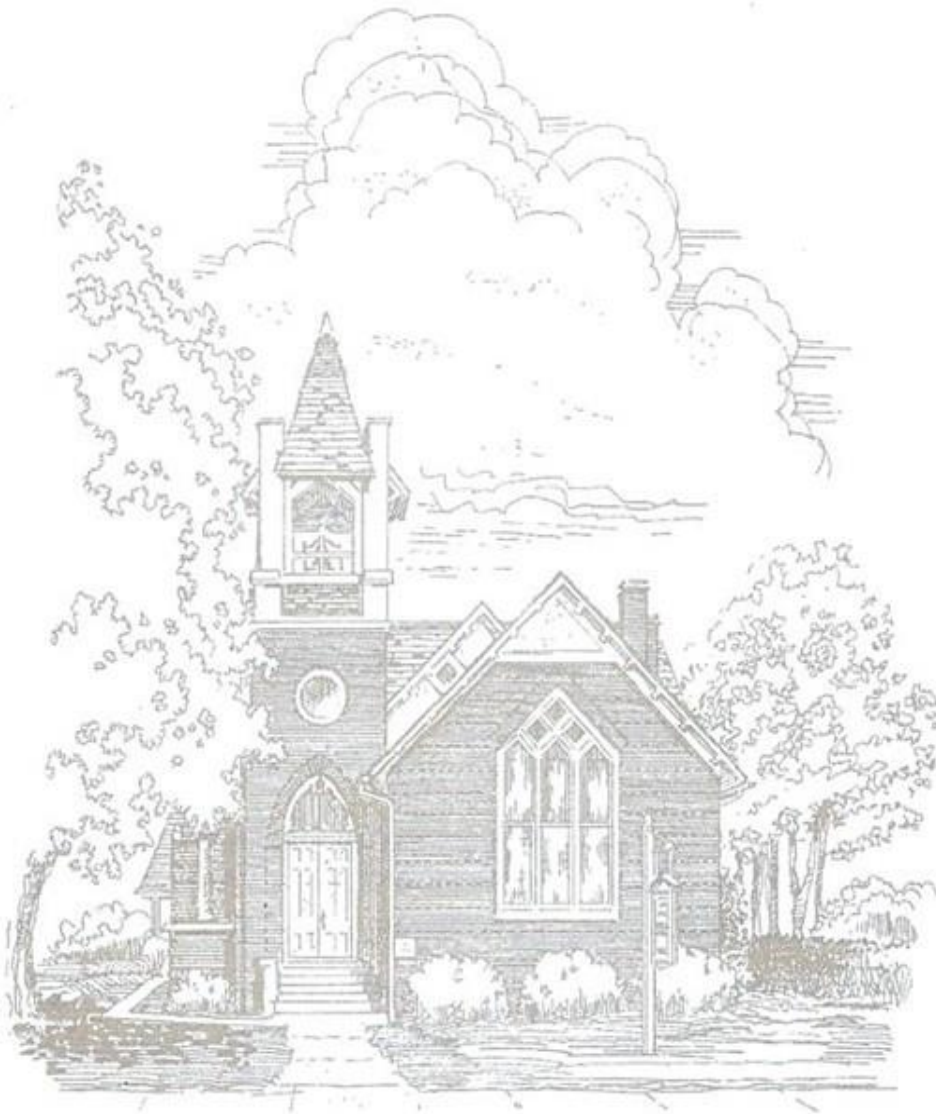


*"Let therefore our chief study be to meditate upon the life of Jesus Christ."*  
Thomas a Kempis



# First United Methodist Church

128 NORTH CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN CITY, TENNESSEE

August 13, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

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

CHORAL INTROIT

Oh God in Heaven

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Here, in this place, God welcomes all the dreamers, as well as the doubters:

**here, the worriers and wanderers can call on God by name.**

Here, in this time, we can remember all the ways God has graced us:

**here, in these moments, we are reminded that God is with us, always!**

Here are gathered those daring enough to step out of comfort into the unknown:

**here, in this faith space, we will find the courage to cry out, 'God, save us!' in every situation.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let us pray:

Through the storms of life, O God, you are with your people in the person of Jesus your Son. Calm our fears and strengthen our faith that we may never doubt his presence among us but proclaim that he is your Son, risen from the dead, living for ever and ever. **Amen.**

\*HYMN No. 139, Vs. 1, 3, 5

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

CHILDREN'S SERMON

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.)

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace/Pachelbel's Cannon  
Chancel Choir

\*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. 141

Children of the heavenly Father

PRAYERS AND CONCERNS OF THE PEOPLE

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Genesis 37:1-4: Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob.

Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Genesis 37:12-28: Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron.

He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it.

Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

The word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Cost of Dreaming

Rev. Scott Wilks

\*HYMN No. 138, Vs. 1, 6

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

\*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

**The Liturgical Dance Team** will meet in the fellowship hall Wed., August 9th from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. The class is open to all children ages 5-13. Addie Bobbitt, who has led in liturgical dance for many years, is our instructor and encourages children to join in this beautiful addition to our worship!

**Al-anon** will meet on Sept. 12 at the 1st Christian Church from 12:00 to 1:00 AND in the evening from 6:00 to 7:00. See handouts at church entrance or Ann Perry for further information.

**Trunk or Treat** will be held on Halloween night — Tuesday, Oct. 31. Please consider participating in this community outreach. On that night Church Street becomes alive with the cutest little costumed cherubs, giving our church a potentially wonderful meet and greet in a festive atmosphere.

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

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

**Unique Boutique:** Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month 10 a.m.–2 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.

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### 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
8/06	Heerschap	McGee	Communion	Pennington	Bell & Gildea
8/13		Littlejohn	Walsh	Angel	
8/20	Payne		Payne	Bontrager	
8/27	Angel	Holder	Wilks	Tierney	