

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Tenth Sunday After Pentecost - August 9, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*.....Laura Crawford, violin
Duane Funderburk John-Henry Crawford, cello
E. Ray Peebles, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME & GREETING.....Dr. David Hobson

CALL TO WORSHIP & INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“God of Love and God of Power”.....No. 578

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Dr. David Hobson

BAPTISM..... Mae Olympia Johnston.....No. 39, Dr. Pat Day
presented by her parents Mr. & Mrs. Marshall Owen Johnston

Congregational Response: With God’s help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround these persons with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their service to others. We will pray for them that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Dolce*.....John-Henry Crawford, cello
[A soft meditation] E. Ray Peebles, organ
Jean-Charles Gandrille

† SCRIPTURE READING.....Numbers 27:12-23.....Dr. Ashley Goad
See scripture reading on Text Page

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† GLORIA PATRI

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost,
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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JOYS & CONCERNS.....Dr. Pat Day

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD’S PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. ✠ Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. ✠ Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. ✠ And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. ✠ For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE.....*Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*.....Wesleyans
George Whelpton

† OFFERTORY PRAYERDr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*A Gaelic Blessing*..... Wesleyans
John Rutter Laura Crawford, violin
John-Henry Crawford, cello

† DoxologyNo. 94
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,
whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!*

SCRIPTURE READING.....Joshua 1:1-9.....Dr. Pat Day
See scripture reading on Text Page

MESSAGE.....**THE COURAGE TO MOVE FORWARD**.....Dr. Pat Day

I. First, Joshua was a man of uncompromising devotion and obedience to God.

II. Second, Joshua was a man of great courage.

III. Third, Joshua was a man who was decisive.

IV. Fourth, Joshua was a man of dogged determination.

V. Finally, Joshua was a man who lived for the next generation.

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“God of Grace and God of Glory”.....No. 577
(During the singing of this hymn, those who wish to join the First Methodist family are invited to come to the front of the church for reception and recognition.)

BENEDICTIONDr. Pat Day

SENDING FORTH.....*Amen*.....Wesleyans

John Rutter Laura Crawford, violin

John-Henry Crawford, cello

POSTLUDE.....“*Fugue-Finale*” from.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Partita on Saint Anne

arr. Paul Manz

There will be a Called Charge Conference of the Church Council today at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to vote on Maddie Russo as she continues toward becoming a certified candidate in the United Methodist Church. She has already met with the Staff-Parish Relations Committee and the Executive Team but there must be a vote by the Church Council.

Hymn of Praise No. 578
“God of Love and God of Power”

God of love and God of power, grant us in this burning hour
Grace to ask these gifts of thee, daring hearts and spirits free.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

We are not the first to be banished by our fears from thee;
Give us courage, let us hear heaven’s trumpets ringing clear.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

All our lives belong to thee, thou our final loyalty;
Slaves are we whene’er we share that devotion anywhere.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

God of love and God of power, make us worthy of this hour;
Offering lives if it’s thy will, keeping free our spirits still.
God of love and God of power, thou hast called us for this hour.

Hymn of Invitation No. 577
“God of Grace and God of Glory”

God of grace and God of glory,
on the people pour thy power;
Crown thine ancient church's story,
bring her bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us
scorn thy Christ, assail his ways!
Fears and doubts too long have bound us;
free our hearts to work and praise.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
for the living of these days,
For the living of these days.

Cure thy children's warring madness,
bend our pride to thy control;
Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,
rich in things and poor in soul.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal,
Lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation
to the evils we deplore;
Let the search for thy salvation
be our glory evermore.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
serving thee whom we adore,
Serving thee whom we adore.

Affirmation of Faith

No. 881

I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Numbers 27:12-23

Joshua to Succeed Moses

Then the Lord said to Moses, “Go up this mountain in the Abarim Range and see the land I have given the Israelites. After you have seen it, you too will be gathered to your people, as your brother Aaron was, for when the community rebelled at the waters in the Desert of Zin, both of you disobeyed my command to honor me as holy before their eyes.” (These were the waters of Meribah Kadesh, in the Desert of Zin.)

Moses said to the Lord, “May the Lord, the God who gives breath to all living things, appoint someone over this community to go out and come in before them, one who will lead them out and bring them in, so the Lord’s people will not be like sheep without a shepherd.”

So the Lord said to Moses, “Take Joshua son of Nun, a man in whom is the spirit of leadership,[a] and lay your hand on him. Have him stand before Eleazar the priest and the entire assembly and commission him in their presence. Give him some of your authority so the whole Israelite community will obey him. He is to stand before Eleazar the priest, who will obtain decisions for him by inquiring of the Urim before the Lord. At his command he and the entire community of the Israelites will go out, and at his command they will come in.”

Moses did as the Lord commanded him. He took Joshua and had him stand before Eleazar the priest and the whole assembly. Then he laid his hands on him and commissioned him, as the Lord instructed through Moses.

Joshua 1:1-9

Joshua Installed as Leader

After the death of Moses the servant of the Lord, the Lord said to Joshua son of Nun, Moses' aide: "Moses my servant is dead. Now then, you and all these people, get ready to cross the Jordan River into the land I am about to give to them—to the Israelites. I will give you every place where you set your foot, as I promised Moses. Your territory will extend from the desert to Lebanon, and from the great river, the Euphrates—all the Hittite country—to the Mediterranean Sea in the west. No one will be able to stand against you all the days of your life. As I was with Moses, so I will be with you; I will never leave you nor forsake you. Be strong and courageous, because you will lead these people to inherit the land I swore to their ancestors to give them.

"Be strong and very courageous. Be careful to obey all the law my servant Moses gave you; do not turn from it to the right or to the left, that you may be successful wherever you go. Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous and successful.

Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go."