

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



October 2, 2022

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE - - -"Greet the Rising Sun" / arr. D. Christiansen - - - Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

Leader: In the fullness of time, God gave us Jesus
that we might understand God's love.

People: Yet we turned our backs on him and went our own way.

Leader: God's loving presence continued in the disciples, bringing again
the message of hope and reconciliation.

People: Open our ears and our hearts, O Lord, to receive this message.

Leader: Let the bread and the wine we receive today give us strength and courage
to do God's will.

People: Let our lives thus strengthened be a witness to God's eternal love
for all God's people.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, throughout the world today, Christians are sharing in the sacrament of Holy Communion. We come together with a bountiful table set in the midst of struggle and strife. Help us to receive the elements of bread and wine for the nourishment of our souls and for the strengthening of our witness to your love for us. In Jesus' Name, we pray. AMEN.

*HYMN #222I (The Faith We Sing) ----- "In Unity We Lift Our Song"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

GOSPEL LESSON ----- Luke 17:5-10

The apostles said to the Lord, "Increase our faith!"

He replied, "If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it will obey you. "Suppose one of you has a servant plowing or looking after the sheep. Will he say to the servant when he comes in from the field, 'Come along now and sit down to eat'? Won't he rather say, 'Prepare my supper, get yourself ready and wait on me while I eat and drink; after that you may eat and drink'? Will he thank the servant because he did what he was told to do?

So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"

SERMON ----- "Full of Faith" ----- Pastor Atkinson

(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All bread used for communion is gluten-free)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION - - - - - Bell Choir of First Church
"All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" / arr. Paul Koch

*HYMN #614- - - - - "For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

POSTLUDE - - - "Grand Chorus Dialogue" / E. Gigout - - - - - Dr. Scott

Today's Communion Stewards: Janie Jenkins and Dinah Hannah
Today's Acolytes: Aniston Hazuka and Dom Hazuka

October is Pastor Appreciation Month

Michael and Harry ...
We love and appreciate both of you!



GREATER CLARKSBURG COOPERATIVE PARISH

World Communion Worship Celebration

This evening at 7:00 PM
Quiet Dell United Methodist Church

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

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



PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Thursdays at 5:00 pm for an hour in the Parlor
Bring your yarn, needles and/or crochet hook and patterns.

Questions, call Cheryl Moorhead (677-9859) or Nancy Ferber (476-0566)



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EMPTY BOWLS PROJECT!

We want to sincerely thank First United Methodist for opening your doors to help us host the 2nd Harrison County Empty Bowls Soup-er Luncheon.

Thank you for the use of Fellowship Hall, the wonderful kitchen and the overflow space of the gym ... and especially those that purchased tickets to help support The Mustard Seed and the Clarksburg Mission.

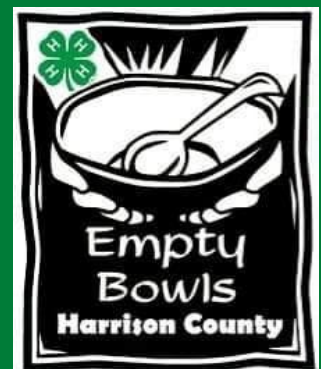
It takes everyone to pull together to help those in need.

As 4-H'ers we pledge our hands to larger service for our Community.

Together, we can make a difference!

Thank you!

Harrison County 4-H'ers



PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful and forgiving God, we need a spirit of love and acceptance to flood into our lives this day. Even though we celebrate World Communion Sunday with the giving of the precious bread and of the beloved wine, still we harbor anger and vehemence against others.

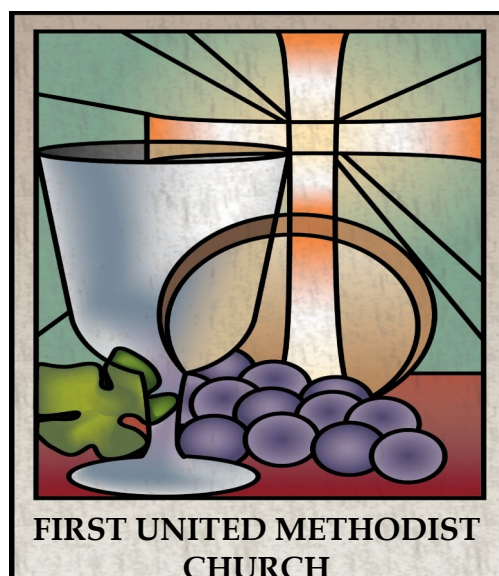
We act out of frustration rather than love. We hoard your gifts and only grudgingly share our bounty with others. We find ways to turn our backs on you, claiming that other things are more important than our faith. And then in the midst of struggle and strife, we come back to you, awash in tears and sorrow. We plead for your help and salvation.

Remind us again, O Lord, that your love has always and will always be with us. You have called us to be witnesses to the good things that can happen when we follow your ways. You have asked us to reach out, across our borders, our oceans, our fears to others with the reconciling love of your Son Jesus Christ.

Heal us from our selfishness and our apathy. Give us courage and strength for the ministries in which you have placed us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

From the beginning of all creation, God's word was love. That love has been lavished upon you, not because you did anything to earn it, but because it is God's great gift to you. Live in that love and bring peace to others. AMEN.



THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth...

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

ALL: Response #2257b (*The Faith We Sing*) - - - - **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit...

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Response #2257c - - - - - **"Memorial Acclamation"**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...

...through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Response #2257d- - - - - **"Great Amen"**