



FIRST UNITED  
METHODIST CHURCH  
NOVEMBER 22, 2020



Joys and Celebrations

Chimes of the Trinity and Prelude

Call to Worship (Responsive)

Leader: We come, for God gathers us here, with that community called faith:

**People: where the hungry are served first, where the thirsty drink life's water.**

Leader: We come, for God welcomes us here into that home called grace:

**People: where the naked are clothed in robes of hope; where the stranger is embraced as the long-lost prodigal.**

Leader: We come, for God reunites us here, sisters and brothers in that family called love:

**People: where the imprisoned model justice, where the sick are cradled in God's peace.  
Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Words of Welcome

Apostle's Creed (Unison)

**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.**

Special Music

Prayer Concerns and Praises

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (Responsive)

**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.**

Scripture

Matthew 25:31-46

<sup>31</sup>"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. <sup>32</sup>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, <sup>33</sup>and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. <sup>34</sup>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; <sup>35</sup>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, <sup>36</sup>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.' <sup>37</sup>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? <sup>38</sup>And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? <sup>39</sup>And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' <sup>40</sup>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.'

<sup>41</sup>"Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; <sup>42</sup>for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, <sup>43</sup>I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' <sup>44</sup>Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' <sup>45</sup>Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' <sup>46</sup>And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

Sermon

the big theological surprise

Don Morris

Closing Prayer

Dismissal with Blessing

Postlude

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

THANKSGIVING BAGS ARE DUE ON NOV. 22 by church time. You may also drop them off at the Fellowship Hall between 10 & 2. Neil Holder & the Winningshams will be on hand to assist you. If you need more information, please contact Wanda Payne.

There will be IN-CHURCH worship for both churches. Trade at 9:30 am and First at 11:00 am. For both wear a mask and use social distancing. Trade enter front door, and First enter by side door.

FREE ONLINE GIVING WEBSITE: Holston Conference is offering a FREE online giving website. To help out the local churches the Conference is paying the fees, so 100% of your donation goes to your church. Just go to the website and input your information. To find our churches: Select "Three Rivers" from the district drop down menu, and then find our churches on the church listing. Thank you for your faithfulness.

NOTE: <https://holston-reg.brtapp.com/ChurchOffering>

#### ONLINE — WORSHIP AND BIBLE STUDY

- You can watch the Sunday services and Bible study episodes on the church websites: [www.mountaincitymethodist.org](http://www.mountaincitymethodist.org) or [www.trademethodist.org](http://www.trademethodist.org)
- Facebook: [www.facebook.com/pg/First-United-Methodist-Church-Mountain-City-1035543746459235/videos/?ref=page\\_internal](https://www.facebook.com/pg/First-United-Methodist-Church-Mountain-City-1035543746459235/videos/?ref=page_internal)
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#### NOTICES

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