

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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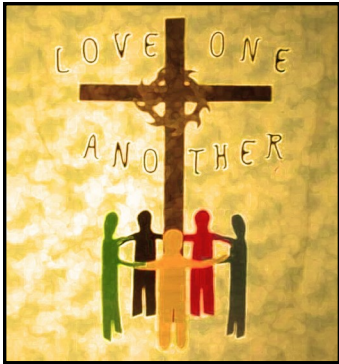
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



May 9, 2021
Sixth Sunday of Easter

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to God a new song,
People: for God has done marvelous things!
Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,
People: for God is still doing marvelous things!
Leader: Break into joyful song!
People: Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!
Leader: Let the seas roar and the floods clap their hands!
People: For God is coming to judge the world with righteousness.
Leader: God is coming to judge the world with equity.
ALL: SING TO GOD A NEW SONG!

HYMN ----- "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord, who doth nourish thy life and restore thee,
Fitting thee well for the tasks that are ever before thee.
Then to thy need God as a mother doth speed, spreading the wings of grace o'er thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that hath life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the amen sound from his people again; gladly forever adore him.

PASTORAL PRAYER ----- -Pastor Harry Jenkins

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.

MUSICAL OFFERING ----- "O Worship the King"----- arr. Kevin McChesney
First Church Handbells

A TRIBUTE TO WOMEN

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- John 15:9-17

Mary Kay Patterson Lawrence, liturgist

As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

SERMON ----- "Friends of God" ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN -----“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
There’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good!
There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God’s word;
And our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE -----Dr. Jessica Scott



Mountaineer Food Bank — Food Giveaway

This Sat., May 15, beginning at 10, we will have a HUGE food distribution made possible by a grant from Antero to purchase \$3200 in food!

Many of you have volunteered to help....thanks so much!
We ask that all of you keep this project in your prayers this week. Thanks for that, too!

PASTOR’S MEETING WITH CHILDREN/YOUTH AND FAMILIES

Sunday, May 16th, following morning worship

All First Church folks with children and youth family members are encouraged to come meet with Pastor Michael.



Bring your thoughts and dreams and visions to share! Questions? Call 304-771-3309



“FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS” — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

“Friends Feeding Friends” is a community organization that meets outside our church every Wednesday night to serve a free dinner.

FUMC will serve this dinner (for about 50) on June 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m..
We need people to serve the meal, to mingle/visit with the crowd, and to help clean-up.
If you would like to volunteer, please call Cheryl Moorhead at 304-677-9859
or Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015

Grace and Peace to you from God our Father.....

.....who was and is and will ever be.

Since it is Spring and May,
a WordSearch Puzzle
about God's great creation is in order.
So....find and circle these words.

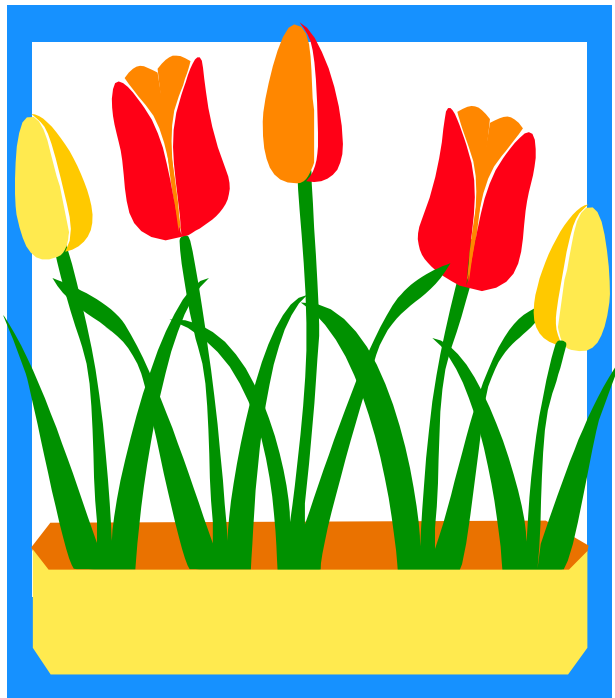


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