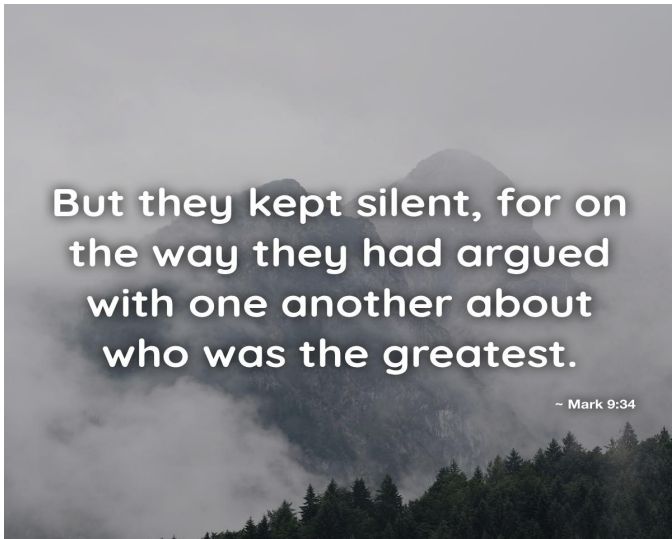


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"A Holy, Healthy, and Loving Community
Striving to Know Christ
and to Make Christ Known"*

September 19, 2021
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

WORDS OF WELCOME ----- Pastor Michael Atkinson

PRELUDE ---"Voluntary on the Old 100th" / H. Purcell ----- Dr. Jessica Scott

PROCESSION OF LIGHT -----Audra Skidmore

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Jesus calls us to servant ministry.

People: We must be willing to help others, not counting the cost or rewards.

Leader: Pretense, disharmony, greed have no place in discipleship.

People: Serving God means receiving each person
as though they were a beloved child.

Leader: Lord, help us to truly become your disciples.

People: Create in us hearts for ministries of compassion and kindness.

OPENING PRAYER

Lord, be with us this day, helping us to put our priorities in order; so that we may faithfully serve you by serving your people. Heal our spirits. Enable us to follow your ways all the days of our lives. AMEN.

HYMN #417, v. 1, 2, & 5 - - - - - "O for a Heart to Praise My God"
(sung to the tune "Land of Rest")

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.

MUSICAL OFFERTORY - - - - - "Beautiful Savior" arr. Joseph Linn
Robert Skidmore, violin; Dr. Jessica Scott, piano

SCRIPTURE LESSON - - - - - Mark 9:30-37

They went on from there and passed through Galilee. He did not want anyone to know it; for he was teaching his disciples, saying to them, 'The Son of Man is to be betrayed into human hands, and they will kill him, and three days after being killed, he will rise again.' But they did not understand what he was saying and were afraid to ask him.

Then they came to Capernaum; and when he was in the house he asked them, 'What were you arguing about on the way?' But they were silent, for on the way they had argued with one another about who was the greatest. He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, 'Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.' Then he took a little child and put it among them; and taking it in his arms, he said to them, 'Whoever welcomes one such child in my name welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes not me but the one who sent me.'

SERMON-----“Good to Great”----- Pastor Atkinson

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

INVITATION

HYMN #712----- “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE -- “Ein feste Burg ist unser Gott” / M. Praetorius ----- Dr. Scott

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

*Audra Skidmore - acolyte
and*

Janie Jenkins, Rita Looker and Cheryl Moorhead - greeters

Congratulations to Chelby and Nick Dyer
upon the birth of

Grace Alexis Dyer
August 22, 2021

*(...and to grandparents, and great-grandparents,
and aunts, and uncles, and cousins.....)*

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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Mark 9:37

"Whoever welcomes these children, welcomes me.
Whoever welcomes me, welcomes the One who sent me."



THE NURSERY AT FIRST CHURCH

Room 207 (2nd Floor)

**Changing Table — Toys and Games — Books and Puzzles
Microwave and Small Fridge — Live-Stream of Morning Worship**

(The Nursery currently is not staffed, so, First Church folks, please help our visitors needing assistance. Thanks!)