

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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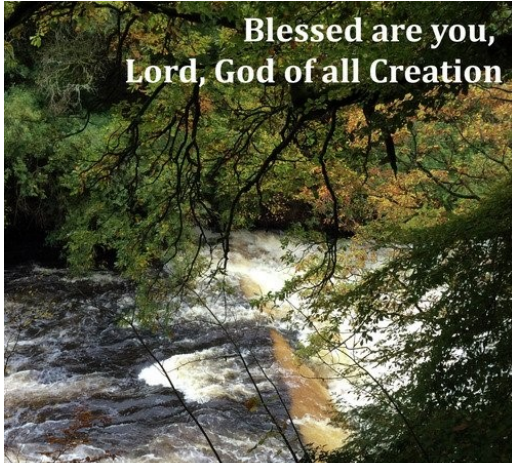
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



May 14, 2023
Sixth Sunday of Easter

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "It Is Well With My Soul" / arr. W. Held -----Dr. Jessica Scott

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: The Lord has been our refuge and our keeper.

People: It is God who has kept us from falling and saved our lives.

Leader: Let our thanks and praise resound throughout this place of worship.

People: Let our love and gratitude be shown in all that we do.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits to God this day.

People: Lord, be with us and place your hand of healing in our lives.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Lord of wondrous light and power, we come to you this day to learn of your will for our lives. Heal our wounds; lift our spirits; give us courage and confidence to boldly serve you in all that we do. AMEN.

***HYMN #152-----"I Sing the Almighty Power of God"**

MOTHERS' DAY RECOGNITION

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR -----Pastor Atkinson

OFFERTORY- - "Leaning on the Everlasting Arms" - -First Church Men's Choir

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON -----Acts 17:22-31

Paul then stood up in the meeting of the Areopagus and said: "People of Athens! I see that in every way you are very religious. For as I walked around and looked carefully at your objects of worship, I even found an altar with this inscription: TO AN UNKNOWN GOD. So you are ignorant of the very thing you worship—and this is what I am going to proclaim to you.

"The God who made the world and everything in it is the Lord of heaven and earth and does not live in temples built by human hands. And he is not served by human hands, as if he needed anything. Rather, he himself gives everyone life and breath and everything else. From one man he made all the nations, that they should inhabit the whole earth; and he marked out their appointed times in history and the boundaries of their lands.

God did this so that they would seek him and perhaps reach out for him and find him, though he is not far from any one of us. 'For in him we live and move and have our being.' As some of your own poets have said, 'We are his offspring.'

"Therefore since we are God's offspring, we should not think that the divine being is like gold or silver or stone—an image made by human design and skill. In the past God overlooked such ignorance, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent. For he has set a day when he will judge the world with justice by the man he has appointed. He has given proof of this to everyone by raising him from the dead."

SERMON ----- "Wherever You May Be" ----- Pastor Atkinson

(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

*HYMN #364-----"Because He Lives"

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- "At the Name of Jesus" / Bedford --- -Dr. Scott

GRADUATE RECOGNITION!

Please call the church office at 304-623-3397
if you or a family member is graduating this year. Thanks!



THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH



- Monday, May 15th -- Feed My Sheep at noon
- Tuesday, May 16th -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16th -- Outreach at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16th -- Finance at 5 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 16th -- Church Council at 6 p.m.
- Thursday, May 17th -- Prayer Shawl at 5 p.m.
- May 21 -- Family Choir Rehearsal at 9:45 a.m.
- May 21 -- Graduate Recognition during morning worship
- May 28 and June 4 -- Bell Choir Rehearsals at 9:30 a.m.

Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week) -- Monday through Thursday -- Library
Winter Shelter -- nightly from 8 p.m. to 8 a.m.

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need from the church, please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know.

Please feel free to call or send a text to....

Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309 or Reverend Harry Jenkins at 304-280-0592



Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015
If you would like information about our Prayer Chain.

Our Prayers and Sympathy

to the family and friends of Rebecca Holden "Becky" Finly
June 1, 1939 - May 2, 2023

(Celebration of Life arrangements will be announced at a later date.)

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Sing We, and Chant It

The Madrigal Singers in Concert --Monday, May 22, at 7:00 p.m.
Come enjoy a delightful evening of music in our majestic sanctuary!
\$5.00 admission including refreshments Children 12 & under -- free



MOTHER/DAUGHTER + FATHER/SON + GRAND-AGERS = CHURCH FAMILY BANQUET!!

On Sunday, June 25th, following worship
you are invited to a prepared lasagna dinner -- all for free!
Watch for more details, but save the date.



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