

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



May 28, 2022  
Ascension Sunday

WELCOME ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

PRELUDE - - - - "Selections from 'Suite Miniature'" / Gretchaninoff, arr. Voxman  
*Geneva Brown, clarinet; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano*

PROCESSION OF LIGHT-----Kate Thrush

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Susan Wilmerink Hanby, liturgist

Leader: We have been called to walk the faithful road  
and to choose the way of God's justice.

People: We are here because we believe strongly that our God is good,  
and that we live in that goodness.

We are here to proclaim our faith  
and to seek direction along this faith journey.

Leader: Come together, then, to be God's people.

Follow Christ and listen for the good things that God has done.  
Rise up in praise and thanksgiving!

People: We will share with others that goodness that we have found in God.  
May our lives be an expression of that goodness.

**\*OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, we thank you that we can rest in you, secure amid the conflict and confusion of life. We thank you that you provide for our needs and that you have trusted us to one another's care. Help us to receive with humility and to give with joy. Help us to share what we have without fear of tomorrow. May we be peacemakers and justice makers, that one day humanity may choose bread over weapons and fairness over greed. Amen.

**\*HYMN #87 - - - - - "What Gift Shall We Bring?"**

**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 - - - - - "Laendler" / Ernst Halven**  
*Brett Miller and Geneva Brown, clarinet*

**GOSPEL LESSON: Mark 10:35-45**

James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came forward to him and said to him, 'Teacher, we want you to do for us whatever we ask of you.' And he said to them, 'What is it you want me to do for you?' And they said to him, 'Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory.'

But Jesus said to them, 'You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I drink, or be baptized with the baptism that I am baptized with?' They replied, 'We are able.' Then Jesus said to them, 'The cup that I drink you will drink; and with the baptism with which I am baptized, you will be baptized; but to sit at my right hand or at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared.'

When the ten heard this, they began to be angry with James and John. So Jesus called them and said to them, 'You know that among the Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them, and their great ones are tyrants over them. But it is not so among you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your servant, and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of all.

For the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life a ransom for many.'

SERMON - - - - - "Your Heart Fixed to Give" - - - - - -Rev. Jenkins

I was travelin' West of Buckskin on my way to a cattle run  
'Cross a little cactus desert under a hard bargaining sun  
Thirsty down to my toenails, I stopped to rest me on a stump  
But I tell you I just couldn't believe it when I saw that water pump

I took it to be a mirage at first. It'll fool a thirsty man  
Then I saw a note stuck in a bakin' powder can  
"This pump is old," the note began, "but she works  
So give'er a try. I put a new sucker washer in 'er, you may find the leather dry

*(Chorus) You've got to prime the pump. You must have faith and believe  
You've got to give of yourself 'fore you're worthy to receive  
Drink all the water you can hold. Wash your face to your feet  
Leave the bottle full for others. Thank you kindly, Desert Pete*

Yeah, you'll have to prime the pump, work that handle like there's a fire  
Under the rock you'll find some water left there in a bitter's jar  
Now there's just enough to prime it with, so don't you go drinkin' first  
Just pour it in and pump like mad and, buddy, you'll quench your thirst. *(Chorus)*

Well, I found the jar, and I tell you, nothin' was ever prettier to my eye  
And I was tempted strong to drink it because that pump looked mighty dry  
But the note went on, "Have faith, my friend, there's water down below  
You've got to give to really get. I'm the one who ought to know"

So I poured in the jar and started pumpin' and I heard a beautiful sound  
Of water bubblin' 'n' splashin' up out of that hole in the ground  
Then I took off my shoes and drunk my fill of that cold refreshin' treat  
Then I thanked the Lord, and I thanked the pump, and I thanked old Desert Pete *(Chorus)*

*(Text by Billy Edd Wheeler, born in Boone County, WV, December 9, 1932)*

PRAYER OF INVITATION

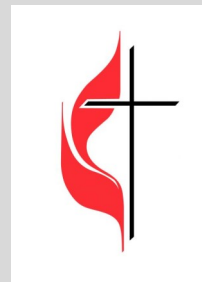
\*HYMN #530 - - - - - "Are You Able?"

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE - - Lord God Heavenly King" / F. Couperin - -Dr. Scott

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