

A full moon is visible in the upper center of the image, set against a deep blue twilight sky with scattered clouds. Below the horizon, rolling hills are silhouetted against the fading light. A winding dirt road or path is visible on the right side of the hills, leading into the distance. The overall scene is peaceful and evocative of a quiet night in a rural landscape.

As high as heaven is above the earth,
that's how large God's faithful love is
for those who honor him.

— Psalm 103:11

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, September 17, 2017 – Fifteenth 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

Greeter: Linda Prine

***Congregational Call to Worship**

“Majesty, Worship His Majesty”

UMH 176

*** Congregational Hymn of Praise**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

TFWS 2088

Receiving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory Chorus: (Congregation Is Encouraged to Join In)

Jesus, we just want to thank You (3x), Thank You for being so good.

Jesus, we just want to praise You (3x), Praise You for being so good.

Jesus, we just want to serve You (3x), Serve You for being so good.

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

“He Is Lord”

UMH 177

***Congregational Hymn of Preparation**

“I Am Thine, O Lord”
Verses 1-3

UMH 419

Scripture Reading

Romans 14:1-12 (p. 923)

Linda Prine

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

Morning Message

“Who Is Welcome?”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“Take My Life, and Let It Be”

UMH 399

***Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve Recommended for Devotional Readings**

Postlude

Sue Milligan

Prayer Requests

John Morrison; The Finnell Family, the death of their mother; Larry Finnell; Buddy Whitmire; Margaret Bettolo; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat Norris; Patty Beatty; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Carol Ransdell; 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; 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.

Prayer Request:

By:

Recommended for Devotional Readings

Sept 24th -- Exodus 16:2-15; Psalm 105:1-6, 37-45, or Psalm 78; Philippians 1:21-30; Matthew 20:1-16

Oct 1st -- Exodus 17:1-7; Psalm 78:1-4, 12-16; Philippians 2:1-13; Matthew 21:23-32

A note from the Pastor: Greetings in the name of Jesus our Christ! Peace be unto you in His name, Amen.

As I mentioned briefly in my article a couple weeks ago, over the next few weeks we will be doing some significant visioning, as a church, on several areas. I want to spend a bit more time on this and ask for your prayers, input and thoughts. Before I get into the different areas we will be looking at, I want everyone to know this does not mean things are totally wrong or going bad. It's just time to have a look at and evaluate some ministry areas. If you remember when I came here, this is one of the things I said we would do from time to time. If you noticed, we have been making some subtle changes over the past few months and as we have done this, we have discovered it was time to look a bit further. We have gotten our website up and running and keeping it up to date, we have added microphones, replaced microphones, added other things to our sound system to make it better, and we have changed our bulletin style and size.

Some of the areas we will be looking at are as follows:

Worship – is it time to make some changes? Worship is our first point of real live contact with each other and visitors.

Community – how are we involved in our community or how can we be more involved in our community?

Mission, Outreach, Children and Youth ministry...

If you would like to be part of this Visioning Team or have ideas for us please let me know ASAP. We haven't organized a Team yet but are in the process of doing so thus the reason for this article.

May you have a great week filled with amazing opportunities to serve our Lord and know His peace and blessings!

(*) 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.*

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Lay Leader: Kathy Ellis

Nursery Attendant(s): Nicole France & Lauren Mayer

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.

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

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

42 Adults 2 Children

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Keep these dates on your calendar

Thursday, Sept 21, 7:00 a.m.

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

Thursday, Oct 5, noon

United Methodist Women

Thursday, Oct 12, 6:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting

Thursday, Oct 12, to follow

Administrative Board Meeting

Coffee Hour Clean Up

Volunteer Needed