

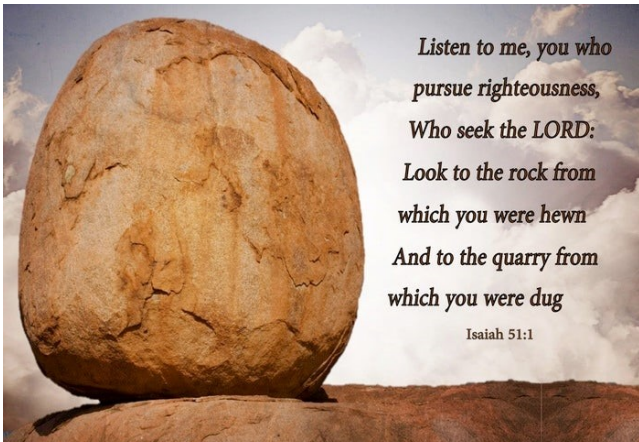
# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Rev. Michael Q. Atkinson, Pastor*

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



August 27, 2023  
Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m.

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Tammy Matheny, Liturgist

Leader: Come to Christ, that living stone, chosen and precious in God's sight.

People: We respond, and seek to be built into a spiritual house, and living reminder  
of God's presence on earth.

Leader: Once we were not people, but now we are God's people!

People: Therefore we sing with the Church in all ages:

Blessed be your name, O God, our Redeemer!      *(paraphrase upon Ruth Duck)*

\*OPENING PRAYER ----- *(from Hugh Cameron, 20th c. Scotland)*

Almighty God, in a world of change, you placed eternity in our hearts and gave us power to discern good from evil. Grant us sincerity, that we may seek the things that endure, refusing those which perish, and that, amid things vanishing and deceptive, we may see the truth steadily, follow the light faithfully, and grow ever richer in that love which is the life of all people, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

\*HYMN #546----- "The Church's One Foundation"

\*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS ----- Rev. Anna Troy

## MORNING 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.

OFFERTORY MUSIC ----- "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

*Don Gardner, solo*

### \*APOSTLE'S CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,  
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church, the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON----- -Isaiah 51:1-6

Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness and who seek the LORD:

Look to the rock from which you were cut

and to the quarry from which you were hewn;

Look to Abraham, your father, and to Sarah, who gave you birth.

When I called him he was only one man, and I blessed him and made him many.

The LORD will surely comfort Zion

and will look with compassion on all her ruins;

He will make her deserts like Eden, her wastelands like the garden of the LORD.

Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the sound of singing.

Listen to me, my people; hear me, my nation:  
Instruction will go out from me; my justice will become a light to the nations.  
my righteousness draws near speedily, my salvation is on the way,  
and my arm will bring justice to the nations;  
the islands will look to me and wait in hope for my arm.

Lift up your eyes to the heavens, look at the earth beneath;  
the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment  
and its inhabitants die like flies.

But my salvation will last forever, my righteousness will never fail.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

SERMON -----“Hope from the Past” ----- Rev. Anna Troy  
*(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

\*HYMN #555 ----- “Forward Through the Ages”

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- Dr. Scott

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home, has a need from the church,  
or would like a visit, please contact Pastor Atkinson.

**Please feel free to call or send a text to  
Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309**

## **THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH**

Tuesday, August 29 -- Monastic at 12:15 a.m., in the Parlor  
*Contact Don Gardner if you plan to attend*

Thursday, August 31 -- Prayer Shawl Group at 5:00 p.m., in the Parlor  
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### **Just a reminder....**

The office hours for our new Administrative Assistant, Leah Wray,  
will be 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Tues/Wed/Thur. Phone -- 304-623-3397.  
Leah begins her work with us on Tuesday, September 5th. Welcome, and God bless!

## **United Methodist Committee On Relief (UMCOR) -- Hawaii**



As first responders continue to provide initial aid in the area,  
please join UMCOR in prayer for those affected.

Gifts can be made in the following ways:

- 1) Online at <https://umcmmission.org/advance-project/901670>
- 2) A check payable to FUMC, with memo: "Advance #901670-Hawaii"

Our prayers and sympathy to Brad and Linda Reese  
upon the death of their son-in-law

**James "Jay" McNeish**

Visitation and service will be held in Buckhannon on Sunday, September 3rd.

**Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015**  
**If you would like information about our Prayer Chain.**



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