



**I FORGET ABOUT THE THINGS BEHIND ME  
AND REACH OUT FOR THE THINGS AHEAD OF ME.**

**- PHILIPPIANS 3:13B**



# First United Methodist Church

Sunday, October 8, 2017 – Eighteenth 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: Donna Plemel*

**\*Congregational Call to Worship**

“Rock of My Salvation”

Insert

**\*Congregational Hymn of Praise**

“My Hope Is Built”

UMH 368

### **Receiving of Tithes and Offerings**

**Offertory Chorus: (Congregation Is Encouraged to Join In)**

“More Precious than Silver”

TFWS 2065

**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**

“There’s Something about That Name”

UMH 171

**\*Congregational Hymn of Preparation**

“Lamb of God”

TFWS 2113

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 21:33-46 (p. 803)

Madge Venetta

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

**Morning Message**

“What Did Jesus Just Say?”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

**\*Closing Hymn**

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

UMH 359

**\*Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve**

**Postlude**

Sue Milligan

**Prayer Requests:** Oscar Erickson; Alma O'Hare; Family of Buddy Whitmire; Family of Marlene Tesdal's sister; Kay Womack's sister, Terry Cline; Josh Patterson; Nancy McConnell; John Morrison; Larry Finnell; Margaret Bettolo; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat & Jack 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; 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.

Prayer Request:

By:

**Recommended for Devotional Readings:**

*Oct 15<sup>th</sup> – Exodus 32:1-14; Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23; Philippians 4:1-9; Matthew 22:1-14*

*Oct 22<sup>nd</sup> – Exodus 33:12-23; Psalm 99; 1 Thessalonians 1:1-10; Matthew 22:15-22*

**A note from the Pastor:** *Greetings in the name of Jesus! Peace and blessings.*

*As I sit down at the computer to write this note I have to admit it is with a heart heavy laden.*

*The details, numbers, motives and more concerning the shooting in Las Vegas are still unfolding. So far over fifty people were killed and over five hundred are injured.*

*The news of the devastation from hurricanes is still unfolding and it only seems to be getting worse. We hear of what our government should do to aid these areas and YES, we should help in every way we can, however, I have heard no news of insurance companies coming to the aid of their customers.*

*Protesters fill our streets, hate speech fills the air, and now even the flag of our nation and our national anthem, which have stood for freedom and liberty for all, seem to be a source of offence to some. Yet it is the government protected constitutional freedom they are deploying in protest that these two national symbols represent.*

*I look a bit closer and see these are great tragedies to be sure and I see in them the clear, handy work of Satan. Never miss using good tragedy to stir up hatred and division.*

*However, if you take an even deeper second look at all of this, as tragic as it truly is, you can also see God at work in and through wonderful people. People risking their very lives and careers to get involved to make a difference.*

*I truly wish the main stream media would give us a few more of these encouraging examples to help people see there is hope for humanity. I would encourage you to look deeper to see, while it is tragic, that good is being done, lives are being changed, and God's grace is being spread! I encourage all of us to be in prayer and fasting for God's love and grace to be what people accept as hope in the midst of what seems like hopelessness. For where God is there is HOPE!*

*Prayerfully, Pastor Jim*

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

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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.*

**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**

44 Adults 4 Children

**LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH**

**Keep these dates on your calendar**

Thursday, Oct 12, 7:00 a.m.

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School

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

Finance Meeting

Thursday, Oct 12, to follow

Administrative Board Meeting

Thursday, Nov 2, noon

United Methodist Women

Coffee Hour Clean Up

Volunteer Needed

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Readings for the Eighteenth Sunday After Pentecost, October 8, 2017: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20;  
Psalm 19; Philippians 3:4b-14; Matthew 21:33-46

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## **ROCK OF MY SALVATION**

You are the Rock of my sal-va-tion,

You are the strength of my life,

You are my hope and my in-spir-a-tion,

Lord, un-to You will I cry.

I be-lieve in You, be-lieve in You,

For Your faith-ful love to me,

You have been my help in time of need;

Lord, Unto to You will I cleave.

(Repeat ending)

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