



First United Methodist Church
 128 North Church Street
 Mountain City, Tennessee

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

OCTOBER 8, 2017

JOYS AND CELEBRATIONS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE

(Please prepare for worship through prayer and silent meditation)

CHORAL INTROIT

O God in Heaven
 Chancel Choir

CALL TO WORSHIP (Responsive)

Here we are Lord!
 We believe in your power to change us;
 Your creating power making relationships new,
 Your redeeming power saving us from despair,
 Your sustaining power giving us courage and strength.

**In this hour, as we sing and pray and listen together,
 We open ourselves to the seismic power of your kingdom,
 Changing our hearts, our lives and our world.**

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Let's pray: God of grace, we are a people gathered together in your name. In your name we pray, we sing, in your company we find peace. Bless each person who has come today with the knowledge that they are heard. Help us to hear your call to freedom ringing out over all the earth. **Amen.**

*HYMN

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
 UMH 103, Vs. 1, 2, 4

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

OFFERTORY

*DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

The Doxology UMH 95

*HYMN

Sweet Hour of Prayer
 UMH 496

ANTHEM

Sing Hallelujah to the Lord
King of Kings
 Chancel Choir

(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

Matthew 25:31-40

"When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

"Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.'

"Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?'

"And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.'"

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to god.

SERMON

Lord, When?
 Charles Hutchins

*HYMN *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
UMH 133

*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.

GUEST SPEAKER: CHARLES HUTCHINS

Position: Vice President, Development and Church Relations at Holston Home for Children



Charles has had a long and productive career in the ministry and social welfare fields. From 1959-1973 he served as Director of Professional Services and Associate Executive Director of Holston Home. During those years he led the agency from being a traditional children's home to a multi-service agency providing both residential and family-based care.

From 1973 to 1994 he provided executive leadership of Epworth Children's Home in Columbia, South Carolina - serving first as Associate Executive Director and then as president and CEO. During those years he gained national recognition across the Health and Welfare Ministries of the United Methodist Church.

Upon retiring from Epworth Charles returned to Holston Home, working with the Development Department. In 1999 he was appointed Vice-President of Development and Church Relations. His performance in this position gained him national recognition again as the Development Director of the Year (2005) for the United Methodist Association.

Charles is an ordained deacon in the United Methodist Church. He has served on a number of committees in the Holston and South Carolina

Conferences of the UM Church and as a delegate to General and Jurisdictional Conferences, and is a board member of the General Board of Discipleship. In 2004 he was appointed by the governor to serve on the Tennessee Commission on Children and Youth.

CALENDAR/EVENTS

AL-ANON meets Tuesdays at noon and 6 p.m. at First Christian Church. AL-ANON is a support program for family and friends of people with addictions. See Addie Bobbitt or Anne Perry for more information.

CHOIR REHEARSAL: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m.

CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP SERVICE: Sunday at 6:00 pm.

FIND AND LIKE US ON FACEBOOK!

LITURGICAL DANCE: Wednesdays at 4:30 p.m.

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 10:00 a.m. every Sunday morning!

THE FALL BAZAAR is scheduled for October 28 (the 4th Saturday in Oct.). Please plan to participate/contribute in any way you can. Please sign up on one or more lists on the front bulletin board. —Wanda Payne

TRUNK OR TREAT will be held on Halloween night — Tuesday, Oct. 31. Please consider participating in this community outreach. —Carol Huff

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.

UNIQUE BOUTIQUE: Open Wednesdays 10 a.m.–2 p.m. and the first Saturday of the month 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 via Facebook, phone (540) 818-9155, or email 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
10/01	Wright	McGee	Communion	Pennington	Sep – Nov Payne Bazaar/ Thanksgiving
10/08	Walsh	Littlejohn	Fortune	Leigh	
10/15	Gill	Cook/Tugman	Gill	Worley	
10/22	Heerschap	Holder	Wilks	Angel	
10/29	Littlejohn	Bobbitt/Sijthoff	Fifth Sunday	Peake	