

# FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

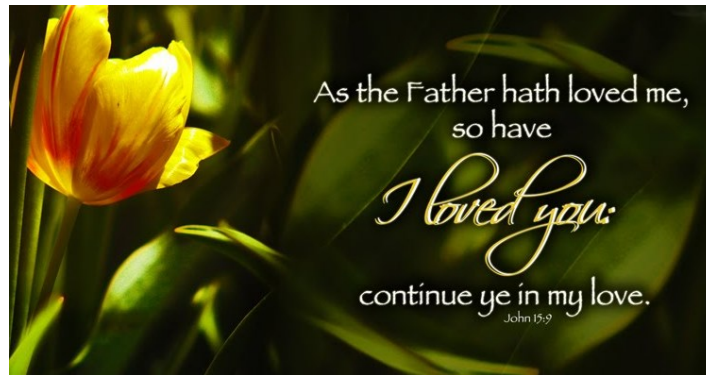
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*"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"*



May 5, 2024  
Morning Worship  
10:45 a.m.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

“Musette” by GF Handel

\*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Shelley Spellman, Liturgist

Leader: Easter people, Jesus chose you and calls you friend!

People: We abide in Christ because Christ abides in us.

Leader: Jesus made a home among us to show us how to love.

People: We abide in Love because Love abides in us.

Leader: Jesus invites us in and beckons us to come to the Table to know the joy that comes when we love one another the way God loves us.

People: We abide in Joy because Joy abides with us.

Leader: Easter people, Jesus welcomes you home!

People: We come to make our home with God and one another, bound together by Love and enlivened by Joy. Amen.

*Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, January 2023.*

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN - - - - - "Bind Us Together" - - - - - T.F.W.S #2226

\*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

EPISTLE LESSON- - - - - Acts 10:44-48

While Peter was still speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

GOSPEL LESSON- - - - - John 15:9-17

'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE ----- “Boundless Grace” ----- Rev. Michael Atkinson  
*(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)*

## INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

### CALL TO RECONCILIATION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you; you call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped up in our own concerns. We have gone along with evil, with pride, quarrelling, and divisiveness. Holy God, help us to face up to ourselves, so that, as you move toward us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive mercy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

### ASSURANCE AND PARDON

God has remembered God’s steadfast love to all the people. We are healed and called to again be God’s beloved children and witnesses. Receive that healing love and share the good news with all you meet, that God is love and in God there is no darkness or fear. AMEN.

OFFERING----- “Sarabande” by JS Bach----- Dr. Scott

\*DOXOLOGY-----U.M. Hymnal #94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God the source of all our gifts  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts;  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit;  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth....

...and so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn

Sung Response ----- The Faith We Sing #2257 (b)

Leader: Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit....

...and so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith...

Sung Response ----- The Faith We Sing #2257 (c)

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood...

...By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast as his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. AMEN.

Sung Response ----- The Faith We Sing #2257 (d)

## 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.

## SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

ANTHEM- - - - - "A Place At The Table" - - - - - F.U.M.C. Family Choir

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

\*CLOSING HYMN - - - - - "O, Spirit of the Living God" - - - - - U.M. Hymnal #539

\*BENEDICTION

ORGAN POSTLUDE - - - - - "Hyfrydol" - - - - - Dr. Scott

### Today's Worship Participants

Liturgist: Shelley Spellman

Ushers: Curt Diaz, Roxane Panarella, Jaden Welsh, Jacki Welsh

Acolyte: Carson Wray Altar: Carolyn Yost

Communion Steward: Janie Jenkins

Communion Servers: Diana Higginbotham, Sherri Shank

If you or someone you know is in the hospital, nursing home, has a need from the church, or would like a visit, **Please feel free to call or send a text to Pastor Michael Atkinson at 304-771-3309**



*Lord in your Mercy,  
Hear our Prayers*

- The children of FUMC
- Harry & Joretta Lewis
- Beth Bryant- Barranco
- Shirley Murphy
- Steven H.
- Scott Wilson
- Jay Grega
- Linda Haynes
- John Cathell



## **THIS WEEK AT FUMC**

- **Tuesday May 7** — Bell Practice, 9:30 a.m.  
---Monastic Meal, 12:15 p.m.
- **Thursday May 9** —Prayer Shawl, 5-6 p.m.  
— ‘The Good and Beautiful You’ book study, 6 p.m.



## **Graduation Recognition Sunday May 19, 2024**

**If you or a family member is graduating this year,  
please let us know!**

You can email (cfumc@citynet.net) or call the  
church (304-623-3397).

**Contact the church office by May 12th.**

## **“HOME AMONG THE HILLS”**

### **The Madrigal Singers of Clarksburg**

and guests  
Maestri Vocale Bass

Monday,  
May 20th  
7:00 P.M.



\$5.00  
admission  
Children 12  
& younger are free

### VBS Planning Meeting After Worship– May 5th

If you have already volunteered or would like to be apart of VBS,  
please meet in the Parlor after Worship! Help is NEEDED!

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