

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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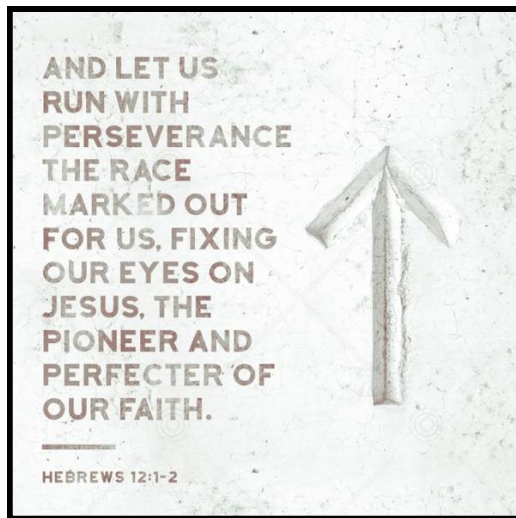
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



AUGUST 14, 2022
TENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE --- "O Day of Rest and Gladness" / Lani Smith --- Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

People: We sing a song of peace and hope!

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of strength.

People: Our strength is in the Lord of hosts!

Leader: Sing to the Lord a song of joy!

People: Our song is a song of service and faithfulness.

*OPENING HYMN #529 ----- "How Firm a Foundation"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

MUSICAL OFFERTORY - "Come, Christians, Join to Sing" / Hayes- -Dr. Scott

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.

EPISTLE LESSON----- Hebrews 11:29-12:2

By faith the people passed through the Red Sea as on dry land; but when the Egyptians tried to do so, they were drowned. By faith the walls of Jericho fell, after the army had marched around them for seven days. By faith the prostitute Rahab, because she welcomed the spies, was not killed with those who were disobedient.

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, ³⁴ quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again.

There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

SERMON ----- "Never Give Up" ----- Pastor Atkinson
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN #396 ----- "O Jesus, I Have Promised"

*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE - - "O Sing to God Above" / Rachel Chapin - - -Dr. Scott

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Attn: Treasurer
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If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need,
please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know.

Pastor Atkinson at 304-771-3309 or Reverend Jenkins at 304-280-0592

RUMMAGE SALE -- October 6 & 7

You have a few week to begin gathering items for the Sale!
More information will be coming in the September "Grapevine"

Help is needed both before and during the sale. See Anita Burns!



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CHURCH PICNIC! Sunday, September 11

Hilltop Shelter at Riverbend Park
Hot Dogs and all the fixin's will be provided.

Bring your favorite covered-dish to share!

**CHURCH
COOKOUT**



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100% of your donation will be used for humanitarian aid.

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