Welcome & Announcements

Call to Worship

Apostle's Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of God the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Worship through music

Offering & Doxology

Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which 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 Trespases as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, The power, and the glory, For ever. Amen.

Scripture Reading

Message: Listen to Him: What's The Use of Worrying? —Pastor Beth Ann Cook

Closing Song

Benediction

Message: Pastor Beth Ann Cook



Listen to Him: What's The Use of Worrying?

Psalm 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; I have all that I need.
- 2 He lets me rest in green meadows; he leads me beside peaceful streams.
- 3 He renews my strength. He guides me along right paths, bringing honor to his name.
- 4 Even when I walk through the darkest valley, I will not be afraid, for you are close beside me.
Your rod and your staff protect and comfort me.
- 5 You prepare a feast for me in the presence of my enemies. You honor me by anointing my head with oil. My cup overflows with blessings.
- 6 Surely your goodness and unfailing love will pursue me all the days of my life, and I will live in the house of the Lord forever.

Luke 12:22-32

Then, turning to his disciples, Jesus said, "That is why I tell you not to worry about everyday life—whether you have enough food to eat or enough clothes to wear. For life is more than food, and your body more than clothing. Look at the ravens. They don't plant or harvest or store food in barns, for God feeds them. And you are far more valuable to him than any birds! Can all your worries add a single moment to your life? And if worry can't accomplish a little thing like that, what's the use of worrying over bigger things? "Look at the lilies and how they grow. They don't work or make their clothing, yet Solomon in all his glory was not dressed as beautifully as they are. And if God cares so wonderfully for flowers that are here today and thrown into the fire tomorrow, he will certainly care for you. Why do you have so little faith? "And don't be concerned about what to eat and what to drink. Don't worry about such things. These things dominate the thoughts of unbelievers all over the world, but your Father already knows your needs. Seek the Kingdom of God above all else, and he will give you everything you need. "So don't be afraid, little flock. For it gives your Father great happiness to give you the Kingdom.

It is normal to feel fear. Fear has been given to us by God. Fear tells us something is wrong—that we may be in danger. Fear is not wrong, sin or weakness. It is what we do with the fear that matters. We should not stay in fear. We need to be careful with what we say because our testimony becomes our reality. The words we speak literally make connections in the amygdala (brain). Our mental health affects our physicality as well as our minds. We need to speak reality—our testimony of the truth from God's word. This is warfare. We do the battle with the Word of God. — Bobby Cabot

Joshua 1:9

This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes everything to work together for the good of those who love God and are called according to his purpose for them.

Fear not the future; God is already there. —Billy Graham

I will not fear, for you are ever with me, and you will never leave me to face my perils alone.
—Thomas Merton

How strange this fear of death is! We are never frightened at a sunset. —George MacDonald

Today's Bottom Line:

We find victory when we submit our fears to Christ and shift our _____.

Going Deeper:

- When you were a child what were your biggest fears?
- How did you cope with your fears? (A nightlight? Parents looking under the bed?)
- What about our current COVID-19 frightens you the most?
- Read Philippians 4:8-9. How can you apply this in your life?
- How can you minimize intake of things that make you more fearful?
- What can you meditate/focus on?
- One of Pastor Beth Ann's favorite sayings is "Romans 8:28 always applies." Where are you seeing the Romans 8:28 principle at work?

Paint With The Pastor—Virtual Edition:

Let's make some art together (in our own homes)! *Paint With The Pastor* this Tuesday, March 24, at 6 PM, on FB Live. I'm planning to paint Tulips and offer a meditation from Luke. You can join me with any art supplies you have. Watercolor, acrylic, crayons, colored pencils, even fabric if you want! I'm looking forward to seeing photos of the art that you make.

Scriptures To Read This Week

- Pages 101-129 in "Listen to Him" By JD Walt
- Luke Chapters 15-17

Prayer Requests

- Expectant mothers & infants
- Those grieving losses
- Those with health risks
- Those feeling isolated
- Individuals experiencing financial loss
- First Church members in nursing homes
- First Church military families



CALENDAR

POSTPONED EVENTS:

Men's Monday morning coffee– Postponed
Tuesday morning Bible Study– Postponed
Tuesday morning prayer group– tba
Tuesday afternoon Bible Study– Postponed
Bell Choir– Postponed
Church Choir– Postponed

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP SERVICES GOING VIRTUAL

Bishop Trimble is urging United Methodist Churches in Indiana to close to Public Worship and large gatherings for the next 4 weeks. The health department is asking people to limit their gatherings to 10 people. We are following their recommendations by postponing all church gatherings and offering virtual worship services by Facebook Live on the Church Facebook Page. If you have a computer or smartphone and do not have Facebook, a volunteer from First Church will gladly walk you through setting up an account.

WEDNESDAY DIAL-UP DEVOTION & PRAYER WITH PASTOR BETH ANN

In lieu of the Wednesday Night Bible Study, at 6 PM, each Wednesday, Pastor Beth Ann will give a devotion and an update on COVID-19.

It's easy to participate! Simply call the number (605) 313-5919, then enter the access code: 635572. That will connect you to Pastor Beth Ann and others who have called in.



NEWS

CONGREGATIONAL CARE:

A Church of "flocks and Shepherds"

To care for church members during this crisis, we are creating shepherding teams. Small group leaders (shepherd) will be calling you to check in, pray, and make sure anyone isolated for health reasons has food, medications and other essentials. They will also keep Pastor Beth Ann informed.

SPECIAL GIVING OPPORTUNITY

First Church is still processing what closing the church for 4 weeks means for Little Children's Ministry. LCM is currently closed for 4 weeks with plans to re-evaluate after that. We are asking for special donations to help LCM Staff. Their take home wages amount to about \$5,000 per week. As church employees in Indiana, they are sadly not eligible for unemployment. You can donate by giving to our benevolence fund. Mail a check to Logansport First UMC, 800 E Broadway, Logansport, 46947. You may also give online through our website, www.loganfirst.org. Select Give. At Choose a Fund, select "other."

Birthdays

John Beachler
Morgan Sailors
Gary Provo
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Anniversaries

Duane & Lori Sailors
Brad & Heather Platt

