

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



July 18, 2021

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- "I Am Not Alone" / Kari Jobe

Rosie Wilson, vocal; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

When I walk through deep waters I know you will be with me.

When I'm standing in the fire I will not be overcome.

Through the valley of the shadow I will not fear.

(Refrain) I am not alone. I am not alone. You will go before me, you will never leave me.

In the midst of deep sorrow I see your light is breaking through.

The dark of night will not overtake me; I am pressing into you.

Lord, you fight my every battle, and I will not fear. *(Refrain)*

You amaze me, redeem me; You call me as your own.

You're my strength, you're my defender, you're my refuge in the storm.

Through these trials you've always been faithful; you bring healing to my soul. *(Refrain)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The God of New Beginnings has called us together in this place.

People: **We come celebrating the new life
that is ours as God's faithful people.**

Leader: Let your joy ring through the universe,
and let your vision see to the depths of every soul.

People: **We will shout for joy and seek God's light wherever we go.**

All: **Let's praise the Lord for this day!**

HYMN -----"Come, and Find the Quiet Center"

Come and find the quiet center in the crowded life we lead,
find the room for hope to enter, find the frame where we are freed:
Clear the chaos and the clutter, clear our eyes, that we can see
all the things that really matter, be at peace, and simply be.

Silence is a friend who claims us, cools the heat and slows the pace,
God it is who speaks and names us, knows our being, touches base,
making space within our thinking, lifting shades to show the sun,
raising courage when we're shrinking, finding scope for faith begun.

In the Spirit let us travel, open to each other's pain,
let our loves and fears unravel, celebrate the space we gain:
there's a place for deepest dreaming, there's a time for heart to care,
in the Spirit's lively scheming there is always room to spare!

PASTORAL PRAYER -----Rev. Jenkins

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 TIME ----- Pastor Atkinson

SCRIPTURE LESSON -----Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

The apostles gathered around Jesus, and told him all that they had done and taught. He said to them, 'Come away to a deserted place all by yourselves and rest a while.' For many were coming and going, and they had no leisure even to eat. And they went away in the boat to a deserted place by themselves. Now many saw them going and recognized them, and they hurried there on foot from all the towns and arrived ahead of them. As he went ashore, he saw a great crowd; and he had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd; and he began to teach them many things.

When they had crossed over, they came to land at Gennesaret and moored the boat. When they got out of the boat, people at once recognized him, and rushed about that whole region and began to bring the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. And wherever he went, into villages or cities or farms, they laid the sick in the market-places, and begged him that they might touch even the fringe of his cloak; and all who touched it were healed.

VOCAL OFFERTORY- - “Come Alive (Dry Bones)” - - - - - Daigle/Farren

Rosie Wilson, vocals; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

*Through the eyes of men, it seems there's so much we have lost
As we look down the road where all the prodigals have walked
One by one, the enemy has whispered lies and led them off as slaves.*

*But we know that you are God, yours is the victory
We know there is more to come that we may not yet see
So with the faith you've given us, We'll step into the valley unafraid, yeah.*

*As we call out to dry bones, come alive, come alive
We call out to dead hearts, come alive, come alive
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise, We call out to dry bones, come alive.*

*God of endless mercy, god of unrelenting love
Rescue every daughter, bring us back the wayward son
And by Your spirit, breathe upon them, show the world that You alone can save*

*As we call out to dry bones, come alive, come alive
We call out to dead hearts, come alive, come alive
Up out of the ashes, let us see an army rise, We call out to dry bones, come alive.
So breathe, oh, breath of God, Now breathe, oh, breath of God*

*As we call out to dry bones, come alive, come alive, We call out to dead hearts, come alive, come alive
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We call out to dry bones, come alive, Oh, come alive.*

SERMON - - - - - “A Balancing Act” - - - - - Pastor Atkinson

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INVITATION

HYMN ----- "Hope of the World" / tune PERFECT LOVE

Hope of the world, thou Christ of great compassion,
speak to our fearful hearts by conflict rent.
Save us, thy people, from consuming passion,
who by our own false hopes and aims are spent.

Hope of the world, God's gift from highest heaven,
bringing to hungry souls the bread of life,
still let thy spirit unto us be given,
to heal earth's wounds and end all bitter strife.

Hope of the world, afoot on dusty highways,
showing to wandering souls the path of light,
walk thou beside us lest the tempting byways
lure us away from thee to endless night.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- -Dr. Jessica Scott

THIS WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Monday — Community Meeting to Address Homelessness

Tuesday — 4:30/Outreach

Tuesday — 5:00/Finance

Tuesday — 6:00/Church Council

Sunday — 10:45/Morning Worship

August 7 — Memorial Service for Joann Samples (FUMC at 11:00 a.m.)

August 8 — Church Picnic at Clarksburg City Park (Nutter Fort)



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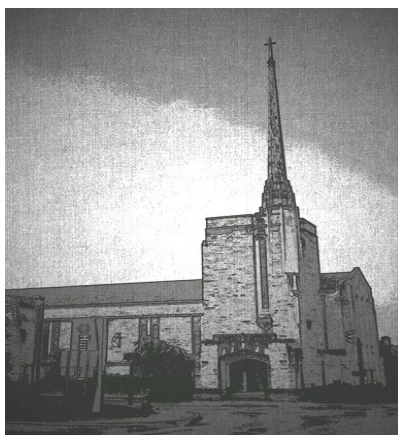
VAN DRIVERS NEEDED



Now that in-person worship is growing, so is our need for van drivers!

Those driving would provide transportation directly from home to church and directly from church to home.

If you can help, please contact coordinator Phil Ferber at 304-476-0080



A CELEBRATION OF LIFE

In Memory of
JOANN SAMPLES

October 1, 1935 ~ January 23, 2021

Saturday, August 7th, at 11:00 a.m.
First United Methodist Church