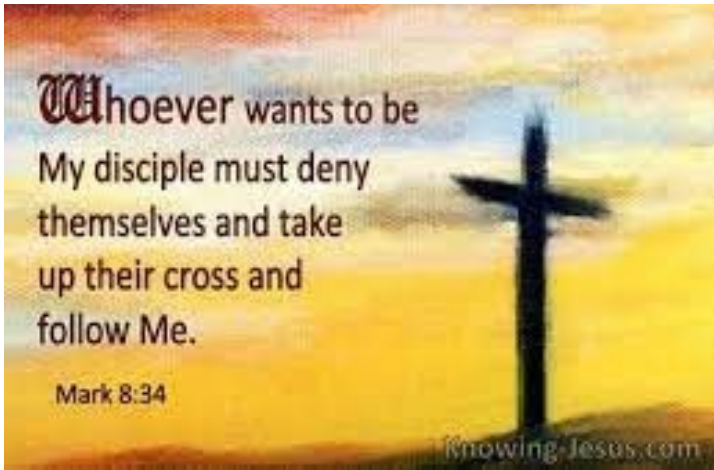


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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community
Striving to Know Christ
and to Make Christ Known"*

September 12, 2021
Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

PROCESSION OF LIGHT ----- Misha Matheny, acolyte

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We are called to follow Jesus.

People: But following Jesus isn't easy.

Leader: No. It will demand our dedication and our energy.

People: It will change our whole lives.

Leader: Come, all of you. Come and learn of the Lord Jesus.

People: Lord, we come, seeking your wisdom and your guidance. AMEN

HYMN ----- "And Are We Yet Alive"

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?

Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
Fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
Which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
And gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

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.

HANDBELL OFFERTORY- - - - - "O Master, Let Me Walk With Thee"
arr. Kevin McChesney

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER - - - - - Mary Kay Lawrence

SCRIPTURE LESSON - - - - - Mark 8:27-38

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves, take up their cross and follow me. Those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

SERMON----- “The Cost of Discipleship” -----Pastor Atkinson
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

INVITATION

HYMN ----- “Would I Have Answered When You Called?”

Would I have answered when you called, “Come, follow, follow me!”?

Would I at once have left behind both work and family?

Or would the old, familiar round have held me by its claim

And kept the spark within my heart from bursting into flame?

Would I have followed where you led through ancient Galilee,

On roads unknown, by ways untried, beyond security?

Or would I soon have hurried back where home and comfort drew,

Where truth you taught would not disturb the ordered world I knew?

Would I have matched my step with yours when crowds cried, “Crucify!”

When on a rocky hill I saw a cross against the sky?

Or would I too have slipped away and left you there alone,

A dying king with crown of thorns upon a terrible throne?

O Christ, I cannot search my heart through all its tangled ways,

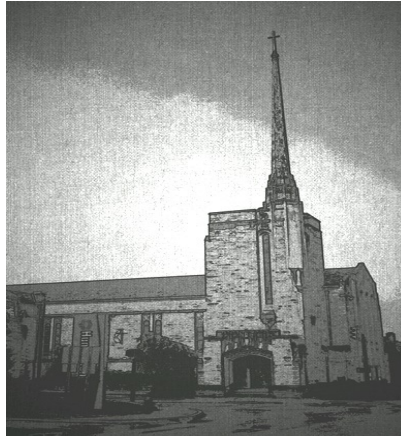
Nor can I with a certain mind my steadfastness appraise.

I only pray that when you call, “Come, follow, follow me!”

You’ll give me strength beyond my own to follow faithfully.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott



BLESSING BOXES

Fulfilling Christ's command to "feed my sheep", Blessing Boxes are scattered throughout Clarksburg. One is right outside our 2nd Street entrance.

Claim a Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday to fill the Box with drinks and non-perishable/"ready to eat" foods. Some supplies are here at the church, or donate your own.

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*Changing Table — Toys and Games — Books and Puzzles
Microwave and Small Fridge — Live-Stream of Morning Worship*

(The Nursery currently is not staffed, so, First Church folks, please help our visitors needing assistance. Thanks!)