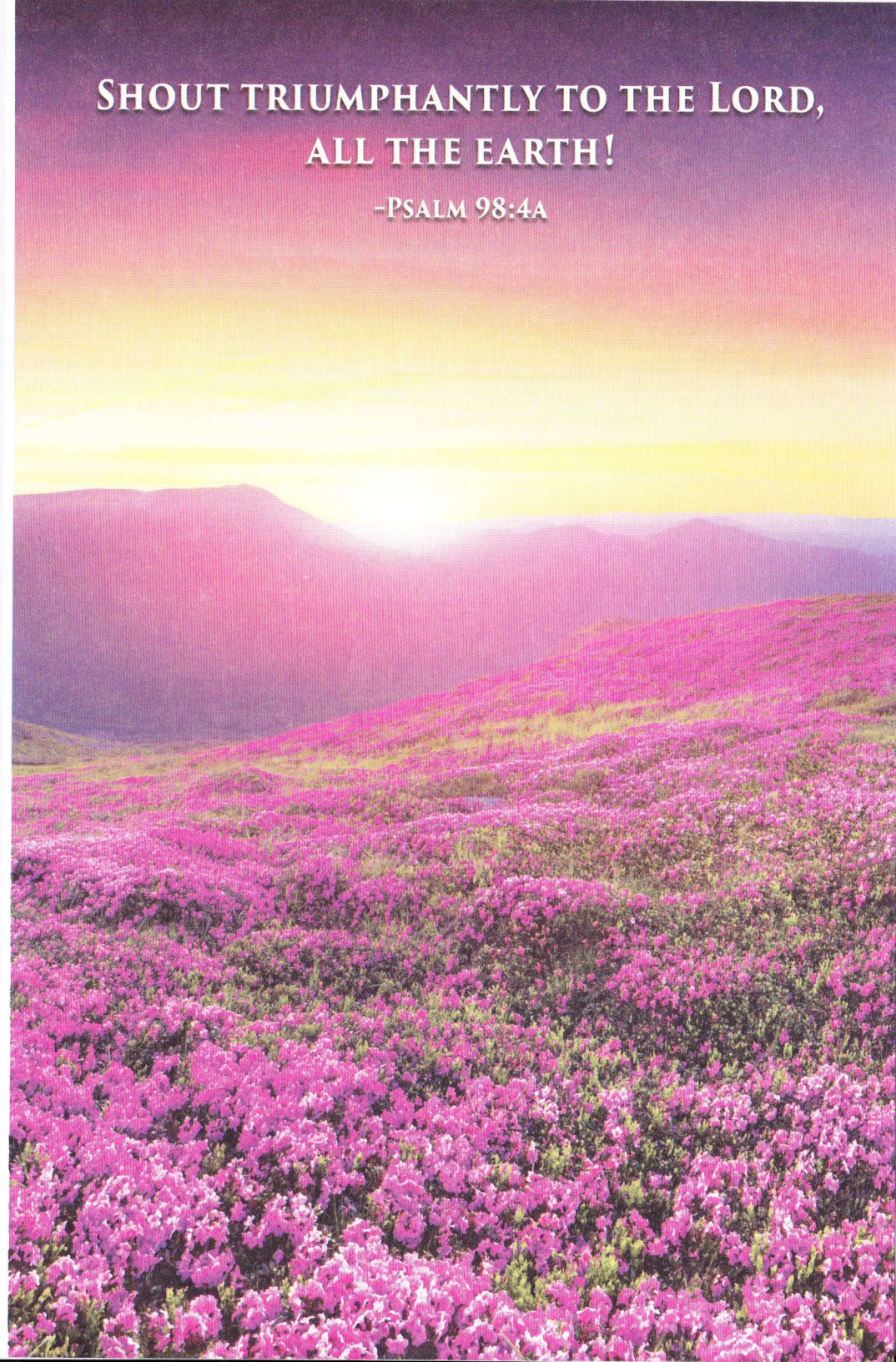


SHOUT TRIUMPHANTLY TO THE LORD,
ALL THE EARTH!

-PSALM 98:4A



First United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 6, 2018 – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Our Statement of Faith: Jesus, Our Rock of Salvation, Our Life Springs Eternal

Faith Theme 2018

**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		Svetlana Martin
Welcome and Announcements		
<i>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!</i>		
	Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin	Greeter: Cherie Rannells
* Call to Worship	"He Lives"	UMH 310
*Hymn of Praise	"Be Thou My Vision"	UMH 451
Receiving of Tithes and Offerings		
Doxology	"Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow"	UMH 95
Passing the Peace of Christ		
Children's Time		
Joys and Concerns		
A Time of Prayer – Silent Prayer—Congregational Prayer		
Scripture Reading	1 John 5:1-6 (p. 991)	Madge Venetta
The Word of God for the People of God: The People Respond "Thanks Be to God!"		
Morning Message	"The Love of God?"	Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn
Response to the Word		
Holy Communion (During Communion we will sing One Bread One Body)		UMH 620
Invitation		UMH 12
The Great Thanksgiving		UMH 13
The Lord's Prayer		
*Closing Hymn	"It Is Well with My Soul"	UMH 377
*Parting Blessing: Leaving to Serve		
Postlude		Svetlana Martin

Prayer Requests: Nancy DeBernardi; Harold "Butch" Tomjack; Linda DeBernardi; Norman Johnson; Raif Nettik; Family of Jerry Rannells; Joel Barbour; Kay Womack's sister, Terry; Rose Zupence; Margaret Bettolo & her cousin, Marcella Romero; Becky Morrison; Larry Garcia; Gail Webb; Don Hofeldt; Penny Hardin's husband, Jim; Carol Ransdell; Ruby Macy; Madge Venetta's granddaughter, Arianna; Alma O'Hare; Josh Patterson; Larry Finnell; Mindy Sheckler's niece; Pat & Jack Norris; Patty Beatty; Patrice Noel; Debbie Sparby; Dennis Doncaster's sister, Sister Diana; Cathy Georgis' brother-in-law, Todd Ludeman; Pastor Jim, and his uncle, Marshall, sister, Judy, & aunt, Mona; Rusty Dickson; Bill McGarvey; Tom McCutcheon; Mallory Rosetti Gardner; June Wittman; Fred & Isaac Wittman; Rhonda Wheeler; Renee Bustos' father, Bill Cogswell; Gene Lane; Keelan Schupman; Jackie Hansen; Karie Chrisawn's mother.

Prayer Request:

By:

Recommended for Devotional Readings:

May 13th – Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9013; John 17:6-19

May 20th - Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 8:22-27; John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

Greetings from Pastor Jim!

On behalf of the Church here at Rock Springs Methodist Church, we would like to welcome you to our service. This welcome is for regulars and visitors alike. We know that there are many things you could have chosen to do with your Sunday morning, however, we are ever grateful you decided to join us as we worship and fellowship together sharing our faith journey. Amen!

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Pastor: Rev. Jimmy R. Chrisawn

Christian Education: Karie Chrisawn

Lay Leader: Kathy Ellis

Nursery Attendant(s): Nicole France & Lauren Mayer

Sunday Morning Worship: 10:30 a.m.

Please call the office to ensure someone is here.

(*) 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.

General Information/Opportunities/Upcoming

Sunday School for Adults, 9:00 a.m. (*Live on facebook.com/rockspringsunitedmethodist*)

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.

By The Numbers

Attendance Last Sunday

56 Adults 5 Children

Weekly Budget

\$ 2,846.00

Apr 27th Generous Undesignated Giving

\$ 1,469.00

Life Group/Community Outreach

Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.

"Conversations In Faith", at the church

Thursday, May 10, 7:15 a.m.

Prayer at the flagpole, RS High School, All invited

Facebook Schedule

Sundays, 9:00 a.m.

Adult Sunday School

Thursdays, 10:00 a.m.

"Thursday Theological Reflections"

Fridays, 8:00 p.m.

"Friday Evening Fireside Faith Chat"

Upcoming dates for your calendar

Wednesday, May 9, 5:30 p.m.

Music practice, All invited

Thursday, May 10, noon

United Methodist Women, All women invited

Thursday, May 10 6:30 p.m.

Finance Meeting

Thursday, May 10, to follow

Administrative Board Meeting

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

6 May 2018

Greetings in the Holy and Sacred name of our Risen Lord and Savior Jesus the Christ!

Let us resume where we left off last week: the NT then is rooted in the OT and as such it is necessary for the Church to not only be knowledgeable of the NT but of the OT as well.

The Church was off and running. Meeting in people's homes and gathering in mostly small groups. Central to what they would do was share scripture. This would have been primarily readings from the Old Testament. Then, the Apostles and Luke began writing letters to different groups and to different people. Often these letters would get passed around and read at other places different from the original recipient. These early letters circulated and began to have drastic effects on the early Church as they were from the very hand of followers of Jesus, with the exception of Paul, who became converted and called by Jesus to be number twelve. (More on this in a later series).

As the Apostles died, one by one, their letters became very valuable to this early and growing movement later called Christianity. It would be about three hundred years before all the scriptures used by the early Church would be assembled, sorted, validated, and a canon of sacred writing would be formalized. The Bible we have today is the end result of the early Church fathers' dedication and spiritual leadership.