

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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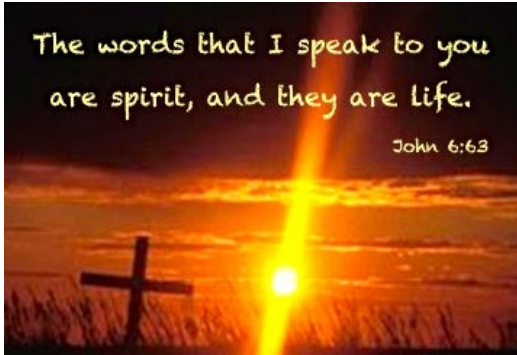
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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



August 22, 2021

Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" / Shearing ----- Brett Miller

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: A great teacher once said, "When Jesus Christ calls us, he bids us come and die." We are the people who have responded to this call.

People: Through Christ, we want to die to the fears that keep us from loving.

Leader: Through Christ, we want to die to the stubbornness that keeps us from sharing our gifts.

People: Through Christ, we want to die to seeking our own success and salvation in disregard for the good of all God's children.

Leader: This is God's promise, that when we die with Christ, we will also rise with Christ.

People: God be praised for the glorious promise of new life in Christ.  
Alleluia! Amen.

## OPENING PRAYER

O Christ, Living Bread, from the world with its abundance which does not satisfy our hunger, we turn to you. O Christ, Living Water, from the world with its floods which do not satisfy our thirst, we turn to you. Gather up the broken fragments of our lives and make us whole again, that we may live to your glory, and not draw back in times of testing. Amen.

HYMN ----- "My Hope Is Built"

My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness.

I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.

*(refrain)* On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand,  
All other ground is sinking sand.

When darkness veils his lovely face, I rest on his unchanging grace.  
In ev'ry high and stormy gale, my anchor holds within the veil. *(refrain)*

His oath, his covenant, his blood, support me in the whelming flood.  
When all around my soul gives way, he then is all my hope and stay. *(refrain)*

PASTORAL PRAYER ----- Pastor Atkinson

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who 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 trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us,  
And lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom,  
and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY ----- "Deep River" / arr. W. Rolfe ----- Mr. Miller, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- John 6:56-69

Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in them. As the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me lives because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven.

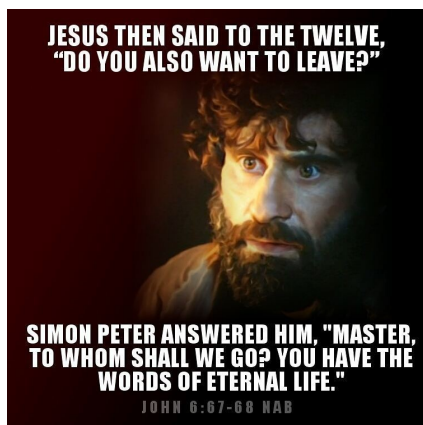
It isn't like the bread your ancestors ate, and then they died. Whoever eats this bread will live forever." Jesus said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue in Capernaum.

Many of his disciples who heard this said, “This message is harsh. Who can hear it?” Jesus knew that the disciples were grumbling about this and he said to them, “Does this offend you? What if you were to see the Human One<sup>l</sup> going up where he was before? The Spirit is the one who gives life and the flesh doesn’t help at all. The words I have spoken to you are spirit and life. Yet some of you don’t believe.” Jesus knew from the beginning who wouldn’t believe and the one who would betray him. He said, “For this reason I said to you that none can come to me unless the Father enables them to do so.” At this, many of his disciples turned away and no longer accompanied him.

Jesus asked the Twelve, “Do you also want to leave?”

Simon Peter answered, “Lord, where would we go? You have the words of eternal life. We believe and know that you are God’s holy one.”

SERMON -----“Where Would We Go? ----- -Rev. Harry Jenkins  
*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*



## INVITATION

HYMN -----“I Have Decided to Follow Jesus”

I have decided to follow Jesus, I have decided to follow Jesus,  
I have decided to follow Jesus. No turning back, no turning back.

2) The world behind me, the cross before me....

3) Though none go with me, still I will follow....

# BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE - - - - -“To the Trinity” / A. Jordan - - - - - -Brett Miller



## THE NURSERY AT FIRST CHURCH Room 207 (2nd Floor)

*Changing Table — Toys and Games — Books and Puzzles  
Microwave and Small Fridge — Live-Stream of Morning Worship*

*(The Nursery currently is not staffed, so, First Church folks, please help our visitors needing assistance. Thanks!)*



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**PWA — 305 Washington Ave**

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