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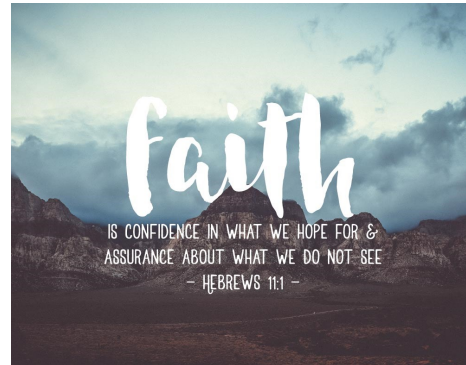
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"

November 17, 2024

Morning Worship

10:45 a.m.



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

ORGAN PRELUDE----- "Wondrous Love" Arr. McCarthy -----Don Gardner

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: There is no holy one like God above.

People: There is no rock like our God.

Leader: There is no hope like the hope of God's strength for us.

People: There is no hope like our God.

Leader: There is no promise like the promise of Christ's mercy and grace.

People: There is no promise like our God.

Leader: There is no love as great as the love God offers today and all days.

People: There is no love like our God!

*HYMN #559 ----- "Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"/Regent Square

*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

For leaders and those in power, that they might walk in your ways of love . . .

God of all hopefulness, **remember your people.**

For people who are weak and in need, that they might feel the strength of your compassion . . .

God of all hopefulness, **remember your people.**

For those who are hungry or poor, that they might find abundance in our generosity . . .

God of all hopefulness, **remember your people.**

For the downtrodden or dispirited, that they might be lifted up with arms of hope . . .

God of all hopefulness, **remember your people.**

For the Church and all who call upon your name, that we might be found faithful . . .

God of all hopefulness, **remember your people.**

For all who hunger and thirst for righteousness, that your kingdom might come, your will be done, today and forevermore . . .

God of all hopefulness, **remember your people.**

Amen and 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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM - - - - - "Holy Ground/Holy, Holy, Holy" - - - - - Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON - - - - - Hebrews 10:11-14, 19-25

And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, "he sat down at the right hand of God," and since then has been waiting "until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet." For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified.

And the Holy Spirit also testifies to us, for after saying, "This is the covenant that I will make with them after those days, says the Lord: I will put my laws in their hearts, and I will write them on their minds," and he adds, "I will remember their sins and their lawless deeds no more." Where there is forgiveness of these, there is no longer any offering for sin.

Therefore, my brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us

approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE - - - - - "Our Life Together" - - - - - Rev. Michael Atkinson

CALL TO CONFESSION

By a single offering, Christ has perfected us for all time. Let us approach this time of confession with true hearts, in full assurance that Christ's mercy is strong enough to bear all of our burdens.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, look upon us, your servants gathered here, with grace and compassion. Hear our every need. Speak to our fearful hearts, that we may pour out our confessions and admit our wrongdoings.

(Silent prayer)

Loving God, you have heard our anxieties, our vexations, our worries, our hopes, our dreams. Breathe in us the spirit of forgiveness, that we may receive your grace, and may walk in freedom and glorious hope. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for our God, the God of all ages, the one who has promised forgiveness, is faithful! In the name of Christ, you are forgiven!

ORGAN OFFERTORY - - - - "To God in High Be Praise" /Pachelbel- - -Mr. Gardner

*DOXOLOGY- - - - - U.M.H #94

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

*HYMN #133 -----“What A Fellowship”

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN POSTLUDE -----Mr. Gardner

Today’s Worship Participants
Liturgist: Rebecca Lewis Skidmore
Ushers: Mathew Wray, Mary Seti
Altar: Carolyn Yost Livestream: Lorie Wyant
Acolyte: Carson Wray

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**

- THIS WEEK AT FUMC**
- **Monday, Nov. 18**— Feed My Sheep, Noon
 - **Tuesday, Nov. 19** — Bell Rehearsal, 10 a.m.
 - Monastic Meal, 12:15 p.m.
 - Finance meets at 5:00 p.m.
 - Outreach meets at 5:00 p.m.
 - Council meets at 6:00 p.m.
 - **Wednesday, Nov. 20** — Connection, 5:30 p.m.
 - **Thursday, Nov 21** — Prayer Shawl group, 5-6 p.m.



Beth Bryant-Barranco
John & Charlene Cathell
Frank & Leanna Murphy Dono
Kyle Harris
Harry & Joretta Lewis
Landen Jaggie

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