

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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



June 4, 2023

10:45 a.m.

Trinity Sunday

Celebration of Holy Communion

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE --- "Grosser Got, wir leben dich"/Simon Peberdy --- Dr. Jessica Scott

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

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the Source of Love and Life,  
who creates us.

People: Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us.

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the Holy Fire, who renews us.

ALL: To the one true God be praise in all times and places,  
Through the grace of Jesus Christ!

\*OPENING PRAYER

Holy Trinity, you are Sacred Three, Blessed One, Elusive God. We pray to you:

Creator, that we may give forth new life.

Christ, that we may be rooted deeply in this life.

Spirit, that we may soar beyond possibilities.

May your strange and comforting ways be our ways. Amen.

\*HYMN #64----- "Holy, Holy, Holy"

## CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

### GOSPEL LESSON ----- Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26

As Jesus went on from there, he saw a man named Matthew sitting at the tax collector's booth. "Follow me," he told him, and Matthew got up and followed him.

While Jesus was having dinner at Matthew's house, many tax collectors and sinners came and ate with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they asked his disciples, "Why does your teacher eat with tax collectors and sinners?"

On hearing this, Jesus said, "It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. But go and learn what this means: 'I desire mercy, not sacrifice.' For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners."

While he was saying this, a synagogue leader came and knelt before him and said, "My daughter has just died. But come and put your hand on her, and she will live." Jesus got up and went with him, and so did his disciples.

Just then a woman who had been subject to bleeding for twelve years came up behind him and touched the edge of his cloak. She said to herself, "If I only touch his cloak, I will be healed."

Jesus turned and saw her. "Take heart, daughter," he said, "your faith has healed you." And the woman was healed at that moment.

When Jesus entered the synagogue leader's house and saw the noisy crowd and people playing pipes, he said, "Go away. The girl is not dead but asleep." But they laughed at him. After the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took the girl by the hand, and she got up. News of this spread through all that region.

### SERMON----- "Restored to Community" -----Rev. Anna Troy

*(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Gracious God, you encourage us with your love, bringing new life out of death. We confess that we need your life-giving power in our lives and our relationships. We have hurt others and been hurt by them. We are often angry or afraid. We are not sure when to assert our needs and when to care for others' needs. We continue to live in ways which do not lead to peace and justice.

Forgive us, O God. Pour your Spirit of wisdom and healing upon us, that by our lives and our loving, we may glorify you, through Jesus Christ the Risen One. Amen.

*(Silent Prayers of Confession Offered)*

### WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Christ, our cornerstone and our salvation, offers to us hope and comfort. In the name of Christ, we are all forgiven! 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. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. 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

MUSIC FOR DISTRIBUTION OF ELEMENTS- - - - First Church Handbells  
"Morning Has Broken" / arr. McChesney

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*HYMN #85- - - - - "We Believe in One True God"

ORGAN POSTLUDE - - - "March" / Alexandre Guilmant - - - - - Dr. Scott

**The West Virginia  
Annual Conference  
2023 Session**

**Thursday, June 8-Sunday, June 11**

The theme for our session is  
**Proclaim Peace. Bring Good News!**

Our theme emerged out of a reading from Isaiah  
52:7-12.

In Isaiah the people of God had been through a  
traumatic event, and, coming out of it,  
wanted to know what came next.

Isaiah gives the people a vision—  
they are to proclaim peace and bring good news.

**We pray that God will use this session to inspire us to do the same.**



**Proclaim  
peace,  
bring  
Good News!**

Isaiah 52:7

2023 West Virginia Annual Conference

**Grab and Go Lunches**



The "Grab and Go" ministry begins on Monday, June 12th,  
and occurs at 2:30 p.m. every afternoon in our parking lot!

Our church is committed to providing the Grab and Go meals  
every Friday through November 24th.

If you are interested in taking a Friday,  
please let Anita Burns know. 304-203-1279  
(Or call the church office at 304- 623-3397)



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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT FIRST CHURCH

Sundays -- First Church Youth (6th-12th) at 6:00 p.m., 3rd floor youth room

Tuesdays -- Monastic Meal at 12:15 p.m.

Thursdays -- Prayer Shawl at 5 p.m.

Annual Conference -- see separate notice

Thursday, June 15th -- Women of First Church Luncheon Meeting

Monday, June 19th -- Feed My Sheep at noon

Tuesday, June 20th -- Outreach and Finance at 5 p.m.; Church Council at 6 p.m.

Twelve-Step Meetings (7 sessions each week) -- Monday through Thursday -- Library



### CHURCH FAMILY BANQUET!!

On Sunday, June 25th, following worship you are invited to a prepared lasagna dinner .

This celebration is to honor Rev. Harry Jenkins (and Clarice) as he retires as our Associate Pastor.

The luncheon is free, but please give the office a call (304-623-3397) if you plan to attend. Thanks!

**Contact Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015  
if you would like information about our Prayer Chain.**

