

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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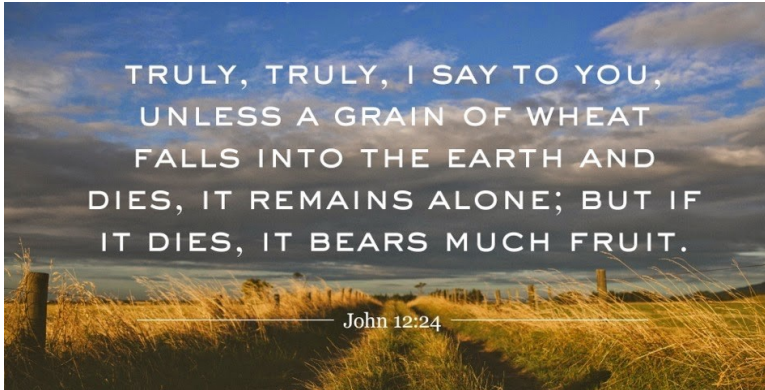
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



March 21, 2021
Fifth Sunday in Lent

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Rev. Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE -----"Adagio" from Organ Sonata No. 1 in Eb major" / J.S. Bach, BWV 525----- Dr. Jessica Scott

CALL TO WORSHIP

- Leader: This is the fifth step on our Lenten journey, the step of sacrifice.
People: Be with us, Lord, as we take this step.
Leader: This requires the willingness to give all of your life to the Lord.
People: Be with us, Lord, as we commit our lives to you.
Leader: Come, let us worship and offer our voices of praise to God.
People: Let us open our hearts and spirits to God this day. AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER (*Unison*)

Lord, be with us this day as we commit ourselves to being your disciples. Help us to face the future unafraid, trusting in your loving care and presence with us. We pray this in Jesus' name. AMEN.

HYMN -----"Victim Divine"

Victim divine, thy grace we claim
While thus thy precious death we show;
Once offered up, a spotless Lamb,
in thy great temple here below,
Thou didst for all our kind atone, and standest now before the throne.

We need not go up to heaven,
To bring the long-sought Savior down;
Thou art to all already giv'n,
Thou dost e'en now thy banquet crown:
To ev'ry faithful soul appear, and show thy real presence here!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Compassionate Lord, forgive us when we falter on this Lenten pathway; when the road ahead seems too uncertain and we are afraid. We admit that following Jesus is not an easy task. Jesus requires us to be willing to make the ultimate commitment of our whole lives and we hesitate and hold back. Draw us back to you, Lord. Give us confidence and courage to face the future with hope. Let us place our trust in you that the message of peace and mercy you have given to us through Jesus Christ may be offered to others through our own witness to your healing mercy.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Even though the future is clouded; God is with us, guiding, healing, comforting, restoring. Rejoice! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and healed. 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.

SCRIPTURE LESSON ----- John 12:20-33

Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—"Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.' Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

SUNG RESPONSE ----- "You Say" ----- Daigle/Ingram/Mabury

Rosie Wilson, soprano; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

SERMON -----“Our Lenten Journey: Bearing Fruit” ----- - Rev. Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

VOCAL SOLO -----“How Can It Be?” ----- Ingram/Johnson/Mabury
Rosie Wilson, soprano; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN -----“Must Jesus Bear the Cross Alone”

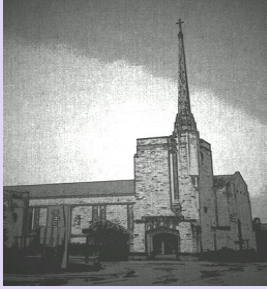
Must Jesus bear the cross alone and all the world go free?
No, there's a cross for ev'ry one, and there's a cross for me.
How happy are the saints above, who once went sorrowing here!
But now they tase unmingled love, and joy without a tear.
The consecrated cross I'll bear till death shall set me free:
and then go home my crown to wear, for there's a crown for me.

BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE -----“Pastorella” J.S. Bach, BWV 590----- Dr. Jessica Scott



HOLY WEEK AT FIRST CHURCH



Palm Sunday ———	March 28 at 10:45 a.m.
Maundy Thursday —	April 1 at 7:30 p.m.
Good Friday ———	April 2 at 7:30 p.m.
Easter Celebration ~	April 4 at 10:45 a.m.

Easter Giving Tree

We appreciate your faithfulness in responding to this ministry.

If you have claimed an egg, please remember that the food needs to be at our church by **noon, Wednesday, March 25th.**



You have helped to make this a special Easter for our sisters and brothers in need!

Questions? Contact Cheryl Moorhead at 304-677-9859 or Anita Burns at 304-203-1279.

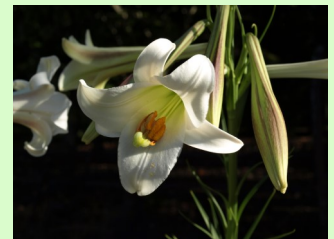


UNDIE SUNDAY

We are still collecting **NEW underwear for all ages and sizes.** for distribution at our outreach mission sites.

This week and next, our church will be open (*parlor entrance*) on Tues/Wed/Thur, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Easter Sunday Flowers At First Church



Each year, flowers given in memory or honor of loved ones, help to decorate our Easter Sunday altar.

If you would like to provide a flower for the Easter Sunday service, please have it delivered to the church by noon on Wednesday, March 31st.

All flowers — including lilies, tulips, hyacinths, azaleas — are welcome. We prefer green foil. Please call the church office, 623-3397, by that Wednesday, with the information for the bulletin

In memory of: _____

In honor of: _____

Given by: _____