

# First United Methodist Church

Building A Village of Faith

January 10, 2021 – Worship 11:00 AM

**Worship Theme: *The Apocrypha – the Hidden Books of the Bible.*** This worship series takes us on a journey of uncovering the meaning and messages of *The Apocrypha: The Hidden Books of the Bible*. There is a lot to discover about these “hidden books” beginning with the mystery of where they came from, how they came to be “hidden” in the first place, and what they have to share with us that can enrich our understanding and practice of our Christian faith. Thanks for being a part of this exploration of a little-known area of our Biblical tradition!

*“All scripture is inspired by God and is useful for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, so that everyone who belongs to God may be proficient, equipped for every good work.”*

*- 2 Timothy 3:16-17 [NRSV]*

\* It is customary to stand at these times; however, please feel free to remain seated if you prefer.

## Words of Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Steve

## Prelude

“It Is Well with My Soul”

Karen Ray, piano/organ

Kenneth Varner

## \* Call to Worship

Mary Moore

Leader: From the cowardice that dares not face new truth,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From the laziness that is contented with half-truth,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

Leader: From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,

**People: Good Lord, deliver us.**

[Adapted from “Prayer from Kenya”, UMH #597]

## \* Hymn of Celebration I

“O Word of God Incarnate”, vv. 1-2

UMH #598

## \* Opening Prayer (Aloud in Unison)

Mary Moore

**God, revealed in flesh by Your Son and our Lord, Jesus Christ, you saw fit to inflame the spirits and inspire the minds of human writers who encountered you in unmistakable ways. Their responses and the efforts of those who cared for and promoted their work have bequeathed to us a treasure trove of narratives, codes of law, histories, poetry, wisdom, gospel, letters, and apocalyptic literature that bear witness to and point us unerringly to faith in and love for Christ. May our attention to the written words of Scripture allow us to hear ever more clearly the living Word of God Who speaks to us through these texts even to this day. In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.**

## \* Hymn of Celebration II

“O Word of God Incarnate”, vv. 3-4

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## Choral Anthem

Sanctuary Choir

## Children’s Message

Video Clip

Anna Aleksa

<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Selected Verses from the Apocryphal Books of Tobit and Judith [NRSV]	Mary Moore
<b>Message</b>	"Two Hidden Heroes"	Pastor Steve
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>		Pastor Steve
<b>Generosity Celebration – Make-a-Change: Sozo Youth Foundation</b>		Lisa Burns
<b>Time for Reflection &amp; Response</b>	"My Faith Looks Up To Thee"	Dale Wood
<b>Prayer of Thanksgiving w/ The Lord's Prayer</b>		Mary Moore
<b>Doxology</b>		UMH #94
<b>* Going Forth in Song</b>	"Wonderful Words of Life"	UMH #600
<b>* Benediction</b>		Pastor Steve
<b>Postlude</b>	"O God, Our Help in Ages Past"	Rick Parks

**Organist, Karen Ray's Tidbit:** After a month of glorious and inspiring Christmas music, it's always difficult to come back to the "ordinary" and try to come up with new themes for the organ music. After the challenges this past year brought us, I decided the idea of COMFORT would be appropriate. The organ music today reassures us that God has been and continues to be with us. It brings me great comfort to know that He is still in control in spite of everything.



### Altar Flowers

The white rosebud on the altar today is given in memory of Herb Bacon who passed away peacefully on January 6, 2021. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife, Laura May, and to their extended family. A service will be held later in the year.

### Prayers for Our People & Beyond

- Laura May Bacon & family on death of Herb Bacon 1/6/21
- Ron Camren, reoccurrence of cancer (son of Ray & Wilma Camren)
- For the heart and soul of our Nation, broken and in need of repentance and healing; for our leaders and those about to take office; and for all who were injured or lost their lives in the Capitol insurrection on Weds. and for their families.
- For the strength of will for us as a people to renounce violence and destruction as means of response to injustice, real or perceived, no matter what the cause or who the actors, from far-left to far-right and everywhere in between.

*To add someone to the phone prayer chain, please call Peggy Price at 242-4206*

**Thank you for participating in our worship service today.  
We hope you continue to be with us!**