

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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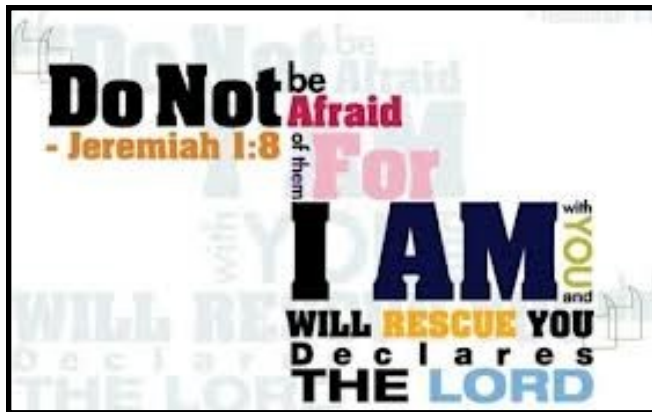
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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community
Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



January 30, 2022
"Fourth Sunday
After the Epiphany"

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE-----"Jesus Loves Me" / arr. Rbt. Hobby -----Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP-----Nancy Ferber, Liturgist

Leader: God has called us to share the good news of God's love.

People: But who am I, that God should call me?

Leader: You are a beloved child of God.

People: But I am weak; I'm not a great speaker or preacher.

Leader: God is with you; don't be afraid.

People: Lord, help me to trust in your presence with me. Help me to serve you.

*OPENING PRAYER

Gracious God, we come to you with day, seeking your guidance and strength. You have called us to ministries for which we feel inadequate. Help us to understand that it is your love that will support and sustain our efforts.

Give us the courage to place our trust in your abiding presence. We ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*HYMN #529, v. 1, 2 & 5 -----"How Firm a Foundation"

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

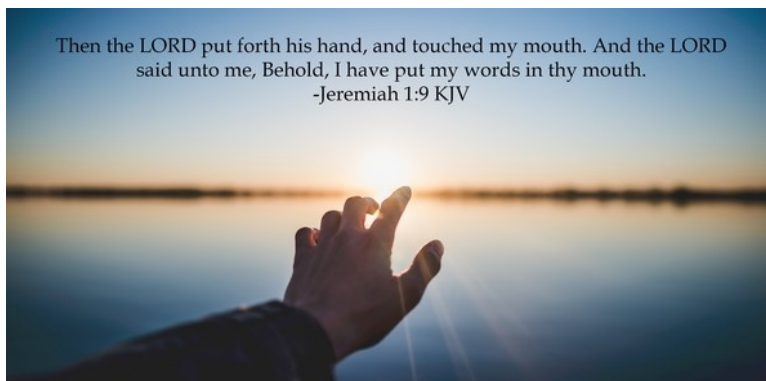
MUSICAL OFFERTORY ----- "Come Home" / Charles Callahan
Dr. Jessica Scott, piano; Brett Miller, organ

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ----- Jeremiah 1:4-10

Now the word of the LORD came to me saying, 'Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, and before you were born I consecrated you; I appointed you a prophet to the nations.'

Then I said, 'Ah, Lord GOD! Truly I do not know how to speak, for I am only a boy.' But the LORD said to me, 'Do not say, "I am only a boy"; for you shall go to all to whom I send you, and you shall speak whatever I command you. Do not be afraid of them, for I am with you to deliver you, says the LORD.'

Then the LORD put out his hand and touched my mouth; and the LORD said to me, 'Now I have put my words in your mouth. See, today I appoint you over nations and over kingdoms, to pluck up and to pull down, to destroy and to overthrow, to build and to plant.'



SERMON -----“Making Excuses”----- Pastor Atkinson
(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

PRAYER OF INVITATION

*HYMN -----”Whom Shall I Send?” / Woodworth

Whom shall I send, our Maker cries; and many, when they hear God’s voice,
Are sure where their vocation lies; but many shrink from such a choice.

For who can serve a God so pure, or claim to speak in such a name,
While doubt makes ev’ry step unsure, and self confuses ev’ry aim?

And yet, believing God who calls knows what we are and still may be,
Our past defeats, our future falls, we dare to answer: Lord, send me!

Those who are called God purifies, and daily gives us strength to bend
Our thoughts, our skills, our energies, and life itself to this one end.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ----- ”Borning Cry” / arr. Rbt. Hobby ----- Dr. Scott

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)



A WORD OF APPRECIATION FROM THE LOCAL SALVATION ARMY

For many years, our church — you good folks! — have generously supported the Angel Tree project. And that support is appreciated!
In Harrison County, a total of 532 families, including 1079 children and 66 teens were the recipients of your donations.
Thanks, and God bless!



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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!