

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



May 15, 2022  
Fifth Sunday of Eastertide

WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- -Dr. Jessica Scott

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Praise the Lord!

People: Praise the Lord from the heavens. Praise God from the heights!

Leader: Praise the Lord, you angels. Sing praise, you heavenly host!

People: Praise the Lord, O sun and moon. Join in song, O shining stars!

Leader: Praise the Lord, snow and rain. Blow loud, wind and storm!

People: Praise the Lord, O trees. Dance with joy, O birds!

Leader: Praise the Lord, women and men. Rejoice, children and rulers!

People: Praise the Lord, weak and strong. Sing for joy, timid and bold!

Leader: Praise the Lord, mothers & aunts. Give praise, grandfathers & cousins!

People: Let all creation praise God's name! Praise the Lord!

## \*OPENING PRAYER

Alpha and Omega, you make your home with us, you dry our tears and quench our thirst, you are the tender love that welcomes all people. Like a mother, you nurture your children, giving them life, teaching them to love. Come and dwell among us, and make all things new. Amen.

\*HYMN #384 ----- "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

## 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.

### VOCAL OFFERTORY- -“Ain’t a That Good News” - - Don Gardner & Dr. Scott

*At this time, offering plates will not be passed during worship.  
If you wish to make an offering,  
you will find the offering plates at the front of the sanctuary, or in the narthex.*

### CHILDREN’S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

#### GOSPEL LESSON: Acts II:I-I8 - - - - - Shelley Spellman, liturgist

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, ‘Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?’

Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, ‘I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, “Get up, Peter; kill and eat.” But I replied, “By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth.” But a second time the voice answered from heaven, “What God has made clean, you must not call profane.” This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven.

At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man’s house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, “Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved.” And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning.



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

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



### GRADUATE RECOGNITION SUNDAY

Next Sunday, May 22, during morning worship, we will set aside time to recognize and congratulate our graduates.

*Let us know soon if you have a high school or college student who graduates this year. (304-623-3397) Thanks!*



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### “GRAB-A-BAG” MEAL PROGRAM

As part of our ongoing response to “If you love me, feed my sheep”, we need folks to claim a day to prepare and distribute bag lunches for 25 hungry people.

For a date and for details, contact Anita Burns at (home) 304-782-3021 or (cell) 304-203 -1279



### UMCOR / UKRAINIAN AID

Pray, and consider a donation to United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) 100% of your donation will be used for humanitarian aid.

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