

First United Methodist Church

Pastor Chris Hardy



October 7, 2018
World Communion Sunday
Sermon Series: The Monsters We Harbor
Worship 11:00

Greeting & Announcements

Gathering Meditation

"If I am the chief of sinners, I am the chief of sufferers also."
- Dr. Jekyll, *The Strange Case of Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*
by Robert Louis Stevenson

Prelude & Lighting of the Candles

*God of life, come to us now. Still our minds so that we may hear
your Word. Amen.*

***Call to Worship**

Leader: "Come to me," Jesus invites.

People: We come to you.

Leader: "Come to me, if you are tired."

People: We come to you.

Leader: "Come to me, if you carry burdens."

People: We come to you.

***Hymn**

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

#384

***Opening Prayer**

Like an oasis in the desert, worship satisfies our thirsty souls. Help us to find the good in this life by delighting in your presence, and help us find the hope you have placed in our innermost selves. In Christ's holy name we pray. Amen.

Children's Message

Pastor Chris

† Coins for Kids

A Time of Prayer – Sharing our Joys & Concerns

***Hymn**

"Lord, I Want to Be a Christian"

#402

Invitation

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

Merciful God,

we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church.

We have not done your will,

we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love,

we have not loved our neighbors,

and we have not heard the cry of the needy.

Forgive us, we pray.

Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

(all pray in silence)

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God’s love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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Glory to God. Amen.

Invitation to the Offering

As forgiven and reconciled people, let us offer ourselves and our gifts to God.

 **Giving of our Tithes and Offerings**

Offertory

***Doxology** “Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

As you have received each one of us, O Lord, receive also these gifts that we offer to you that your love may be made known through ministries of peace, hope and justice. Amen.

***Communion Hymn**

“Bread of the World”

#624

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. Your true nature, love, was demonstrated when you gave us your Son, Jesus Christ.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. When the world was filled with sin, you sent him to lead us back to you. But many resisted him and condemned him to death.

Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people. He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us he took the bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood, for the world is weary and heavily burdened, and Christ offers rest for our souls.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**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.

†Sacrament of Holy Communion

Hymn	"He Touched Me"	#367
Hymn	"How Great Thou Art"	#77
Hymn	"It Is Well with My Soul"	#377

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Let us rest our burdens on the Resurrected Christ. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others. In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***Hymn** "Thy Word Is a Lamp" #601

***Postlude**

*Please stand if you are able

†Each Sunday our children will be accepting coin donations that will benefit a ministry or project of their choosing.

✠A second offering will be received benefiting the Pastor's Discretionary Fund.

†Communion will be served by intinction. The United Methodist Church celebrates an open table and all are welcome to receive God's gift of grace.



Backpack Buddies

Partnering with Slater Family Network

“Backpack Buddies” is a weekend feeding program for children. On Fridays, needy children in the Bangor School District will receive food donations to take home for themselves and their families for the weekend.

Currently, Second Harvest Food Bank (Allentown) provides the food “staples” for the program. However, there is a lack of donations in the area of snacks and treats. The children are basically provided with the “same old, same old” on a weekly basis. That is where we come in.

We’ll be collecting snacks and treats that do not require preparation, or only require minimal preparation, and are not perishable or require refrigeration.

Some examples of these items are as follows:

- Microwavable, single-serve macaroni and cheese
- Snack packs – pudding, Jell-O, fruit cups, applesauce
- Cereal
- SpaghettiOs
- Chicken noodle soup
- Fruit Roll-Ups
- Granola, Cereal or Fruit bars
- Lance Sandwich Crackers
- Ritz Crackers `n’ Cheese Dip
- Pringles chips

Just because it isn’t on this list doesn’t mean that you can’t donate it – so long as it fits the criteria.

Thank you for supporting this ministry as we share the love of Christ with the children in Bangor. God bless you.

Welcome! Thank you for worshipping with us today.

It is our pleasure that you have shared this experience with us. If you are without a church home, we would be delighted to have you as a part of our Church family. Pastor Chris would be happy to speak with you. God bless you and please come again.

Additional parking is available at Merchants Bank, 303 Penn. Ave., on Sundays and non-banking hours.

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First United Methodist Church Thrift Store

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Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 10:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

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Today's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Carolyn Shaplin

Organist: Karen Skorochod

Next Week's Worship Leaders

Liturgist: Grant Metzgar

Lay Leader: Cheryl Hower