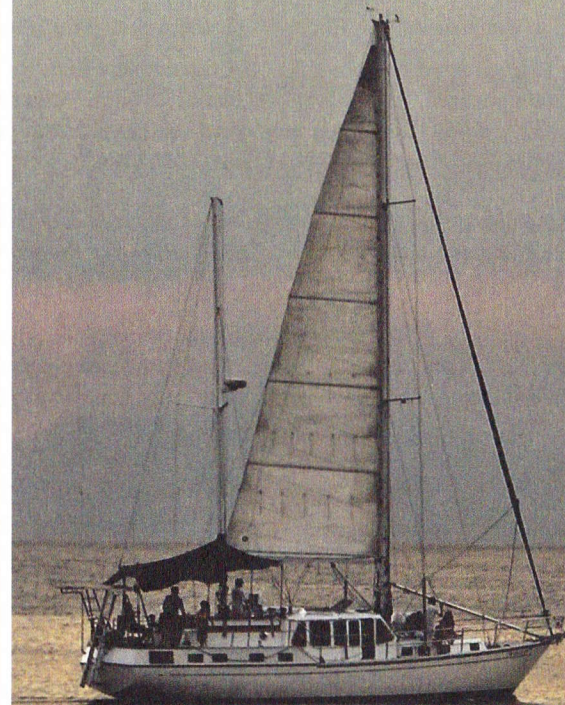


Come to me, all you who are struggling hard
and carrying heavy loads, and I will give you rest.

– Matthew 11:28



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 9, 2017 – Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

Our Statement of Faith: Jesus, Our Rock of Salvation, Our Life Springs Eternal

Faith Theme 2017

**HEALTHY THINGS GROW>GROWING THINGS CHANGE>CHANGE IS A CHALLENGE>
CHALLENGE FORCES US TO TRUST GOD>TRUSTING GOD MAKES US HEALTHY>
HEALTHY THINGS GROW!**

Prelude

Sue Milligan

Welcome and Announcements

Please register your presence with us this morning, then pass the book to the person sitting next to you. Before the offertory, tear off the sheet and place it in the offering plate. Thank You!

Song Leader: Morgen Townsend

Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin

*Congregational Call to Worship

“Amazing Grace (My Chains are Gone)”

Insert

* Congregational Hymn of Praise

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

UMH 431

Pianist, Lydia Townsend

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Chorus: (Congregation Is Encouraged to Join In) “A Brand New Man”

I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man. Old things are passed away, I've been born again.

More than a conqueror, that's what I am, I'm a new creation, I'm a brand new man.

*Doxology

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 95

Passing the Peace of Christ

Children's Time Jesus loves the little children, all the children of the world, red and yellow, black and white.

They are precious in His sight. Jesus loves the little children of the world.

Joys and Concerns

A Time of Prayer – Silent Prayer—Congregational Prayer

Prayer Response

“Cares Chorus”

TFWS 2215

*Congregational Hymn of Preparation

“Change My Heart, O God”

TFWS 2152

Scripture Reading

Romans 7:15 – 25 (p. 918)

Greg Fisher

The Word of God for the People of God: The People Respond “**Thanks Be to God!**”

Morning Message

“The Real Struggle Within”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

*Closing Hymn

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

UMH 133

*Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve

Postlude

Sue Milligan

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Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Church office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday

Please call office to ensure someone is here.

Lectionary Readings (Recommended for Devotional Readings)

July 16th

Genesis 25:19-34; Psalm 119:105-112 or Psalm 25; Romans 8:1-11; Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

July 23rd

Genesis 28:10-19a; Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24; Romans 8:12-25; Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

You are greeted this morning by Buffy O'Brien

General Information/Opportunities/Upcoming

Sunday School for Adults

9:00 a.m.

Worship Service

10:30 a.m.

Children's Church

During Service (Following the Children's Time)

Pastor's Office Hours: Wednesday & Thursday 9:30 a.m. till Noon. Other times by appointment, however, the

Pastor is always available. Please call or text him. Please call before making a special trip.

SPECIAL NOTE: If you would like the Pastor to visit with your family, or someone else, please let him or the office know so it can be arranged.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

45 Adults 4 Children

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, July 13, 6:30

Finance Meeting

Thursday, July 13, to follow

Administrative Board Meeting

Coffee Hour Cleanup this morning

Volunteer Needed

(*) Please Stand as you are able. **TFWS** is the smaller paperback and the **UMH** is the hardback song book.

Share the Message! The Pastor's Message is recorded on CD's every Sunday. They are available free of Charge and can be found in the Narthex, and at the website: www.rockspringsumc.org. You are welcome to take one.

Prayer Requests

Family of Mindy Sheckler, death of her father; Doris Christoffersen's daughter, Yvonne Peterson; Family of Alana Thompson, death of her grandmother; Sally Peterson; Pastor Jim; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Jack Norris; Larry Fanelli; Carol Ransdell; Anne Dunaway; Pastor Jim's uncle, Marshall, sister, Judy, and aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Misty, Debbie Petrie's daughter-in law; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; Carol Wendling; Fred & Isaac Wittman; Rhonda Wheeler; Renee Bustos' father, Bill Cogswell; Deanne Autry; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen; Karie Chrisawn's mother; Ruthanna Walsh; John Morrison.

Prayer Request:

By:

Remember donated items for the Boys & Girls Club are appreciated by UMW; see Mary Lou Jessen, Penni Harden, or Marj Schaefer.

A note from the Pastor:

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus our Christ?

I hope your Wyoming summer is going well and you are having time to spend with family and friends. Summer, green, warm, sunny and fleeting...

It seems summer goes by so quickly here in Wyoming. It is a shorter season here than it is back in North Carolina, to be sure. However, it is not as humid and hot either. There are a lot less bugs of many different kinds. Enjoy your summer, but don't neglect to prepare for fall and winter at the same time.

Speaking of fall and winter, we have some programs and changes coming this fall that we are actually working on this summer. One of them is our Campus – Community - Connections outreach program. We are excited to be planning and putting this together. We are planning on reaching out to the High School and College students and their families to offer some unique Connections.

We will be working with different groups and school connections as we establish this outreach ministry.

We feel that families and their children sort of run into a bit of a disconnect when the child goes to pursue their goals beyond high school. We want to try to keep these Community – Campus – Connections alive and connected. We also want to establish connected communications to share resources, rides, special deliveries of things students may need as well as let the student and family know there is support available.

If you want to know more or would like to sit in on a planning session with the CCC team, watch for meeting announcements in the bulletin.

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Readings for the Fifth Sunday after Pentecost, July 9, 2017: Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67 or Zechariah 9:9-12; Psalm 45:10-17 or Psalm 145:8-14; Romans 7:15-25a; Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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AMAZING GRACE (MY CHAINS ARE GONE)

Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch
like me!
I once was lost, but now am found; was blind, but now I see

Verse 2

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my
fears re-lieved;
how pre-cious did that grace ap-pear the hour I first be-
lieved.

Chorus

My chains are gone, I've been set free.
My God, my Sav-ior has ran-somed me.
And like a flood His mercy reigns.
un-end-ing love, a-maz-ing grace.

Verse 3

The Lord has pro-mised good to me His word my hope se-
cures.
He will my shield and portions be, as long as life endures.
(chorus)

Verse 4

The earth shall soon dis-solve like snow; the sun forbear to
shine.
But God who called me here below will be for-ev-er mine
(chorus)