

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



February 6, 2022

A SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PROCESSION OF LIGHT-----The Hazuka Family, acolyte

PRELUDE --"Allegretto from Sonata IV"/Mendelssohn -----Dr. Jessica Scott

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

Leader: Called by God, we have come to worship.

People: Called by Christ, we have come to follow.

Leader: Called by the Spirit, we have come to rejoice.

People: Called together, we will listen and pray.

*OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we gather to sing your praise and hear your word. Speak to us now, that we may be wise enough to perceive your call. Strengthen us now, that we may be brave enough to answer when you call. Guide us now, that we may follow where you would have us go. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

* HYMN -----"The Voice of God Is Calling"/ Merle's Tune

The voice of God is calling its summons in our day;

Isaiah heard in Zion, and we now hear God say:

"Whom shall I send to succor my people in their need?

Whom shall I send to loosen the bonds of shame and greed?

“I hear my people crying in slum and mine and mill;
No field or mart is silent, no city street is still.
I see my people falling in darkness and despair.
Whom shall I send to shatter the fetters which they bear?”

We heed, O Lord, your summons, and answer: Here are we!
Send us upon your errand, let us your servants be.
Our strength is dust and ashes, our years a passing hour;
But you can use our weakness to magnify your power.

From ease and plenty save us; from pride of place absolve;
Purge us of low desire; lift us to high resolve;
Take us, and make us holy; teach us your will and way.
Speak, and behold! We answer; command and we obey!

CHILDREN’S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

MUSICAL OFFERTORY -----Robert Skidmore, violin

SCRIPTURE LESSON -----Luke 5:1-11

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat.

When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink.

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...

...through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

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.**

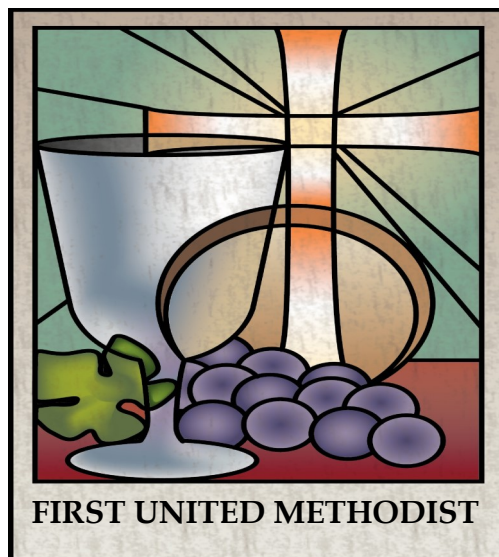
SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

*HYMN #398-----"Jesus Calls Us"

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - -"Allegro Maestoso from Sonata IV"/Mendelssohn - - - Dr. Scott

Communion Stewards — Chloe Ann Chipps & Jane Jenkins



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)

Members of First Church:

Linda Brannon, Vince Patton, Jean Marshall
Candy Atkinson

Friends of First Church:

Barbie Mayer, Julie Cottrill



This week's "Thinking of You Friend"

Jean Rector

315 S. Second St. Clarksburg, WV 26301

Each week we feature a homebound member, or one temporarily homebound. Please send a thinking-of-you card, or make a phone call to show you care.

Take the time to help brighten someone's day!



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!

But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus' knees, saying, 'Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!' For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon.

Then Jesus said to Simon, 'Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.' When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

SERMON- - - - - "The Risk of Engagement" - - - - - Pastor Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Master, we have worked all day and night, for many months and years. We yearn for a heavy catch, a full church, an abundant feast. Forgive us God, when we are too tired to cast our nets one more time; when we are too stubborn to do things a little differently.

Have mercy on us, when we are too afraid to dive into deep waters and take a risk. Grant us grace, that we may proclaim your word, work for your kingdom, and trust your promises. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

In the Name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Praise be to God who heals us and gives us a new life. **Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thank to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. . . .

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**ALL: Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. . . .

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

ALL: Christ has died; Christ is risen, Christ will come again.