



Clap your hands,
all you people!
Shout joyfully to God
with a joyous shout!

– Psalm 47:1

First United Methodist Church

Sunday, May 13, 2018 – Seventh Sunday of Easter

Mother's Day

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

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!

Acolyte: Nicholas Griffin

Greeter:

Margo Clark

***Call to Worship**

“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

TFWS 2088

***Hymn of Praise**

“My Life Is In You Lord”

TFWS 2032

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

*** Hymn of Preparation**

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

TFWS 2173

Scripture Reading Acts 1:1-11 Ephesians 1:15-23 (p884and p.949)

Karie Chrisawn

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

Morning Message

“Ascension And Prayer”

Rev. Jimmy Chrisawn

***Closing Hymn**

“Just A Closer Walk With Thee”

TFWS 2158

***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 20th – Acts 2:1-21; Psalm 104:24-34, 35b; Romans 3:22-27; John 15:26-27, 16:4b-15

May 27th – Isaiah 6:1-8; Psalm 29; Romans 8:12-17; John 3:1-17

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.

Church office Hours: 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Monday through Friday

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, Rock Springs First United Methodist Church*)

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 54 Adults 4 Children

Weekly Budget \$ 2,846.00

May 6th Generous Undesignated Giving \$ 2,716.00

LIFE GROUP/COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Wednesdays, 3:00 p.m.

"Conversations In Faith", at the church

Thursday, May 17, 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 16, 5:30 p.m.

Music practice, All invited

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

Finance Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 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.

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

I want to depart for this week from my series on the early church and instead turn my attention to the holiday(s) that happen this Sunday. It's a dual holiday this Sunday, Mother's Day and ascension Sunday.

Let's look first at ascension Sunday. Read Acts 1 and you will find the scripture on which this is based. Jesus ascends right before their very eyes. As they stand gazing angels give them the word. That as Jesus ascended in the same manner He will return. In this we find our promise of the return of Jesus. We can also find this in the words of Jesus himself found in John 14. This is significant! Only we, as Christians, have the promise of the return of our savior!

Let's move now to Mother's Day.

Mother's Day seeks to honor and give special recognition to all mother's. Here I want to make a bit of a distinction. Being a mother or for that matter being a father is not a given just because you gave biological birth. You see being a mother is far more than just giving birth. So, I guess here it seems that being a mother is not predicated on giving birth alone. Yes, it is the way it should be, however so many times in the world we live in today it not so cut and dried.

A mother then might be seen a person that puts the welfare and wellbeing of a child or youth as their priority in love! To sacrifice and give of themselves to see the child is loved, cared for, supported, challenged, disciplined, educated, given opportunities, encouraged to do their best, to model for them the role of a mother and most importantly to do all they can so that the child can grow in God's love and power. You see a mother might come to be the child's friend later in life but not so much as the child is being raised. A mother is so much more than a friend and the child is not the equal in the relationship until much later in development.

Thus, today we honor all women who have given of themselves in love to see a child or children are loved, cared for, challenged, disciplined, taught, and supported into becoming all they can be in God's love!