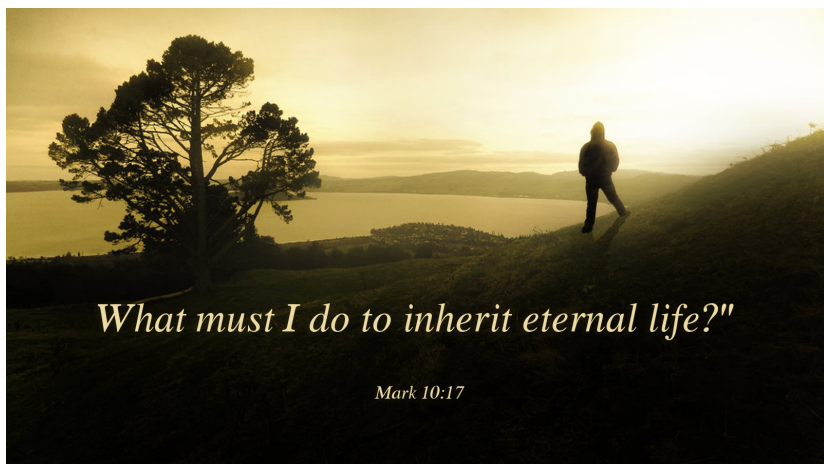


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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community
Striving to Know Christ
and to Make Christ Known"

October 10, 2021

Twentieth Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

VOCAL PRELUDE ----- "How Great Is Our God" / by Chris Tomlin
Giulia Parsons, soprano; Eva Atha, piano

PROCESSION OF LIGHT ----- Mischa Matheny

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God has called all God's people to lives of hope and service.

People: We want to serve God, but sometimes life gets to be too difficult for us.

Leader: Place your trust in God's power and love.

People: God understands our needs, our sorrows, and our joys.

Leader: Come, let us worship God who is with us always.

People: Praise God for God's eternal presence.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, you have called us here this day for healing, hope, and transformation. As we listen to the Scripture, pray our prayers, sing our hymns, and hear the words of wisdom, open our hearts to hear your claim on our lives; that we may fully and joyfully serve you. AMEN.

HYMN #98 ----- "To God Be the Glory"

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 WITH THE PASTOR

MUSICAL OFFERING- -"Blessed Be the Name of the Lord" / by Matt Redman
Giulia Parsons, soprano; Eva Atha, piano

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; Honor 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.”

SERMON- - - - - “Unrealistic Expectations?” - - - - - Pastor Atkinson

(You are encouraged to use this space for notes.)

INVITATION

HYMN #396 - - - - - “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE - - “Prelude in F Major, BWV 556” / J.S. Bach - - Dr. Jessica Scott

*Our appreciation to the following
for assisting with today’s worship service*

*Mischa Matheny- acolyte
Carolyn Yost — altar arrangement*

BLESSING BOXES

Fulfilling Christ's command to "feed my sheep", Blessing Boxes are scattered throughout Clarksburg. One is right outside our 2nd Street entrance.

Claim a Sunday, Tuesday or Thursday to fill the Box with drinks and non-perishable/"ready to eat" foods. **Please remember when choosing items to folks likely do not have access to stoves, ovens, refrigeration, pots, pans, or even a can opener. Thanks!**

Some supplies are here at the church, or donate your own.

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CHILDREN AND WORSHIP AT FIRST CHURCH

On October 3rd, we resumed our practices of:
...offering a Children's Sermon within morning worship,
...providing Children's Church during a portion of the worship hour.

Children's Church will be held in Rooms 207/209, under the leadership of Candy Atkinson.

Because we follow "Safe Sanctuary" practices here at First Church,
A 2nd adult is required to be in the room ... so we need your help!

If you can assist Candy with this ministry, please contact her at 304-771-2360.

