

***Benediction**

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On Eagle's Wings

*And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of His hand.*

***Postlude**

Lead On, O King Eternal

Leslye Ames

*Stand as you are able.

Lay Reader: Cecilia Johnson

Commit . . . Connect . . . Engage . . .

First United Methodist Church, Tallassee is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ, by connecting people to the Word of God and engaging them in ministry here and throughout the world.

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“If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me.”

Matthew 16:24, NRSV

8:30 a.m. Worship
September 3, 2017
13th Sunday in Kingdomtide – Green

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude *I Have Decided to Follow Jesus* Leslye Ames

***Invocation**

***Theme Song** *He Is Exalted*

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***Greeting Time**

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***Hymn of Praise** *Maker, in Whom We Live* **88**

Affirmation of Faith *The Apostles Creed

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.* *means universal

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. We lift up those we know and love serving in the United States Armed Services and we recognize God's call to pray for our enemies. We ask for God's peace and wholeness to illuminate every darkness. We join together in a moment of silence and invite you to lift up your prayers on behalf of our community, nation, and world.

Pastoral Prayer

Congregational Singing

Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone

Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all the world go free? No, there's a cross for everyone, and there's a cross for me.

How happy are the saints above, who once went sorrowing here! But now they taste unmingled love, and joy without a tear.

The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free; and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

Are Ye Able

"Are ye able," said the Master, "to be crucified with me?" "Yea," the sturdy dreamers answered, "to the death we follow thee."

Refrain: Lord, we are able. Our spirits are thine. Remold them, make us, like thee, divine. Thy guiding radiance above us shall be a beacon to God, to love, and loyalty.

Are ye able? Still the Master whispers down eternity, and heroic spirits answer, now as then in Galilee. *Refrain*

Children's Moment

(Children age 4 – 2nd grade will be escorted to Children's Church)

Offertory

Cunningham Family

***Prayer of Praise**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Holy Communion

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Communion rail offerings go to the Minister's Discretionary Fund to help local residents in need.

***Scripture**

Matthew 16:21-28

Sermon

Rev. Dric Williford

***Hymn of Consecration**

Where He Leads Me

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