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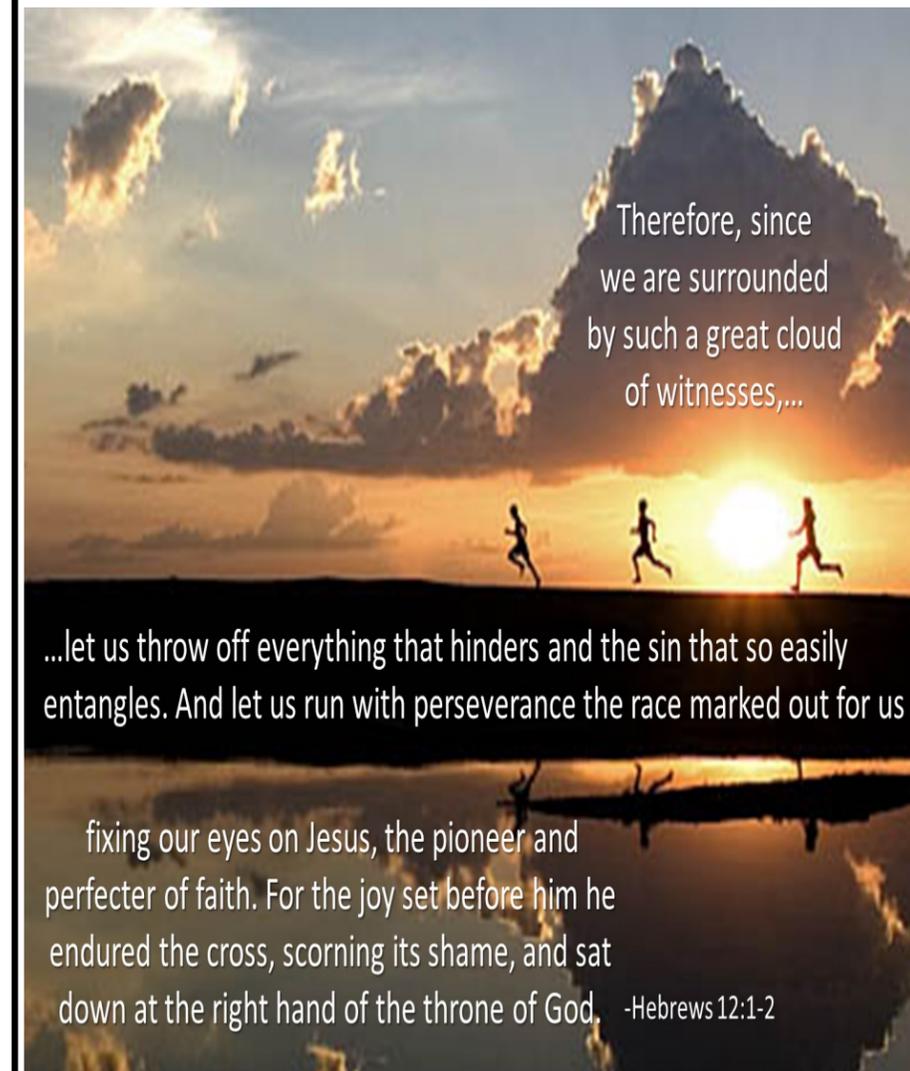
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PRE-SERVICE MUSIC *All My Days*

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JOYS AND CONCERNS

BIDDING PRAYER/LORD'S PRAYER

Leader: Lord in your love,  
People: Hear our prayer.

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SONG OF ILLUMINATION *All the Heavens*

SCRIPTURE Hebrews 12:1-2  
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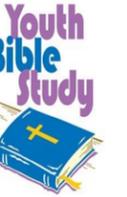
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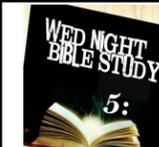
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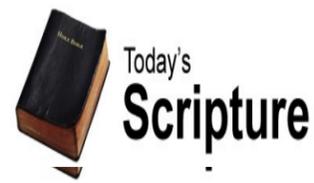
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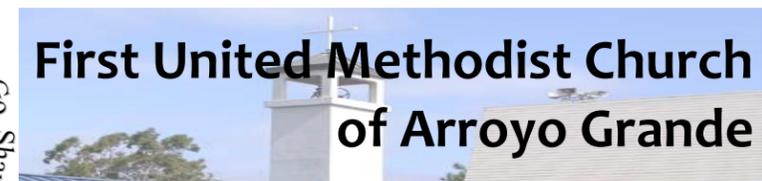
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PRELUDE *Beneath the Cross of Jesus* by Frederick Maker

INTROIT *Sing With All the Saints in Glory" verse 1* No. 702

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jesus said, "I am the Resurrection and I am Life".  
**Those who believe in me though they die, yet shall they live.**  
And whosoever lives and believes in me shall never die.  
**I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last.**  
I died, and behold I am alive forevermore, and I hold the keys to hell and death.  
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\*OPENING HYMN *Christ the Victorious* No. 653

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT**

*Nursery care is available. Children ages K-6 are dismissed with their teachers at this time. Junior and Senior high will meet in Criswell Hall.*

CHORAL ANTHEM *When the Saints Go Marching In*

**SHARING OF OUR JOYS AND CONCERNS**

**A TIME OF MEDITATION AND PRAYER**

Choral Call to Prayer *Alleluia* No. 186

Pastoral Prayer/Lord's Prayer

Choral Response *Alleluia* No. 186

OFFERING

Call to Stewardship and Mission  
Offertory Higher Ground  
\*Doxology / Prayer of Dedication

by Charles Gabriel  
No. 95

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,  
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POSTLUDE We Are God's People by Johannes Brahms

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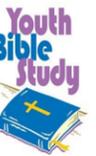
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