

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



April 18, 2021
Third Sunday of Easter

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- -Dr. Jessica Scott

Acolytes, Aniston and Dom Hazuka

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

People: Who was anointed by the spirit of God to bring good news to the poor.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

People: Who was crucified by the keepers of order for heeding the summons of God.

Leader: Come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before Christ, our Redeemer—

People: Who baptizes us with the Holy Spirit for bringing the reign of God to earth.

ALL: COME, LET US WORSHIP AND BOW DOWN;

LET US KNEEL BEFORE CHRIST, OUR REDEEMER!

INVOCATION: *(unison)*

O God, who chased the gloom of the disciples with the gospel of Easter and drowned their desert of despair in a sea of grace, surprise us this day. Take from us the presumption that leans on our strength instead of yours, that mistakes our wisdom for yours, and equates our will with yours. Assure us once again that our Lord's promise to be with us always still holds good. And be present with us now, as in the days of Jesus, to make us whole and to make us holy. Amen

HYMN ----- "Thine Be the Glory"

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.
Angels bright in raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded graveclothes where thy body lay.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the vict'ry thou o'er death hast won.

Lo! Jesus meets thee, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets thee, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for our Lord now liveth', death hath lost its sting.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victr'y thou o'er death hast won.

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of life!
Life is naught without thee; aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors, through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above.
Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victr'y thou o'er death hast won.

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.

WORD IN MUSIC----- "May God Smile on You" / Cantata No. 196-----J.S. Bach
Don Gardner and Brett Miller, voice; Dr. Jessica Scott, keyboard
"May God smile on you e'er more and more, you and all your children.
May God smile on you."

GOSPEL LESSON ----- Luke 24:36b-48

While they were talking about this, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you — that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.

SERMON ----- “The Start of Something New” ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson
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PRAYER OF INVITATION

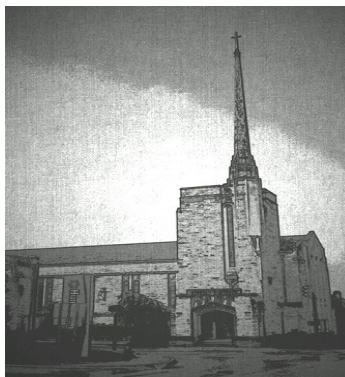
HYMN -----”O How He Loves You and Me”

O how he loves you and me!
O how he loves you and me!
He gave his life. What more could he give?
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

Jesus to Calv’ry did go;
his love for sinners to show.
What he did there brought hope from despair.
O how he loves you; O how he loves me;
O how he loves you and me!

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott





The Upper Room for May/June is available.

If you would like a copy, current issues are located on the credenza in the narthex; or contact us at cfumc.citynet.net or 304-623-3397 to arrange for a copy to be mailed to you.

Mountaineer Food Bank — Food Giveaway

In March, FUMC was awarded a grant by Anterrio (through M.F.B.) for \$3,200 in food to be given away in our community.



On Saturday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to noon, we will have a HUGE food distribution in the parking lot of our church.

We will need help in several ways:

Wednesday, April 28, at 6 p.m. and Tuesday, May 11, at 6 p.m.

We will be packing IKEA bags full of food for a May 15 giveaway. We are preparing 150 bags — in the OLD Parsonage and in the church on 3rd floor. If you can give us an hour of your time to help out, please call Cheryl Moorhead at 304-677-9859 to sign up for a date. We will need several folks, so do let us know ASAP so we can plan accordingly. Note — **This is a great project for families and IS NOT labor-intensive.**

Saturday, May 15, from 10:00 a.m. to noon, in our church parking lot.

We will need helpers for the event itself. Tasks will include:

- greeting people in cars and distributing & recording information.
- setting up and cleaning up
- helping inside or outside with distribution of bags

Again, this is a great project for families ...there will be lots of ways to help.



This is a wonderful opportunity for our congregation to help with the hunger problem in our community.

If you have questions, or to sign up, please call Cheryl Moorhead 304-677-9859