

A close-up photograph of a hand holding a ripe red apple. The apple is the central focus, with its stem and a small leaf visible. The hand is positioned to support the apple from below and the sides. The background is dark and out of focus.

The Kingdom of God
will be ... given to a people
producing its fruits.

Matthew 21:43, ESV

**Faith/First
United Methodist
Churches
October 4, 2020**

**Parking Lot Communion
at 10:30 A.M. October 4th
First UMC Lockport**



Welcome to Faith/First United Methodist Churches

October 4, 2020

18th Sunday after Pentecost

PRELUDE

Eucharistic Hymn: *Here, O My Lord*

Austin Lovelace

1. Bread and Wine
2. Heart by Sorrow Broken
3. Thy Feast to Us

*** CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: God's wisdom is peaceable, gentle, open to reason, full of mercy and good fruits, without uncertainty.

P: Our wisdom is none of these things. We compete for knowledge, and our learning fosters belligerence. Our understanding is insufficient and our compassion limited. We long for certainty and sacrifice too much for its sake. We strive only for conditional sincerity.

L: The harvest of righteousness is own in peace by those who make peace.

P: We cannot know with God's wisdom, nor always walk in "God's righteousness, but we can come together to share our thoughts, to read Scripture, to sing, to pray, and to make peace.

L: Let us worship together.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

L: Let us all pray.

O God, you search after us when we have gone far from you, yet we confess that we have become consumed with our own affairs. We seldom pause to listen for the wind in the trees or hear the happy voices of children. Sometimes we feel that the burdens of the world fall entirely on our shoulders, and we have been slow to put our trust in you or to cooperate with others. When we take ourselves too seriously, remind us that we are only human! Make us patient with our mistakes, even as we are willing to forgive others. And remind us that we are also precious, not because we are good but because you have accepted us and called us to be your very own. Amen.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Sandy Jacobson

***OPENING HYMN**

Jesus Calls Us

Galilee

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PRAYERS FOR THE PEOPLE

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

TIME FOR STEWARDSHIP

Offering of our Gifts, Tithes and Resources for Ministry

(As you prepare your offerings from your hearts, you may send them to the church office after this service.)

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Blessed be the Lord, for God is good, and God's love endures forever. Our Creator, help us to mirror your goodness through this offering, in the world. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

One: The Word of God for the People of God

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 21:33-46

One: The Word of God for the People of God

ALL: THANKS BE TO GOD

SERMON

“Understanding the Sabbath!”

Pastor GaHyung Kim

POSTLUDE

Windows of Faith 8: Matthew

Aria Pastorella

Valentin Rathgeber

Please keep the following people in your prayers:

Larry Fessler, Karen Marino, Chyrlie Soltau, Ron Snopek, Carole Grecco, Theresa Springer, Madeline Carrell, Cyndy Bailey, Cheryl Fryer, Caryn Barnett, Potthoff family, Clayton family, Gardner family and Julie & Doug Wilson.

Prayers who are homebound or in nursing facilities:

Iris Chapp (Lemont Center), Linda Kriete (home), Jean Roberts (home), and JoAnn White (home)

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