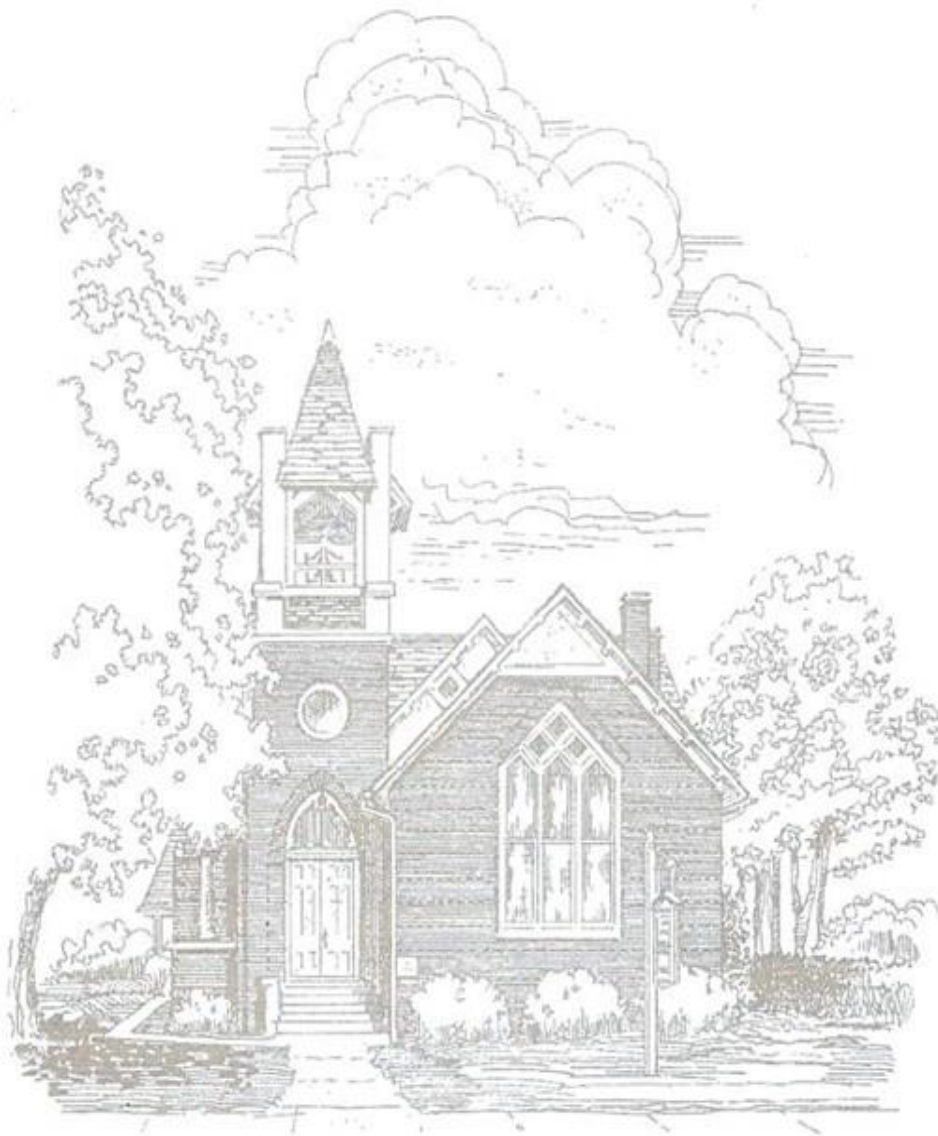


"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."
Thomas a Kempis



First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

April 9, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

(Please prepare for worship through prayer and silent meditation.)

CHORAL INTROIT

Hallelujah! What a Savior

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

The way has been prepared.

For the crowds, it is the way of celebration.

For Jesus, it is the way of completion.

Amid shouts and waving palm branches, he comes into the Holy City.

Open your hearts this day to receive the Savior.

We open wide our hearts and spirits to receive Jesus the Christ.

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Lord of abundant pardon and mercy, be with us this day as we parade through the Jerusalem gates, wanting the reign of God to be established immediately in the hearts of all people. Make us aware that fear and anger are powerful motivators for evil. Open our hearts to the words of Jesus, that we might find courage and healing for all our burdens. In his name, we pray. **AMEN.**

*PASS THE PEACE

*HYMN No. 278

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

OFFERTORY PRAYER

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING No. 95

The Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise him, all creatures here below;

Praise him above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*HYMN No. 277

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

ANTHEM

The King Shall Come

CHILDREN'S TIME

Judy Walsh

(Following this part of the service, preschool children may go to the nursery, and children in grades K-6 may go to Creation Station.)

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:1-11

When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them, "Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, 'The Lord needs them.' And he will send them immediately."

This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, "Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey."

The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

"Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest heaven!"

When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking, "Who is this?" The crowds were saying, "This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee."

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Beginning of a Revolution
Reverend Scott Wilks

*APOSTLE'S CREED No. 881

*HYMN No. 280, Vs. 1, 4, 5

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

(Following the Benediction, please greet one another with joy and affection.)

*POSTLUDE

*Please stand as you may be able.

Items in **BOLD** are unison.

CALENDAR/EVENTS

Holy Week Services: Monday, April 10-Friday, April 14. Light lunch provided by the UMW at 12:00 pm followed by a short service at 12:30 pm.

Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

UMM: Second Saturday of the month at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

UMW: Second Thursday of the month at noon in the Fellowship Hall. This month falls during Holy Week. The UMW will serve a light lunch M-F of this week at noon. Lunch is free, but donations would be appreciated.

DISTRICT UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RETREAT: Theme-Day Apart; April 22; Camp Ahistadi, near Damascus; cost is \$10 and includes lunch. Registration begins at 9:30am and meeting officially runs through lunch but the camp has been reserved for all day so stay as long as you want. The 2017 District Hands on Project is Bristol Recovery Road for Women, a program that helps women transition from incarceration back into society. In support of this program, we are asked to bring the following items: tampons, shampoo, conditioner, bath soap, body wash, hand soap, lotion, dishwashing detergent, laundry detergent, toilet paper, paper towels, Clorox wipes. Please bring any that you can; our unit will combine a box. Reservations must be mailed by April 15th; signup sheet is on the bulletin board in the hallway or call Sharon at (352) 817-3876. We will carpool and leave the church at 9:00am.

LIKE US ON FACEBOOK

United Methodist Youth Group: Wednesdays at 6:30 p.m.

Unique Boutique: Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and Saturdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m.

NOTICES

Large Print Hymnals are available. If you would like to use one, please notify an usher.

Pastor Scott can be found on Facebook, (540) 818-9155, or parsonwilks@gmail.com.

Please silence your **Electronic Device** during the service out of respect for others.

The **Telephone** number for the church is (423) 727-7554 and the parsonage is (423) 727-7572.

VOLUNTEER SCHEDULE

Date	Coffee	Greeters	Children's Sermon	Children's Church	Bulletin Board
04/02	Holder	Perry/W. Smith	Communion	Pennington	Angel Easter & Spring
04/09	Bellamy/B. Smith	Winningham	J. Walsh	K. Walsh	
04/16	Worley	McGee	Gill	Payne	
04/23	Glenn	Hall	Wilks	Leigh	
04/30	Wright	Littlejohn	Fifth Sunday	Peake	