

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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



September 4, 2022

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ----- "Lamentation" / Alex Guilmant -----
----- Dr. Jessica Scott

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

Leader: God is like a potter who shapes and forms our lives.

People: We have been called to be faithful to God's intention.

Leader: God seeks for us to be vessels of compassion and service.

People: We have been given multiple opportunities to witness to God's love.

Leader: Come, let us worship the Creator who has given us life.

People: Let us send our praises to God who knows us totally & loves us. AMEN.

*OPENING HYMN #529 ----- "How Firm a Foundation"

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS WITH THE PASTOR

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON ----- Jeremiah 18:1-11

This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the LORD: "Go down to the potter's house, and there I will give you my message." So I went down to the potter's house, and I saw him working at the wheel. But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.

Then the word of the LORD came to me. He said, “Can I not do with you, Israel, as this potter does?” declares the LORD. “Like clay in the hand of the potter, so are you in my hand, Israel. If at any time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be uprooted, torn down and destroyed, and if that nation I warned repents of its evil, then I will relent and not inflict on it the disaster I had planned. And if at another time I announce that a nation or kingdom is to be built up and planted, and if it does evil in my sight and does not obey me, then I will reconsider the good I had intended to do for it.

“Now therefore say to the people of Judah and those living in Jerusalem, ‘This is what the LORD says: Look! I am preparing a disaster for you and devising a plan against you. So turn from your evil ways, each one of you, and reform your ways and your actions.’

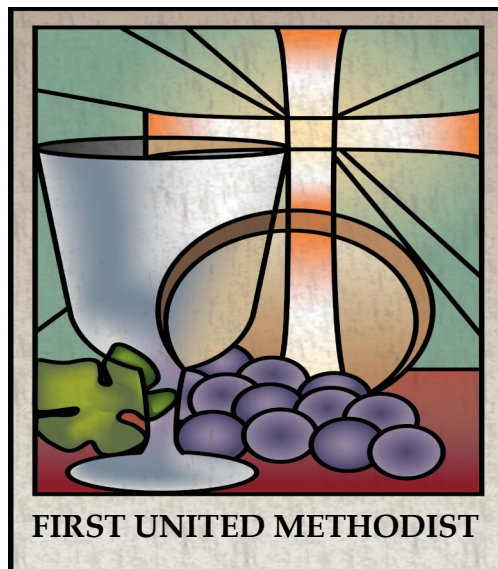
GOSPEL LESSON ----- Luke 14:25-33

Large crowds were traveling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: “If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters—yes, even their own life—such a person cannot be my disciple. And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

“Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won’t you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, saying, ‘This person began to build and wasn’t able to finish.’

“Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won’t he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

SERMON -----“Fashioned Followers of Christ” ----- Pastor Atkinson
(you are encouraged to use this space for notes)



INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

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 thank 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:

ALL: Response #2257b (*The Faith We Sing*) - - - - **"Holy, Holy, Holy"**

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:

ALL: Response #2257c - - - - - **"Memorial Acclamation"**

Leader: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine...

...through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.

ALL: Response #2257d- - - - - **"Great 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

SHARING THE BREAD AND CUP

(All bread used for communion is gluten-free)

MUSIC DURING DISTRIBUTION - - - - - Bell Choir of First Church

*HYMN #382 - - - - - "Have Thine Own Way"

BENEDICTION

Let the joy and love of the Lord flood into your hearts and lives today. Let this day of discipleship be a day of celebration as you go into the world to serve God. Go forth in peace and joy in all that you do. AMEN

POSTLUDE - - - - - "Song of Triumph" / Roland Diggle - - - - - Dr. Scott

Today's Communion Stewards: Janie Jenkins and Jeanne Warner

FUMC PICNIC -- NEXT SUNDAY, SEPT. 11

**CHURCH
COOKOUT**



**Hilltop Shelter at Riverbend (Veterans) Park
(near the amphitheater)**

**Worship at 10:45 with lunch and games following.
Bring a folding chair and a covered-dish to share.
Burgers and hot dogs and drinks will be supplied.**

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

Beginning Thursday, Sept 15 at 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

See the pastors for sign-up sheets