

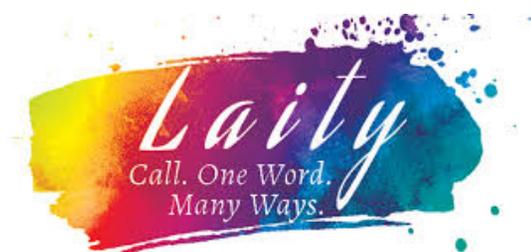
FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Laity Sunday

November 15th, 2020 at 10:00 a.m.



Worship Leader: Mark S.

1. Prelude: Come, Holy Ghost, God and Lord by Telemann (Brent P.)
2. Welcoming/Greeting (Mark S.)
3. Instruction: How to use Zoom (Mark C.)
4. Lighting a candle (Becky D.)
5. Call to Worship (Mark S.):
L: We are all called to recognize and join God's mission of love.
P: We gather to become more like Jesus.
L: We learn how grace has met other lives.
P: We wait for God's empowering presence to open our eyes.
L: We engage our neighbors, online and in person.
P: And God's love, power, and justice help repair the world.
6. Hymn: #62 "All Creatures of Our God and King" (vs. 1-4) (Song Leader, Valerie M.)
7. Life & Work of FUMC (Announcements) – Mark S.
8. Community Prayer (Mark S.)
Worship Leader: We go with hope, O God, with an engaged faith. By paying attention to your grace already at work in every life. Wherever we meet those made in your image, we share stories of the grace that has reshaped our own lives. As we come to see resonant patterns of grace, we find you repairing the world's shattered wholeness.

Lay Leaders: For a new resolve to listen to the stories of people made in your image.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Lay Leaders: With all who are called to become all love through your Son, Jesus.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Lay Leaders: For those whose loneliness and isolation call for listening love.

People: God, hear our prayer.

Lay Leaders: With friends in faith who serve and witness through deeds and words that heal and free.

People: Savior, hear our prayer.

Worship Leader: Hear our prayer, O God, and help us embody your glory and presence – vessels of grace bringing mercy and justice to your world.

Gracious God, thank you for living and loving in us and through us. May all that we do flow from our deep connection with you and all people. Help us become a community that vulnerably shares each other's burdens and the weight of glory. Loving God, listen to our hearts' longings for the healing of our world. (Please add your own prayers in silence...) Lord, knowing you are hearing us better than we are speaking, we offer these prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.
(R. Rohr)

9. Hymn for Illumination "O Word of God" (Taize Song, Valerie M.)
10. The Scripture Reading: Matthew 25:14-30 (Jo M.)
11. Message: "The Parable of the Talents" (Donna P.)
12. Offertory: Andante by Vierne (Brent P.)
13. Extravagant Generosity Witness (Erin F.)
14. Hymn: #569 "We've a Story to Tell to the Nations" (Song Leader, Valerie M.)
15. Benediction (Donna P.)
16. Postlude: Prelude & Fugue in F by J.S. Bach (Brent P.)
17. Fellowship (Mark S.)