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First United Methodist Church, Tallassee is committed to making disciples of Jesus Christ, by connecting people to the Word of God and engaging them in ministry here and throughout the world.

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*The
kingdom
of God
will be ... given
to a people
that produces
the fruits
of the kingdom.*

Matthew 21:43, NRSV

11:00 a.m. Worship
October 8, 2017
18th Sunday in Kingdomtide - Green

The altar is open for personal prayer time prior to the beginning of our service.

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Amelia Barton & Stuart Lockwood

Invocation

Call to Worship Chancel Choir

***Hymn of Praise** *The Church's One Foundation* **545**

***Responsive Reading** **Psalm 19**

Leader: The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;

People: the statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple;

Leader: the precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart;

People: the commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes;

Leader: the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;

People: the decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

Leader: They are more precious than gold, even much fine gold;

People: they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

Affirmation of Faith: *The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting, Amen. *means universal*

***Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Joys and Concerns

Moment of Silence

We light this candle to signify our prayers for those involved in armed conflict around the world. We lift up those we know and love serving in the United States Armed Services and we recognize God's call to pray for our enemies. We ask for God's peace and wholeness to illuminate every darkness. We join together in a moment of silence and invite you to lift up your prayers on behalf of our community, nation, and world.

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 forever. Amen.

Choral Prayer Response Chancel Choir

Hymn of Preparation *My Hope is Built* **368**

Children's Moment

(Children age 4 – 2nd grade will be escorted to Children's Church)

Offertory *Come to the Water (Foley)* Chancel Choir

***Prayer of Praise**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Scripture** **Matthew 21:33-46**

Message **Rev. Dric Williford**

***Hymn of Invitation** *How Firm a Foundation* **529 (v.1&5)**

***Benediction**

***Postlude** *Trumpet Flourish* Leslye Ames

**Stand as you are able*

Lay Reader: Wendi Bearden
Acolytes: James Houts Family