

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH LINCOLNTON

Fourth Sunday of Epiphany

Eleven O'Clock A.M.

February 2, 2020

## GATHERING AND GREETING

*(Please use this time to greet those around you, sign and pass the pew pads)*

Welcome and Announcements

## A TIME TO PREPARE OUR HEARTS FOR WORSHIP

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Prelude and Lighting of the Candles

Choral Call to Worship

*"Be Thou My Vision"*

*"Lift Every Voice and Sing"*

Handbell Choir

Chancel Choir

\*Call to Worship

Leader: We come, hungry for what the world cannot give.

People: **O LORD, fill our hearts and spirits with your presence.**

Leader: We come with honesty, we confess we are prone to sin and temptation.

People: **O Lord, assure us of our total forgiveness and your mercy.**

Leader: We come, longing for a place in the world, for lives that have meaning.

People: **O Lord, use us to bless a hurting world. Let our witness be a beacon of reconciliation.**

Phillip Cole

\* Opening Hymn

*"Jesus Is All the World to Me"*

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\*Affirmation of Faith

Apostles' Creed

Phillip Cole

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker 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, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

\*Glory Be to the Father

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Children's Time

Steve Herman

## A TIME OF PRAYER AND PRAISE

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer

Prayer Response

Epistle Testament Lesson

*"Bless the Lord"*

1 Corinthians 1: 18-31

Congregation

Chancel Choir

Phillip Cole

## A TIME OF JOY AND GIVING

Invitation to Offering:

Lord, my Rock and Redeemer, thank you that you are infinitely, consistently and perfectly wise. You have said that whatever we give is acceptable if we give it eagerly. You have said that we should give according to what we have. Help us to bring our offerings with an eager heart, not as a comparison with others but as an act of worship to you. May we find the comfort we desire in you and the strength we need in your name. May your presence be with us every hour of the day. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

The Offertory

*"All Creatures of our God and King"*

Handbell Choir

*(Giving our tithes, and contemplation of how God has blessed us.)*

Anthem

*"Come to the Table of the Lord"*

Chancel Choir

\*Doxology

*" Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"*

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## A TIME OF PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 5: 1-12

Message

*"Because When the World Shouts, We Sing!"*

Rev. Tony Matthews

Sacrament of Communion

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*Gluten free wafers are available*

\*Closing Hymn

*"Trust and Obey"*

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## A TIME TO GO FORTH AS THE CHURCH

\*Benediction

Choral Response

## SENT FORTH, READY TO SERVE

\*Postlude

Organist

**Pray for Members:** David Lowe, Linda Shields, Linda Smith, Mary Robinson, Emily Childs, Peggy Lippard, Daniel Denapoli, CB Wolfe, Donna Parker, Sarah Lantz, Virginia Myrick, Larry Garner, Brenda Ballard, Doris Lail, Jim Lail, Mike Pittman, Kay Polhill, Bobbie Robinson, Sloan Robinson, Ken Mace, Grace Johnson, Kay Marks, Ken Marks, Don Rudisill, Jr., Rosie Modlin, Kathy Dellinger Kirksey, Sharina Komen, Suzette Holbrooks.

**Shut In List:** Hazel Robinson, Jo Huss, Donna Conner Morris, Bobbie Jean Crowell, Nancy Boulware, Carolyn Dellinger, Verna Rufini.

\*Stand as you are able