

19th Sunday after Pentecost  
September 25, 2016 11:00 am

*"God is Spirit, and His worshipers must worship in spirit and in truth."* (John 4:24)  
**Prelude** "Prelude and Fugue in F" (Bach) Sandy Griese

**Welcome and Announcements**

**\*Call to Worship**

L: Come, everyone who seeks God's wisdom and truth.

**P: God's wisdom has called us here.**

L: Come, whoever loves Christ's teaching and guidance.

**P: Christ's love has called us here.**

L: Come, whoever loves to sing a song of thanksgiving and praise.

**P: The Spirit's presence has gathered us here! Amen.**

**\*Opening Hymn** "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" **UMH 89**

**Lighting of the Candles**

**\*Opening Prayer** (in unison)

"Almighty God, we praise You in this time of worship, mindful that the riches of Your kingdom are the only riches that last. Open our hearts and minds to love Your teachings. Transform our lives to walk in Your ways, that we may live our gratitude in all that we do, every hour of the day. Amen."

**Anthem** "Swing Down Ezekiel!" (Gilpin) Voices In Praise

**Children's Message**

**Hymn Response** "Jesu, Jesu" (v. 2) **UMH 432**

**Prayer Petition** (in unison)

"Merciful God, we come to You now pleading for grace. The world teaches us to pursue material wealth. We fight to the end to retain it. We know we cannot keep it. Bring us once more to the feet of the cross, where we can reconnect our souls to the love of Christ. Amen."

*\*Please rise either in posture or in spirit*

**Gospel Reading** **Luke 16:19-31** (p. 75, New Testament) Jeff Case  
L: This is the Word of God for the people of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

**\*Hymn of Faith** "Thy Word Is a Lamp" **UMH 601**

**Message** "I Have Five Siblings" Rev. Wayne Chung  
*A rich man and a poor man lived. Both men died and went to different places. The rich man badly wished to send a word to his siblings. "Our checkbooks have more to do with heaven than do our hymnbooks."*

**Giving in Response to God's Love**  
**Offertory** "Be Thou My Vision" (arr. Whitworth) Sandy Griese

**Sharing of Joys and Concerns**  
**Pastoral Prayer & the Lord's Prayer** (in unison)

**\*Closing Hymn** "Christ Is Alive" **UMH 318**

**Sending Forth God's Light and Love**

**\*Hymn Response** "Amen" **UMH 898**

**Postlude** "With Sounds of Joy" (Simone) Sandy Griese

**Lection Reading for Following Sunday**

**Lamentations 1:1-6** **Psalm 137** **2 Timothy 1:1-14** **Luke 17:5-10**

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**Our Prayers:** Courtney Schultz, friend of the Distlers, Bob & Van King's daughter-in-law, Keith Ulrich's mother Henrietta, Patrick Rodrigues (Joyce Owens' Husband), Those who travel

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*Today's altar flowers are presented in memory of Nancy Williams,  
Dear Friend of the Boyd, Thorne, and Sulima families, mother of Nick and Cam's  
Godfather, Uncle Scott, and generous patron of FUMC.  
You will be missed, but we know that you are at peace with Jesus now*

**Our Presence:**                      Worship Attendance Last Sunday                      197  
   Average Worship Attendance                      204

**Our Gifts:** Please strive to tithe! The Bible asks us to tithe 10% of our income to God. Many of our members are doing this already. How about you? You may give your offering electronically (EFT). Call the church office to set it up. *Stewardship is rather a way of life than an annual campaign. Thank You for your faithful stewardship!*

**Record of Giving (Funds Received by the Church)**

	January-August 2016			
	Actual	Budget	Surplus / (Deficit)	Var %
General Fund	\$245,588	\$265,857	(\$20,269)	-8%
Missions Fund	\$14,809	\$15,768	(\$959)	-6%
P&I Fund	\$21,910	\$19,500	\$2,410	12%
Building Fund	\$55,216	\$51,200	\$4,016	8%
Kitchen Fund	\$56,015	\$4,336	\$51,679	-
Weekly SCAN Report	Cereal   42	Other   11	YTD Cereal	933

\*Kitchen Fund Balance = \$108,578 as of August 31, 2016

**Service:**

Ministers	All Members and Volunteers at Friendship
Secretary	Bonnie Dean <a href="mailto:bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org">bsuedean@friendshipmethodist.org</a>
Music Team	Sandy Griese, Holly Reynolds Lee, Chrys Hill, Micah Cooley
Custodian	Jim Fowler
Counters	Karen Eggert & Chuck Muller
Ushers	Bonnie Revell & Joan Windland
Altar Guild for October	Renee Knopp (443-623-3796)
Friendship Hour	Ruth Zone (Cyndie Sybert)
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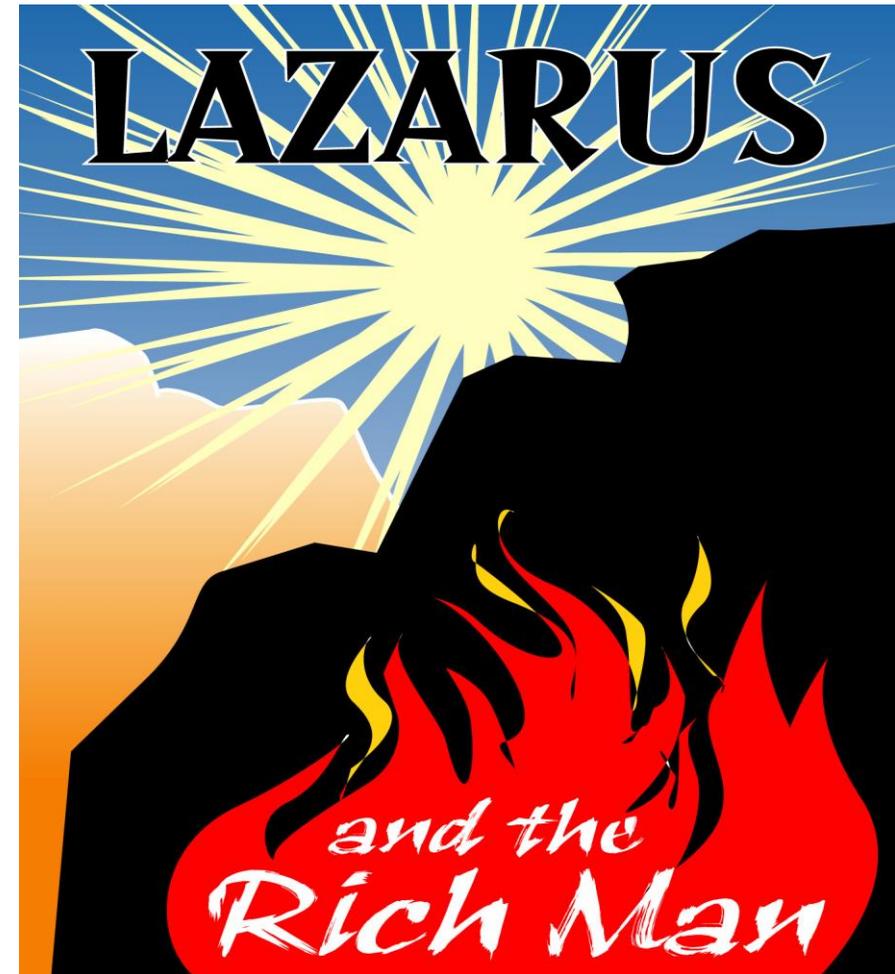
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11:00 a.m. Worship Service



**Our Mission** : “Grow as Disciples, Serve as Friends. Love All; Serve All; Follow One!”

**2016 Motto** : “Each One, Reach One!”