

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



May 30, 2021
Trinity Sunday

WORDS OF WELCOME -----Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE -----"Meditation on 'Souls of the Righteous in the Hand of God'"
by Charles Callahan — organist Brett Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God's love is poured out on God's world.

People: From the foundations of time, God's love is woven into all things.

Leader: When we cry "Abba, Father!", God hears and lovingly responds to us.

People: Thanks be to God who forgives and lifts us up.

Leader: Now we are called to be born anew!

People: Open our hearts and our lives

that we may truly be born with hearts aflame with God's love.

OPENING PRAYER:

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Yet you have chosen to come to us in love and tenderness. You have called us to be people who will act in ways of peace and justice in your world. Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in ministries of hope and peace for all your earth. These things we pray in Jesus' Name. Amen

HYMN ----- "Holy, Holy, Holy"

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

PASTORAL PRAYER ----- Pastor Atkinson

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME ----- Pastor Atkinson

SONG OF PRAISE - - - "Let There Be Light" (DENBIGH) text by John Marriott

Keith Miller, baritone; Brett Miller, organ

God, your almighty word, Chaos and darkness heard, And took their flight:

Hear us, we humbly pray, And where the gospel-day

Sheds not its glorious ray, Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love, Life giving, holy dove, Speed on your flight!

Move on the water's face, Bearing the lamp of grace

And, in earth's darkest place, Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three, Glorious Trinity, Wisdom, Love, Might!

Boundless as ocean's tide, Rolling in fullest pride,

Through the world, far and wide, Let there be light!

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON -----Isaiah 6:1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.' The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

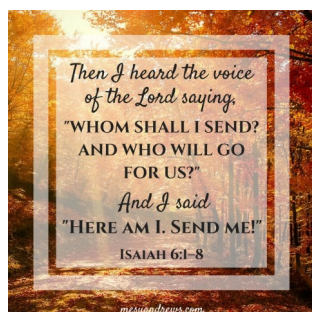
Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON ----- Romans 8:12-17

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

SERMON ----- “Transformed to Serve” -- Pastor Michael Atkinson

(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)



PRAYER OF INVITATION

HYMN ----- “To God Be the Glory”

To God be the glory, great things he hath done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
Who yielded his life an atonement for sin,
And opened the lifegate that all may go in.

(Chorus:) Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice!

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice!

O come to the Father thru Jesus the Son,
And give him the glory, great things he hath done.

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives. *(chorus)*

Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done,

And great our rejoicing thru Jesus the Son;

But purer, and higher, and greater will be

Our wonder, our transport, when Jesus we see. *(chorus)*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE ----- “Festival Voluntary, Op. 87” / Flor Peeters

Brett Miller, organist



"FRIENDS FEEDING FRIENDS" — WEDNESDAY, JUNE 2

"Friends Feeding Friends" is a community organization that meets outside our church every Wednesday night to serve a free dinner.

FUMC will serve this dinner on June 2, from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m..

We need people to serve the meal, to mingle/visit with the crowd, and to help clean-up.

If you would like to volunteer, please call Cheryl Moorhead at 304-677-9859

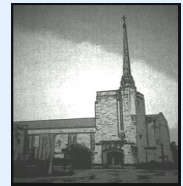
or Tammy Matheny at 304-476-2015

ON-LINE WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

We will continue to post our services on YouTube.

Our members as well as many "visitors" watch and appreciate them!

We will no longer be sending the weekly massed e-mail notice, but instead encourage you to find us either directly on our Facebook page, YouTube page or via the link on www.cfumc.org (click on the sermon title).



If you do want a weekly email reminder, just let us know...we'll send it to you!