

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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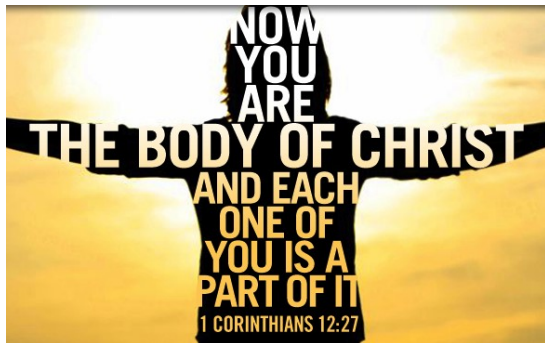
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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community
Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



January 23, 2022
"Third Sunday
After the Epiphany"

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "Praeambulum" / Andreas Dueben ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Jane Lynn Squires, liturgist

Leader: We gather this day as disciples of Christ,
each possessing gifts to offer in service to God.

People: Some will be teachers; others preachers; some will be capable leaders,
others will be skillful workers; some will be those who have visions of
all possibilities; others will find ways to make those visions a reality;
some will develop ministries of peace and justice; others will seek to
change unjust systems.

Leader: Each person here has been blessed by God.

People: Lord, help us recognize our gifts
and inspire us to use these blessings to help others.

*OPENING PRAYER

Leading and Guiding God, you have opened the doors to us for true service.
We are encouraged to become involved in ministries of peace and justice.
The light of promise is reflected in your Spirit which rests in each one of us.
Get us ready to serve you. Guide our lives, as we learn more of what you would
have us do. AMEN.

*HYMN #578 -----"God of Love and God of Power"

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.

OFFERTORY -----"Amazing Grace" / arr. By Fred Bock
Dr. Jessica Scott, piano; Brett Miller, organ

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

EPISTLE LESSON ----- I Corinthians 12:12-31a

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot were to say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear were to say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body', that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be?

But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I have no need of you', nor again the head to the feet, 'I have no need of you.'

On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this.

But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts. And I will show you a still more excellent way.

SERMON -----“Church Is a Team Sport”----- Pastor Atkinson
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

PRAYER OF INVITATION

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

*BENEDICTION

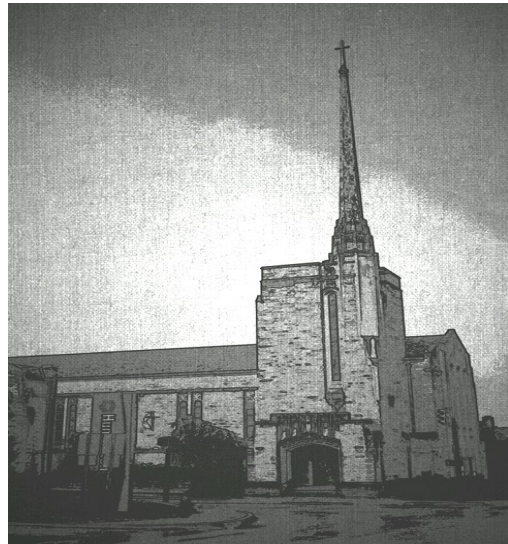
POSTLUDE -----”Diapason Movement” / William Goodwin ----- Dr. Scott

Acolyte — Kate Thrush

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need from the church, please let Pastor Atkinson know

Please feel free to call or send a text to the numbers listed below:

**Rev. Michael Atkinson
304-771-3309 (cell phone)**



LITURGISTS NEEDED

There are many ways to fulfill your covenant to love and serve God and God's people. One of those is by reading the scriptures during worship.

If you would like to serve as one of our liturgists, please contact Pastor Michael, or the church office at 304-623-3397.



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KITCHEN TOWELS NEEDED

We need new or used-but-clean dish towels, wash clothes, and cleaning rags.

If you have questions, contact Anita Burns at 304-203-1279.

BLESSING BOXES

Fulfilling Christ's command to "feed my sheep", Blessing Boxes are scattered throughout Clarksburg.

One is right outside our 2nd Street entrance.

Help fill the Box with drinks and non-perishable/"ready to eat" foods.

Please remember when choosing items to folks likely do not have access to stoves, ovens, refrigeration, pots, pans, or even a can opener. Thanks!