

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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



April 16, 2023

Confirmation Sunday

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- -Pastor Michael Atkinson

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

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: My heart is glad!

People: My soul rejoices, and my body rests secure!

Leader: For you do not abandon me.

People: You give me counsel.

Leader: You are at my right hand.

People: You show me the path of life.

Leader: Your presence is sheer joy.

People: You are my God; apart from you, I have no good. Blessed is your name!

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Stand among us once again, risen Christ,  
and bless us with your greeting: "Peace be with you."

Stand among us once again, Exalted Brother,  
and breathe upon us your promised Spirit.

Stand among us once again, You Who Have Escaped Death,  
and give us new birth into your living hope. Amen.

**\*HYMN #304 ----- "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"**

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

MUSICAL OFFERTORY-----“Amazing Grace” / arr. D.M. Gardner  
*Jackson Walls, alto sax*

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 ----- John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the week, when the disciples were together, the doors locked for fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” After he said this, he showed them his hands and side. The disciples were overjoyed when they saw the Lord.

Again Jesus said, “Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.” And with that he breathed on them and said, “Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.”

Now Thomas, also known as Didymus, one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, “We have seen the Lord!” But he said to them, “Unless I see the nail marks in his hands, put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.”

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, “Peace be with you!” Then he said to Thomas, “Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.” Thomas said to him, “My Lord and my God!”

Then Jesus told him, “Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.” Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

SERMON -----"Affirming Our Faith"-----Pastor Atkinson

*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

APOSTLES CREED ----- Hymnal pg. 88I

THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT ----- Hymnal pg. 33

*Aniston Hazuka*

CONFIRMATION ----- Hymnal pg. 37

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*Mischa Matheny*

*Nova Mick*

*Audra Skidmore*

*Kate Thrush*

*Jackson Walls*

*Launa Walls*

\*HYMN #308----- "Thine Be the Glory"

BENEDICTION

In great mercy, God has given us a new birth into a living hope,  
for it is the risen Christ who stands in our midst and says,

"Peace be with you!"

We go forth to walk the path of new life and living hope.

And may the peace of the risen Christ be with us!

ORGAN POSTLUDE -----Dr. Scott

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*Following today's service, you are invited to the Fellowship Hall (level B)  
to enjoy a reception in honor of today's new members.*

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.



**2023**

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### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

#### **April 24 through May 5 -- Deep Cleaning of the Ground Floor**

We have contracted to have a "deep cleaning" of Level B rooms (kitchen, gym, dining hall, bathrooms). So.....

#### **"Fifth Sunday" on the Fourth Sunday**

....the "Fellowship Hall Service" is moved from April 30 to April 23.

#### **April 29th -- Family Fun Night**

Round up your family and friends, Game Night is coming soon!

Try your hand in an evening of friendly competition at our next Family Fun Night Event.

A selection of board games and refreshments will be available but feel free to bring your favorite game or snack. Everyone is welcome!

Games will begin at 4:30 pm

Location will be announced closer to the event.

For questions contact Leah Wray 304-672-2096/ Renae Payne 304-669-6025



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