

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



October 13, 2024

Morning Worship

10:45 a.m.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE-----Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We gather to listen to the voice of Jesus say, "Come, follow me!" But will you follow when Jesus also calls you to release the hold wealth has on you?

People: We want to follow Jesus anywhere he leads, and we can with God's help.

Leader: We gather to remember all that God has taught us through scripture, tradition, reason, and experience. But what about when we have to put what we know into action?

People: We want to put our faith into action, and we can with God's help.

Leader: We gather to live into God's economy of abundance, recognizing the riches of the prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness that surround us. But what about when the world tempts us back into scarcity?

People: We want to turn away from scarcity and choose God's abundance, and we can with God's help.

Leader: We gather to shine as a beacon of a new way of living where following Jesus means sharing in God's abundant gifts together. But will you keep shining when others try to pull you astray, putting the pursuit of wealth before the pursuit of God?

People: With God's help, we will resist the pull of wealth and the fear of scarcity and pursue the way of love, abundance, and flourishing for all creation. Amen.

Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, July 2024.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #398 ----- "Jesus Calls Us"

*PASSING OF GOD'S PEACE

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.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

ANTHEM ----- "Would I Have Answered When You Called?"

SCRIPTURE LESSON----- Mark 10:17-31

As he was setting out on a journey, a man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, 'Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?' Jesus said to him, 'Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone. You know the commandments: "You shall not murder; You shall not commit adultery; You shall not steal; You shall not bear false witness; You shall not defraud; Honour your father and mother."' He said to him, 'Teacher, I have kept all these since my youth.' Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, 'You lack one thing; go, sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.' When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Then Jesus looked around and said to his disciples, 'How hard it will be for those who have wealth to enter the kingdom of God!' And the disciples were perplexed at these words. But Jesus said to them again, 'Children, how hard it is to enter the kingdom of God! It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God.' They were greatly astounded and said to one another, 'Then who can be saved?' Jesus looked at them and said, 'For mortals it is impossible, but not for God; for God all things are possible.'

Peter began to say to him, ‘Look, we have left everything and followed you.’ Jesus said, ‘Truly I tell you, there is no one who has left house or brothers or sisters or mother or father or children or fields, for my sake and for the sake of the good news, who will not receive a hundredfold now in this age—houses, brothers and sisters, mothers and children, and fields, with persecutions—and in the age to come eternal life. But many who are first will be last, and the last will be first.’

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

PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE ----- “Heart Health” ----- -Rev. Michael Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of grace: we offer you our lives. We confess we are often stingy in our gifts of time, of talents, of treasures. We confess our addiction to the drugs of consumerism and that, as your church, we have often fallen headlong into the culture’s seduction. Forgive us and free us to joyful simplicity, that we may be signs of grace to your world. Amen.

Written by Valerie Bridgeman Davis, The Africana Worship Book, Year B (Nashville: Discipleship Resources, 2007),

ORGAN OFFERTORY

*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!

*CLOSING HYMN #417 ----- “O For A Heart” /tune: Azmon

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN POSTLUDE ----- -Dr. Scott

Today's Worship Participants

Liturgist: Sarah Winters

Ushers: Judy Burns, Gene and Susan Hanby, Rick Squires

Altar: Carolyn Yost Livestream: Mike Smith

Acolyte: 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**



**Beth Bryant-Barranco
John & Charlene Cathell
Frank & Leanna Murphy Dono
Kyle Harris
Harry & Joretta Lewis
The Family of Laurel Klein
Chris Broadwater**

**Those affected
by the hurricanes.**

The Children of FUMC

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

- **Wednesday, Oct. 16** — Small group study, "The Lord's Prayer" at 11 a.m. & 6 p.m.
- **Thursday, Oct. 17** — Women's Lunch, Noon —Prayer Shawl group, 5-6 p.m.

No Monastic Meal or Bell Rehearsal this week

**Feed My Sheep
Monday, Oct. 21**

Food Items Needed, See Anita Burns

*Finance, Council & Outreach meetings have been moved to Oct. 22nd

Nutterfort Elementary Food Bag

Join us after worship in the fellowship hall to help assemble the bags! Thank you!

Save the date!

Connections will take place on October 30th

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