

A photograph of a waterfall cascading over mossy rocks in a forest. The water is white and frothy as it falls, surrounded by lush green foliage and trees. The scene is captured in a long-exposure style, giving the water a soft, ethereal appearance.

ALL OF YOU
WHO ARE THIRSTY,
COME TO THE WATER!

– Isaiah 55:1a

First United Methodist Church

Sunday August 6, 2017 – Ninth 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**

“Alleluia, Alleluia”

UMH 162

*** Congregational Hymn of Praise**

“Freely, Freely”

UMH 389

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Chorus: (Congregation Is Encouraged to Join In) “He Is Exalted”

TFWS 2070

***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

Scripture Reading

Romans 9:1-5 (p. 920)

Madge Venetta

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

Morning Message

“Sorrow?”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

Response to the Word

Holy Communion

Invitation

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord’s Prayer

***Closing Hymn**

“Rescue the Perishing”

UMH 591

***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 the office to ensure someone is here.

Recommended for Devotional Readings

Aug 13th

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28;; Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b; Romans 10:5-15; Matthew 14:22-23

Aug 20th

Genesis 45:1-15; Psalm 133; Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32; Matthew 15:(10-20), 21-28

You are greeted this morning by Mary Lou Henderson

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

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

Pat Norris; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; 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 Jesus!

Welcome to worship here at Rock Springs FUMC! This is the first Sunday thus we will be celebrating Holy Communion. In our faith tradition we invite ALL to receive Holy Communion. ALL are welcome at the Lord's Table!

In the Institution of the Bread and Wine (grape juice for us Methodist), we believe, by a "holy mystery", the elements become the body and blood of Christ. Wesley believed this to be true and called it a "Holy Mystery." In other faith traditions this may be different, however, this is our belief as Methodist.

Wesley believed that Holy Communion was also a "means of Grace." In this he believed that in the receiving Communion one could receive Grace that leads to salvation. This he felt was the work of the Holy Spirit and could not be easily explained, but to believe by faith.

While other faith communities have different views of what we call "sacraments" we as Methodist only observe two sacraments: Holy Communion and Baptism. A sacrament is something the Church honors and performs as was commanded by Jesus. In the New Testament we only find these two things, Communion and Baptism, to have been commanded by Jesus to do other than "to love one another as we have been loved."

Communion is Sacred, a means of Grace and an opportunity to be part of a "Holy Mystery." Thus we should come to the Table in reverence and humility. Not with talking and playfulness. While we are waiting our turn to come and after we receive Communion, it would be a good time to reflect on God's Amazing Grace in Christ Jesus and to pray for each other. When you are served the bread and cup, your response to each element is simply Amen.

So please come and take part in this "Holy Mystery."

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Readings for the Ninth Sunday after Pentecost, August 6, 2017: Genesis 32:22-31 or Isaiah 55:1-5; Psalm 17:1-7, 15 or Psalm 145:8-9, 14-21; Romans 9:1-5; Matthew 14:13-21

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