



Don't be conformed
to the patterns of this world,
but be transformed
by the renewing of your minds
so that you can figure out
what God's will is.

– Romans 12:2

First United Methodist Church
Sunday, August 27, 2017 – Twelfth 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**

“Joy, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

UMH 89

Verses 1 & 4

*** Congregational Hymn of Praise**

“Forward Through the Ages”

UMH 555

Verses 1 & 3

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

Prayer Response

“White As Snow”

Insert

***Congregational Hymn of Preparation**

“O Church of God, United”

UMH 547

Verses 1 & 4

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1-8 (p. 922)

Alma O’Hare

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

Morning Message

“Different, But One”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“They’ll Know We Are Christians by Our Love”

TFWS 2223

***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

Sept 3rd

Exodus 3:1-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45c; Romans 12:9-21; Matthew 16:21-28

Sept 10th

Exodus 12:1-14; Psalm 149 or Psalm 148; Romans 13:8-14; Matthew 18:15-20

You are greeted this morning by Alma O'Hare

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

47 Adults 2 Children

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Aug 31, 7:00 a.m.

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

Thursday, Sept 7, noon

UMW

Saturday, Sept 9, 2 – 4 p.m.

Welcome all to an Open House to Celebrate

Betty DuPape's 90th Birthday, Fellowship Hall

Thursday, Sept 14, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting

Thursday, Sept 14, 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

Margaret Bettolo; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat Norris; Patty Beatty; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Carol Ransdell; Doris Christoffersen's friend Buddy Whitmire; 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 our Christ!

Well, school has resumed and most are settling into the routine that will exist for the next several months. The nights are getting cooler and the days are getting shorter. Change!

We just experienced a full solar eclipse that was spectacular! I am amazed at some of the things related to this that were and are appearing on social media from different people and even some pastors. Things like "this was a sign that God was judging America" and "this marks the beginning of the signs of the end of time." Wow! Some must not have read and studied their bible much. A great deal is said about and related to astronomy and, yes, it is even used to describe the beginning of the end. However, I think it necessary to make a couple of quick corrections. The reoccurring solar events are not the same as the one described to be the signs of the "end of days"! The astrological signs of the "end of days" will be markedly different, unique, and laterally earth shaking. So a reoccurring humanly predictable astrological event is not likely signaling the "end of days" or "the judgement of America." Moving on . . .

The news channels keep us up to date with all the problems in the world and remind us regularly of how desperate and horrible things are. They forecast no future good news. If they do forecast something good in the future they tie it to someone or money in some way or both.

I just want to remind those of us who believe in Jesus as our Lord and Savior that He promised to be with us "always" and to give us "abundant life!" So don't let all of the negativity that seems to be filling every corner of the world draw you in and consume you as well, my fellow believer. God's got it all under control and is in control! We live by faith in God not in what we see, we live by faith in God not mankind, and we have hope that springs eternal no matter what we are going through or what is going on around us. The world desperately needs to hear and know the GOOD NEWS of Jesus the Christ! So let's spread the GOOD NEWS OF REAL HOPE and CHANGE!

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Readings for the Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost, August 27, 2017: Exodus 1:8--2:10 or Isaiah 51:1-6; Psalm 124 or Psalm 138; Romans 12:1-8; Matthew 16:13-20

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Life in USA

WHITE AS SNOW

White as snow,____ White as snow,____

though my sins were as scar-let,

Lord, I know,____ Lord, I know____

that I'm clean and for-giv-en.

Through the pow-er of Your blood,____

through the won-der of Your love,____

Through faith in You I know that I can be____

white as snow.____