**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 24, 2018 @ 10:30am

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*Pastoral Minister: Rev. Emmanuel K. Ofori*

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*Custodian: Dave Luftenegger*

**5th Sunday of Pentecost**

Sunday, June 24, 2018 - 10:30 a.m. Worship

Minister: 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#14** *“Where Two or Three Are Gathered” (2x)*

**Where two or three are gathered in my name, I am there,**

**I am there.**

1. **MV#18** *“Lord, Prepare Me…” (2x)*

**Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy tried and true; with thanksgiving, I’ll be a living sanctuary for you.**

***Opening Prayer***

***\*Opening Hymn:* VU#651***“Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”*

***Lighting of the Christ Candle***

***Passing the Peace***

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

***Welcoming of Visitors***

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

***Call to Worship:*** *Responsive Psalm 150 (VU page #874)*

***Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession***

***The Lord’s Prayer (VU #960)***

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

 ***Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-41***

*Reader: This is the Word of God*

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

***\* Hymn of Preparation:* VU#669** *“Jesus, Lover of My Soul”*

***The Message:* “You Can Smile at the Storms”**

***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#213** *“Take Up His Song”*

***\*Benediction***

***\*Sending Forth***

***Threefold Amen***

***Commissioning Hymn*: MV#209 “***Go Make a Diff’rence” (2x)*

***Musical Postlude***

***Today’s Scripture***

## [Jesus Calms the Storm](https://www.biblestudytools.com/passage/?q=mark+4:35-41)

**35** That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, “Let us go over to the other side.”

**36** Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him.

**37** A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped.

**38** Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, “Teacher, don’t you care if we drown?”

**39** He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, “Quiet! Be still!” Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

**40** He said to his disciples, “Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?”

**41** They were terrified and asked each other, “Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!”