

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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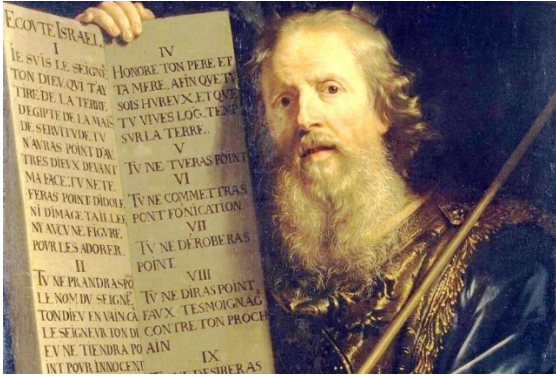
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



March 7, 2021
Third Sunday in Lent

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Rev. Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE -----Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: Come with us on this Lenten Journey to the Temple
People: The temple is the great House of the Lord.
Leader: But sometimes even greed and selfishness can enter the Temple.
People: Be with us, Lord, as we enter this step.
Leader: The Lord will be asking us to recognize our selfishness.
People: Lord, hear our cries. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

Lord, we come to you this day with so many things laying claim to our lives, our hearts, and our spirits. Open our ears and our hearts to hear your words of healing love. Prepare us to be faithful disciples for you. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

HYMN -----"Christ Is Made The Sure Foundation"

Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone,
chosen of the Lord and precious, binding all the church in one;
holy Zion's help forever, and her confidence alone.

All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high,
in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody;
God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

To this temple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of hosts, today:
with thy wonted loving-kindness hear thy people as they pray;
and thy fullest benediction shed within its walls away.

PASTORAL PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION -----“O Lord, Have Mercy” ----- Children of First Church

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Patient Lord, we have cluttered the “temples” of our lives with so much unnecessary things that they have blocked out your healing words of hope and mercy. We have been keenly aware of our economic situation and have spent much time and energy worrying about these things. . Forgive us when we have been so preoccupied with these things that we have not listened to your words and followed your ways. Clear away our fears and frustrations. Give us clean hearts and spirits. Help us to be confident in your mercy and transformational love. These things we offer in the name of Jesus, the Christ, who taught us to pray. . . .

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.

SONG -----”Father, We Adore You” ----- T. Coelho
Lorie Wyant, Don Gardner and Brett Miller: vocals

OLD TESTAMENT-----Exodus 20:1-17

Then God spoke all these words:

I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery;
you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth.

You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God,
for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. For six days you shall labor and do all your work.

But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God;
you shall not do any work—you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave,
your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns.

For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day;
therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honor your father and your mother,
so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet your neighbor's wife,
or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

SERMON -----“Our Lenten Journey: A Roadmap for Our Journey” ----- Rev. Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

HYMN -----“God, the Sculptor of the Mountains”
Lorie Wyant and Don Gardner: song leaders

God the sculptor of the mountains, God the miller of the sand,
God the jeweler of the heavens, God the potter of the land:
you are womb of all creation, we are formless; shape us now.

God the nuisance to the Pharaoh, God the cleaver of the sea,
God the pillar of the darkness, God the beacon of the free:
you are gate of all deliv'rance, we are sightless; lead us now.

God the unexpected infant, God the calm, determined youth,
God the table turning prophet, God the resurrected Truth:
you are present every moment, we are searching; meet us now.

God the dresser of the vineyard, God the planter of the wheat,
God the reaper of the harvest, God the source of all we eat:
you are host at every table, we are hungry; feed us now.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

Easter Giving Tree!

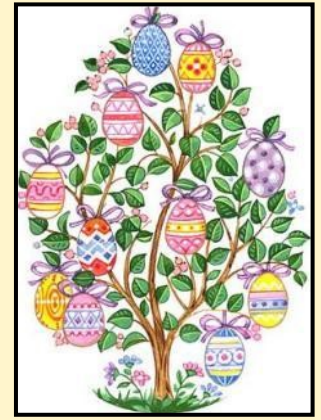
Again this year, for those in need,
we will provide "Easter Baskets" full of food.

Throughout Lent, our church will be open
on Tues/Wed/Thur, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
(Doors near parlor entrance).

An "Easter Tree" with tags of items needed for the baskets
is on display immediately inside that entrance.

Instructions are on the back of the tags.

Food needs to be at our church by **March 25th**.



Let's make this a special Easter for our sisters and brothers in need!

Distributions will be made on **March 30th**.

Questions? Contact Cheryl Moorhead at 304-677-9859 or Anita Burns at 304-203-1279.



UNDIE SUNDAY

Each year, our church joins other United Methodists in
collecting **NEW underwear**
for distribution at our outreach mission sites.
This year, FUMC will be collecting throughout Lent.

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(Doors near parlor entrance.)

Undies for all ages / sizes / genders are needed.

TWELVE-STEP MEETINGS

Starting the week of March 7th,
six "12-Step" groups will resume in-person meetings
in the First United Methodist Church gym.



Attendees will observe social distancing and masking.

AA — 12:00 p.m. on Mondays/Tuesdays/Wednesdays

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