

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Celebration of Worship – *Twentieth Sunday After Pentecost - October 18, 2020*

PRELUDE.....*Duo in C Major*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
Jean Sibelius Julia Clancy, viola

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

INVOCATION.....Dr. David Hobson

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP.....*Praise We Sing to Thee*.....Men's Ensemble
Franz Joseph Haydn/
arr. Morten Luvaas

† HYMN OF PRAISE.....“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”.....No. 67

† AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....No. 881.....Debby Williams

BAPTISM.....Pierce Anthony LeBlanc.....No. 39, Dr. Day
presented by his parents Mr. & Mrs. Scott Anthony LeBlanc

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.....“Air” from *Suite in D*.....Elizabeth Beck, violin
Johann Sebastian Bach Julia Clancy, viola
E. Ray Peebles, organ

† SCRIPTURE READING.....I Peter 5:5-11.....Debby Williams
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.....Amen..... Men’s Ensemble

Philip Baker

† OFFERTORY PRAYER.....Dr. Ashley Goad

MUSICAL OFFERING.....*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*.....Men’s Ensemble

arr. Jack Schrader

Robert Cruz, piano

† 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.....Ephesians 6:13-18.....Dr. Pat Day

See scripture reading on Text Page

I. The first part of our equipment we are to put on is the **belt of truth**.
(vs. 14)

II. The second part of our equipment we are to put on is the **breastplate of righteousness**. (vs. 14)

III. The third part of our equipment we are to put on is our **shoes**. (vs. 15)

IV. The fourth part of our equipment is our **shield and helmet**. (vs. 16,17a)

V. The final part of our equipment is the **sword of the Spirit**. (vs. 17b)

† *HYMN OF INVITATION.....“Be Thou My Vision”.....See text insert
(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.....*Shalom to You*.....Men's Ensemble

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

POSTLUDE.....*Fugue á la Gigue*.....E. Ray Peebles, organ

Johann Sebastian Bach

† *Those who are able may stand.* ‡ *Latecomers may be seated at these times.*

The next Church Council meeting will be held today, Sunday, October 18th at 12 noon in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is to approve the Nominating Committee Report for 2021 and receive a Pastor's Report from Dr. Day. Look forward to seeing you there!

Hymn of Praise No. 67
“We, Thy People, Praise Thee”

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

Days of wonder, days of beauty, days of rapture filled with light
Tell thy goodness, tell thy mercies, tell thy glorious might.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, God of every nation!
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, Lord of Hosts eternal!

For thy blessings, for thy bounty, joyful songs to thee we sing,
Songs of glory, songs of triumph to our God and King.
We, thy people, praise thee, praise thee, praise thee evermore!

Hymn of Invitation “Be Thou My Vision”

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art.
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou and thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
Thou my whole armor, be thou my true might;
Thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tow'r:
Raise thou me heavenward, great pow'r of my pow'r.

Great God of Heaven, my victory won,
May I reach Heaven's joys, O bright Heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

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.

I Peter 5:5-11

In the same way, you who are younger, submit yourselves to your elders. All of you, clothe yourselves with humility toward one another, because,

“God opposes the proud
but shows favor to the humble.”

Humble yourselves, therefore, under God’s mighty hand, that he may lift you up in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour. Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings.

And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

Ephesians 6:13-18

Therefore put on the full armor of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand. Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.