

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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



July 3, 2022

**CELEBRATION OF  
HOLY COMMUNION**

**WORDS OF WELCOME** ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

**PRELUDE** ----- "Fanfare" / Handel, arr. G. Chase ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

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

Leader: Praise be to God who has freed us from oppression!

People: Praise be to God who has healed our wounded souls!

Leader: Let our hearts rejoice at God's redeeming love.

People: Let our voices raise in songs of thanksgiving  
for all that God is doing for us.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Lord with our whole hearts!

People: May our praise and voices resound with joy!

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, mend our brokenness and our sadness. Give us spirits of joy and enthusiasm for service to you by serving others. Lift us and place us on your pathways of peace and hope, that with our lives we will witness to your redeeming love. AMEN.

**\*OPENING HYMN #437** ----- "This Is My Song"

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

### SCRIPTURE LESSON----- Luke 10:1-11,16-20

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" If anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you.

Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the laborer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you." But whenever you enter a town and they do not welcome you, go out into its streets and say, "Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet, we wipe off in protest against you. Yet know this: the kingdom of God has come near."

'Whoever listens to you listens to me, and whoever rejects you rejects me, and whoever rejects me rejects the one who sent me.'

The seventy returned with joy, saying, 'Lord, in your name even the demons submit to us!' He said to them, 'I watched Satan fall from heaven like a flash of lightning. See, I have given you authority to tread on snakes and scorpions, and over all the power of the enemy; and nothing will hurt you.

Nevertheless, do not rejoice at this, that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in heaven.'

## 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

*(All bread used for communion is gluten-free)*

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION - - - - "This Is My Song" / arr. John Innes  
*Dr. Jessica Scott, piano; Brett Miller, organ*

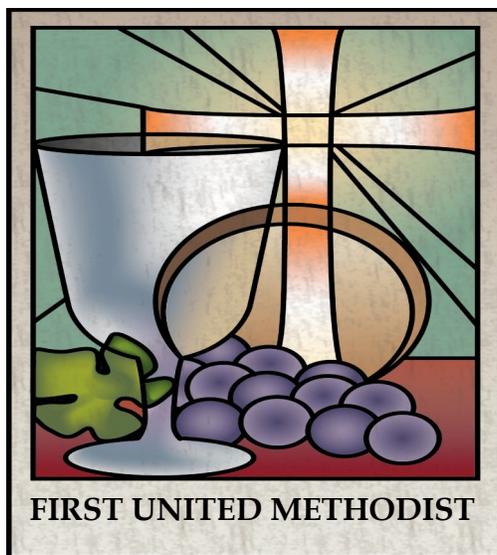
\*HYMN #584 - - - - - "Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

## BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - - - "Postlude on 'National Anthem'" / D. Maraund - - - Dr. Scott

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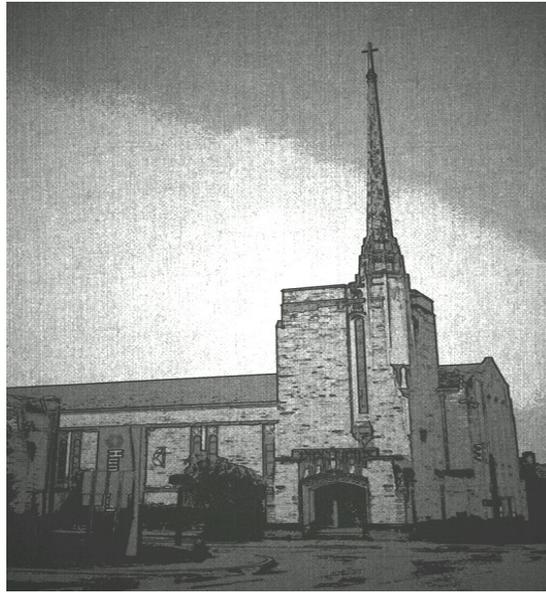
*Today's Communion Stewards: Janie Jenkins and Dinah Hannah*



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

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

**Rev. Harry Jenkins  
304-280-0592 (cell phone)**



**HELP NEEDED...**

One of our members, Eve Samples, needs some help re-arranging some furniture at her home in Salem.  
If you are available, please contact her at



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**You are invited to a resumption of our “Monastic Meals”.**

**When?** *Tuesdays, from 12:15-12:45 p.m. Starting this Tuesday, July 5th*  
**Where?** *In the Parlor, with optional private prayer in the sanctuary before 12:15*  
**Cost?** *\$4.00 each for a provided meal*  
**Silence?** *Yes, except for grace and benediction, and any discussion that follows*

**Please contact Don Gardner today if you are coming  
so that adequate meal preparations may be made.**

**God's blessings be with you.**



SERMON-----"A Link in the Chain"----- Pastor Atkinson  
*(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, in all our celebration, fireworks, parades, and gatherings we have proclaimed liberty and freedom. Yet our hearts are chained by anger, doubt, terror, and fear. We live in those chains, often not knowing that there is really any other way. We have become accustomed to our imprisonment. Forgive us when we turn away from your freeing love. Help us to place our trust in you and serve you by working with others for peace and hope for all. These things we ask in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

*(You are invited to offer your silent prayers of confession at this time.)*

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Reach out! Stretch your Spirits! God's love has freed you from oppression and fear! You have been made whole in God's eternal love.

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD! 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.**

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.**