

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

September 8, 2024

Morning Worship

10:45 a.m.

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

ORGAN PRELUDE- - - - “A Pleasant Thought” by Florence B. Price- - - - Dr. Jessica Scott

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Welcome, Beloved! Why have you gathered today?

All: We have come to worship God, who is the maker of us all!

Leader: What do you seek from God, our Creator?

All: We seek God’s wisdom to guide us and show us how to live.

Leader: Are you ready to follow when God’s wisdom leads down unexpected paths?

All: We will trust, and we will follow wherever God’s wisdom leads us.

Leader: Well then, Beloved of God, what are you waiting for?

All: Come! Let us worship and seek God’s uncommon wisdom together! Amen.

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

***OPENING PRAYER**

Holy God, we call upon your name, for we know that your name and favor are more precious than human riches. You hate wickedness and abhor the neglect of your people. You call us to righteousness, to reach out to others with justice and mercy. You teach us right from wrong, that we may truly live in your grace. In the shadow of that grace, we offer compassion and mercy to others. Abide with us this day, that we may serve you forevermore. Amen.

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN #126** - - - - - “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

***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

SPECIAL MUSIC- - - - - Robert Skidmore, viola; Dr. Jessica Scott, keyboard

SCRIPTURE LESSON- - - - - James 2:1-17

My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ? For if a person with gold rings and in fine clothes comes into your assembly, and if a poor person in dirty clothes also comes in, and if you take notice of the one wearing the fine clothes and say, ‘Have a seat here, please’, while to the one who is poor you say, ‘Stand there’, or, ‘Sit at my feet’, have you not made distinctions among yourselves, and become judges with evil thoughts? Listen, my beloved brothers and sisters. Has not God chosen the poor in the world to be rich in faith and to be heirs of the kingdom that he has promised to those who love him? But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who oppress you? Is it not they who drag you into court? Is it not they who blaspheme the excellent name that was invoked over you?

You do well if you really fulfil the royal law according to the scripture, ‘You shall love your neighbor as yourself.’ But if you show partiality, you commit sin and are convicted by the law as transgressors. For whoever keeps the whole law but fails in one point has become accountable for all of it. For the one who said, ‘You shall not commit adultery’, also said, ‘You shall not murder.’ Now if you do not commit adultery but if you murder, you have become a transgressor of the law. So speak and so act as those who are to be judged by the law of liberty. For judgement will be without mercy to anyone who has shown no mercy; mercy triumphs over judgement.

What good is it, my brothers and sisters, if you say you have faith but do not have works? Can faith save you? If a brother or sister is naked and lacks daily food, and one of you says to them, ‘Go in peace; keep warm and eat your fill’, and yet you do not supply their bodily needs, what is the good of that? So faith by itself, if it has no works, is dead.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
PEOPLE: Thanks be to God.

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

ORGAN OFFERTORY - - - - - “Adoration” by Florence B. Price - - - - - Dr. Scott

*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 #664 - - - - - “Sent Forth by God’s Blessing”

*BENEDICTION

*ORGAN POSTLUDE - - - - - “March” by William Stickles - - - - - Dr. Scott

Today’s Worship Participants
Liturgist: Meredith Seibert
Ushers: Judy Burns, Parke and Lisa Thrush, Jeff Spellman
Altar: Carolyn Yost Livestream: Jackson Walls
Acolyte: Demetrius Seibert-Payne

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
Laurel Klein
Curt Diaz
The Stout Family
Ben Smith

The Children of FUMC

THIS WEEK AT FUMC

- Youth will go bowling, 5:00 p.m. at Alley 304
- Thursday, Sept. 12— Prayer Shawl, 5-6 p.m.

No Monastic Meal this Tuesday

Church Conference, Sept. 19th, 5:30 p.m.

Upcoming Small Group Study

Wednesdays at 11 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Beginning October 2nd

6 week study on
The Lord’s Prayer: The Meaning and Power of the Prayer Jesus Taught, by Adam Hamilton

Sign ups & more info coming soon!

Food Backpack Program

Join us after worship to help assemble the food bags that will be going to Nutterfort Elementary this week.

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