

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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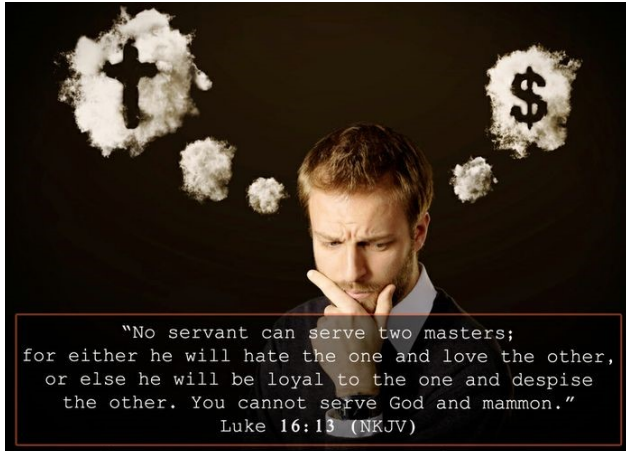
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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community Striving to Know Christ and to Make Christ Known"



September 18, 2022

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY
AFTER PENTECOST

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

ORGAN PRELUDE ----- "Communion" / Louis Vierne ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

*CALL TO WORSHIP ----- Rev. Harry Jenkins

Leader: Our world is hurting in every way:

People: **injustice in the shadows, injustice in broad daylight,**

Leader: **worship of wealth, worship of doctrine,**

People: **homeless people under freeways,**

Leader: **hungry children in our schools,**

People: **stolen pensions, destabilized nations,**

Leader: **politicians wined and dined, judges wooed and won,**

People: **exploding grenades, cherished grudges.**

Leader: **Is there any medicine to heal us? Is there any physician?**

People: **Help us, God of our salvation! Help us!**

*OPENING HYMN #158 ----- "Come, Christians, Join to Sing"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

OFFERTORY ANTHEM ----- "No More a Stranger or a Guest" / D. A. White
First Church Family Choir

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

GOSPEL LESSON ----- Luke 16:1-13

Jesus told his disciples: "There was a rich man whose manager was accused of wasting his possessions. So he called him in and asked him, 'What is this I hear about you? Give an account of your management, because you cannot be manager any longer.'

"The manager said to himself, 'What shall I do now? My master is taking away my job. I'm not strong enough to dig, and I'm ashamed to beg—I know what I'll do so that, when I lose my job here, people will welcome me into their houses.'

"So he called in each one of his master's debtors. He asked the first, 'How much do you owe my master?' "Nine hundred gallons of olive oil,' he replied. "The manager told him, 'Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it four hundred and fifty.'

"Then he asked the second, 'And how much do you owe?' "A thousand bushels of wheat,' he replied. "He told him, 'Take your bill and make it eight hundred.'

"The master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly. For the people of this world are more shrewd in dealing with their own kind than are the people of the light. I tell you, use worldly wealth to gain friends for yourselves, so that when it is gone, you will be welcomed into eternal dwellings."

“Whoever can be trusted with very little can also be trusted with much, and whoever is dishonest with very little will also be dishonest with much. So if you have not been trustworthy in handling worldly wealth, who will trust you with true riches? And if you have not been trustworthy with someone else’s property, who will give you property of your own? “No one can serve two masters. Either you will hate the one and love the other, or you will be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve both God and money.”

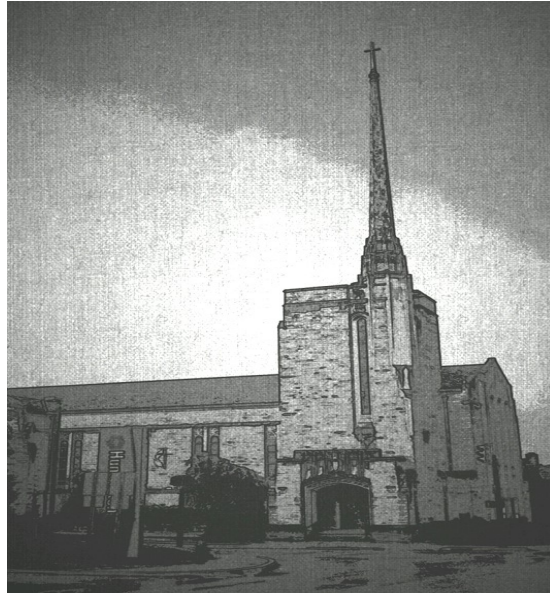
SERMON ----- **“The Bottom Line”** ----- Pastor Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)

*HYMN #128 ----- **“He Leadeth Me”**

ORGAN POSTLUDE -- **“Toccata in 7” / John Rutter**----- Dr. Scott

If you know of someone who is in the hospital, nursing home, or has a need,
please let Pastor Atkinson or Rev. Jenkins know.

Pastor Atkinson at 304-771-3309 or Reverend Jenkins at 304-280-0592



Prayer Shawl
Ministry

PRAYER SHAWL MINISTRY

Began this past Thursday 5:00 pm for an hour in the Parlor
Bring your yarn, needles and/or crochet hook and patterns.

Questions, call Cheryl Moorhead (677-9859) or Nancy Ferber (476-0566)



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FALL BIBLE STUDY WITH THE PASTORS

“The Book of Genesis” -- a Seven-Week Study
Free and open to all members and guests

Wednesdays at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Atkinson
Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. with Pastor Jenkins

It is still possible to join!