

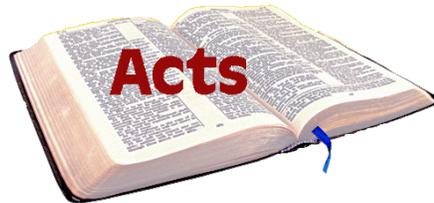
First United Methodist Church

Building A Village of Faith

May 2, 2021 – 11:00 AM

Worship Theme: Easter 5, The Council at Jerusalem

This Easter Season, we're looking at Luke's second volume, The Acts of the Apostles, and Paul's letter to the Galatians. In these important Biblical books, we see various fruits of the Spirit showing up in the life of the early Christian community; although, they are not the ones that Paul lists off so easily in Gal. 5:22-23. Today, we take last Sunday's fruit of reliance on the Spirit much deeper and go from trusting the Spirit for guidance to partnering with the Spirit in ministry. The setting is most unlikely: the second church council meeting on record in Acts 15!



*"...it seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us to lay
no greater burden on you..."*
- Acts 15:28 [NLT]

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

Words of Welcome & Greeting

Pastor Steve

Music to Set the Tone for Worship

"This is My Father's World"
Karen Ray, piano/organ

Rick Parks

* Call to Worship

Amy Gibbs

Leader: Creating and loving God, you call us to a time of worship and prayer –

People: Which is a gift to us, a blessing to be able to share in as brothers and sisters in Christ.

Leader: You have created us with the capacity to be indwelt by your Spirit,

People: And we seek to be faithful and grateful hosts, temples of your Holy Presence.

Leader: Make us to know, O God, that we are not our own –

People: That we were bought with a price; help us to honor you with every aspect of our lives.

[Adapted from 1 Corinthians 6:19-20]

* Hymn of Celebration

"Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

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* Opening Prayer (To be prayed aloud in unison)

Amy Gibbs

Revealing God, Lord of Life, Ever-present Spirit – So often we get caught up in our traditions, even traditions of faith, and forget that you are a God of surprise, of spontaneity, of innovation, of freshness. Help us in this Easter season to be open to your doing new things among us, which by definition will take us by surprise, even as they took the early church by surprise. As we boldly commit to following you in unexpected ways, help us to proclaim with your earliest followers, "It seemed good to the Holy Spirit and to us...". In the name and power of the risen Christ we pray. Amen.

* The Gloria Patri

"Glory Be to the Father"

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Children's Message

Video Clip

Anna Aleksa

Scripture Reading

Acts 15:1-12, 22-31 [NLT]

Readers Theater

Message

"When 'It Seems Good to the Holy Spirit'..."

Pastor Steve

Responsive Communion Liturgy

Pastor Steve & Congregation

Choral Anthem	“With This Bread, This Wine” Sanctuary Choir	Medema
Music for Reflection During Communion Processional	“Let All Things Now Living” “Fairest Lord Jesus”	Marilyn Ham Anonymous
Prayer After Communion & The Lord's Prayer		
* Going Forth in Song	“I'm Goin' a Sing When the Spirit Says Sing”, vv. 1, 2, 4	Amy Gibbs UMH #333
* Benediction		Pastor Steve
Postlude	“All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name”	Dennis R. Johnson



The flowers on the altar are given by Roger & Tana Foote in celebration of Tana's 60th birthday (April 30).

Prayers for Our People & Beyond



- Maurina Hickman is in Community Hospital and is expected to be transferred to HopeWest (as of 4/30).
- Ray Meininger (for peace & comfort) as he was admitted to HopeWest on 4/27 with deteriorating health. Cards may be sent to him at his son's address: c/o Brad Meininger, 494 Tejon Dr., GJ 81507
- Carol Wilson who is hospitalized in Parker, CO with severe health issues. Cards Can be sent to her at: 14501 E. Crestline Dr., #147, Centennial, CO 80015.
- Laretta Lundquist, Pastor at Redland's UMC, health concerns

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!*