



*If I could fly on the wings of dawn,
stopping to rest only on the far side of the ocean—
even there your hand would guide me;
even there your strong hand would hold me tight!*

— Psalm 139:9-10



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, July 23, 2017 – Seventh 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** “Welcome Holy Spirit/Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” Insert

*** Congregational Hymn of Praise** “I Have Decided to Follow Jesus” TFWS 2129

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 “Spirit of the Living God” UMH 393

***Congregational Hymn of Preparation** “Where the Spirit of the Lord Is” TFWS 2119

Scripture Reading Romans 8:12 - 25 (p. 919) Penni Harden

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

Morning Message “Spirit = Life” Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn** “Take My Life and Let It Be” UMH 399

***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.

Recommended for Devotional Readings

July 30th

Genesis 29:15-28; Psalm 105:1-11, 45b; Romans 8:26-39; Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52

Aug 6th

Genesis 32:22-31; Psalm 17:1-7, 15; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

You are greeted this morning by Pat Norris

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

46 Adults 3 Children

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Keep these dates on your calendar

Today, July 23, after service

UMW sponsors Hot Dogs & Ice Cream, donations accepted

Thursday, Aug 3, 1200

UMW Picnic at Arthur Park

Thursday, Aug 10, 6:30

Finance Meeting

Thursday, Aug 10, 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

Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Carol Ransdell; Doris Christoffersen's daughter, Yvonne Peterson; Sally Peterson; Pastor Jim; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Jack Norris; Larry Fanelli; 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 Christ! I hope and pray your Wyoming summer is going great! I would like to encourage you with some thoughts in this brief note. **In the following I will use the term Church several times and for the purpose of this article it refers not to the building or denomination but to the people who believe in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, The Church.***

As Christians we are called to reach out to others inviting them to become Disciples/Christians and thus to become part of the Church. Belonging to a genuine Church is vital to who we are as believers. (Belonging to a Church is more than just attending when it's convenient). I have heard people say to me several times that they do not have to come to Church to be Christian and maybe this is somewhat true. However, if you are really a believer in Jesus as Lord and Savior, then you should want to be a part of The Church: You should have a longing for believer fellowship.

Yes, as Christians we are commanded to share the good news of the Gospel and indeed it is good news, however, it needs to be good news to us before it can be good news to others. So I encourage you to share the good news and to renew in your heart the good news of God's love in Christ Jesus!

WELCOME, HOLY SPIRIT & WHERE THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS

Welcome Holy Spirit -- We are in your presence
Fill us with your power -- live inside of me.
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Fill us with your power -- Live inside of me.
You're the living water -- Never drying fountain
Comforter and Counselor -- take complete control.
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Where the Spir-it of the Lord is,
There is peace;
Where the Spir-it of the Lord is,
There is love.
There is comfort in life's darkest hour;
There is light and life,
There is help and power in the Spir-it,
In the Spir-it of the Lord.

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