**First United Church**

*Seeking to be a welcoming community of Christian faith, proclaiming and celebrating the love of God in Jesus Christ through the Inspiration of the Holy Spirit*

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June 10, 2018 @ 10:30am

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*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

**Third Sunday of Pentecost**

Baptism/Church School Closing Celebration

Sunday, June 10, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. Worship

Preacher: Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori

***Notes***: Asterisk (\*) – You may stand if comfortable doing so

**VU** = Voices United **MV** = More Voices

***God Gathers Us Together***

***Musical/Choral Prelude***

1. **MV#92** “*Like A Rock”* (2x)

**Like a rock, like a rock, God is under our feet. Like the starry night sky God is over our head. Like the sun on the horizon God is ever before. Like the river runs to ocean, our home is in God evermore.**

1. **MV#157** *“I Am a Child of God”* v. 1 (2x)

**I am a child of God, I am a glimpse of God’s new creation.**

**I am a child of God, I am a child of God.**

***Opening Prayer***

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

***Life and Work of the Church*** [see insert]

***Welcoming of Visitors***

***God Draws Us Near To Worship***

***Call to Worship***

One: Let us worship God as children...

**All: with wonder and joy.**

One: Let us worship God as youth...

**All: with questions and impatient hearts.**

One: Let us worship God as adults...

**All: with gratitude and discipline.**

One: Let us worship God as elders...

**All: with wisdom and hope.**

One: Let the whole Body of Christ sing praises to God,

 from whom all blessings flow.

**All: For our God sustains us at every age and in every age.**

 **God gives us ways to cope with our struggles.**

One: We come to share God this day!

**All: Hallelujah. Amen.**

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession/ The Lord’s Prayer (VU #960)***

***Children Singing***

***Hymn:*** *“I Am the Church, You are the Church” (see insert)*

***Church School Closing Celebrations***

***\* Hymn: VU #444*** *“Child of Blessing, Child of Promise”*

***Sacrament of Baptism***

***\* Hymn: VU #309 “****Para, Para, Pitter Pat”*

***God Invites Us To Listen For His Word***

***Old Testament Reading: 1 Samuel 2:22-26***

*Reader: This is the Word of God*

***All: Thanks be to God***

***Gospel Reading: Matthew 19:13-15***

*Reader: This is the Gospel of Christ*

***All: We praise Oh Christ***

***\* Hymn of Preparation: “****Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day”*

***The Message:* “Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day**”

***God Invites Us To Respond To His Love***

***Offertory***

***Hymn of Dedication***

 **God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

 **May our lives do your will, guide and guard us forever.**

 **Give us courage to stand for truth, help us give to others.**

 **God of love, hear our prayer, bless this offering we bring you.**

***Offertory Prayer***

***God Sends Out Into the World to Serve***

***\*Closing Hymn: MV #211*** *“Go Now in Peace”*

***\* Benediction/Sending Forth***

***Threefold Amen***

***\* Musical Postlude***

**TODAY’S MESSAGE**

**SONG**: *Read Your Bible, Pray Every Day*

1.

Read your Bible.
Pray every day

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Read your Bible.
Pray every day.
And you’ll grow, grow, grow
And you’ll grow, grow, grow.

And you’ll grow, grow, grow.

Read your Bible.
Pray every day.
And you’ll grow, grow, grow.

2.

Don’t read your Bible.
Don’t pray every day.
Don’t pray every day
Don’t pray every day
Don’t read your Bible.
Don’t pray every day
And you’ll shrink, shrink, shrink.
And you’ll shrink, shrink, shrink.

And you’ll shrink, shrink, shrink.

Don’t read your Bible.
Don’t pray every day
And you’ll shrink, shrink, shrink.

3.

Read your Bible.
Pray every day

Pray every day

Pray every day

Read your Bible.
Pray every day.
And you’ll grow, grow, grow
And you’ll grow, grow, grow.

And you’ll grow, grow, grow.

Read your Bible.
Pray every day.
And you’ll grow, grow, grow.