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



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Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE - - - - "Jesus, Lover of My Soul" / arr. J. D. Kimball- - -Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Be glad in God, and rejoice, O righteous;
shout for joy, all upright of heart.

People: God has called us by name and poured out abundant mercy upon us.

Leader: God has multiplied our resources
and blessed us with food for body and soul.

People: Christ dwells in our hearts through faith
that we may be rooted and grounded in love.

Leader: God grants us power to comprehend love's breadth and length,
its heights and depths.

People: The love of Christ surpasses knowledge
and fills us with the fullness of God.

OPENING PRAYER:

Feed us, O God, in this time we spend together, with bread that is eternal. Unite us in a faithful response to your saving activity through Jesus Christ. Open us now to hear and experience, deep within, the word you intend for each one of us. In Jesus name we pray, Amen.

HYMN ----- "I Come With Joy"

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me, his life laid down for me.

I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.

As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.

The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends, and strangers now are friends.

And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;

we see and praise him here, we see and praise him here.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME ----- Pastor Atkinson

OFFERTORY - "Variations on 'Vater Unsern im Himmelreich'" / F.M. Bartholdy
Dr. Jessica Scott

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- Ephesians 4:25-5:2

So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, and do not make room for the devil. Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy.

Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption.

Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

SERMON ----- "Living in Community" ----- Pastor Atkinson
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

INVITATION

HYMN ----- "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,
With his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

(Refrain) Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Jesus' feet:
Till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again; neath his wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again. *(Refrain)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE -----"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation" /arr. J. D. Kimball
Dr. Jessica Scott, organist



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CHURCH PICNIC — TODAY! Clarksburg City Park (Nutter Fort)

5:00 p.m. — Cornhole Tournament and Other Games

6:00 p.m. — Covered-dish Meal (hot dogs & hamburgers provided! Drinks, too!)

We'll conclude the evening with Vespers

**CHURCH
COOKOUT**



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

Changing Table — Toys and Games

Plush Animals — 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!)

