

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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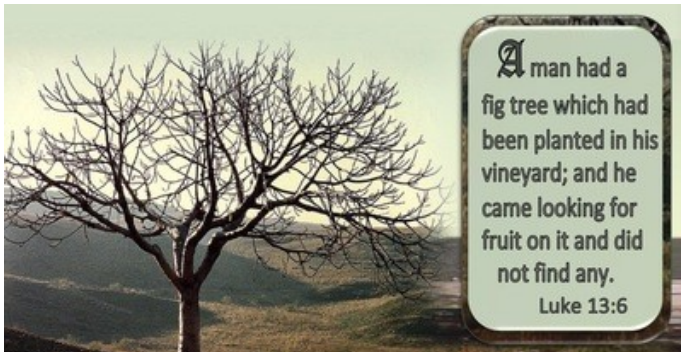
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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



March 20, 2022

Third Sunday in Lent

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE - "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" / arr. Joyce Jones - -Dr. Jessica Scott

PROCESSION OF LIGHT-----Matthew Lilly

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

Leader: We have come this day to learn about what God expects of us.

People: Sometimes we really don't want to know what God wants.

We are afraid to make the commitments God seeks.

Leader: God is persistent. God will not let us off the hook so easily.

People: But we have failed so many times in the past.

How can we possibly serve now?

Leader: Open your hearts to receive forgiveness and healing. Listen to God.

Be ready to work with God for hope, peace, justice and love.

People: Be with us, Lord. Help us to turn around, to see you, to serve you,  
to witness to your Love.

\*OPENING PRAYER

Open our eyes, our ears, our hearts and spirits this morning, Lord, that we may be healed of our faithlessness, freed from our fears and anxieties, and placed on the pathways that lead to peace and service to you. In Jesus' Name, we pray.  
AMEN.

\*HYMN #357 ----- "Just As I Am"

\ 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.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY ----- *Robert Skidmore, viola*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 13:1-9----- Liturgist, Matthew Lilly

At that very time there were some present who told him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?"

He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig round it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down." '

SERMON - - - - - "The Glorious Unfolding" - - - - - Pastor Atkinson  
*(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)*

PRAYER OF INVITATION

\*HYMN #378 - - - - - "Amazing Grace"

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - "Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross" / arr. Joyce Jones - - - - Dr. Scott

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HOLY WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH

Palm Sunday Worship — April 10th at 10:45 a.m.  
Maundy Thursday Communion — April 14th at 7:00 p.m.  
Good Friday Tenebrae — April 15th at 7:00 p.m.  
Easter Sunday Celebration — April 17th at 10:45 a.m.

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

Please feel free to call or send a text to....

Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309 or Reverend Harry Jenkins at 304-280-0592



### FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS

This community-based project is incredibly successful in providing a wonderful weekly meal and fellowship!

Our church is in charge of providing and serving the meal on Wednesday, March 23rd. Lots of help is needed! Contact Anita Burns at 304-203-1279



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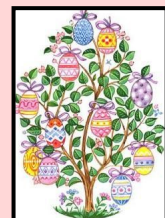
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### Salvation Army Easter Food Baskets

We are working with Salvation Army to provide an Easter meal to those in need. From the display in our sanctuary, choose an "egg", on which are listed needed food items for you to purchase and bring to the church by April 10<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you are interested in helping collect, sort, or distribute the food boxes, please contact us at 304-623-3397.



### UMCOR / UKRAINIAN AID

Many of you have asked how to help...what to do. Pray, and consider a donation to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) 100% of your donation will be used for humanitarian aid.

Make checks payable to "FUMC" / with a note "UMCOR / UKRAINE"