

## **FROM GRIEF TO JOY**

As preached on Sunday, June 14<sup>th</sup>

**Read:** John 16:16-33

1. Have you ever listened to a teacher lecture or a pastor preach (not at FHPC, of course!) and had no idea what they were getting at? Take a moment to share your experience. Did you eventually come to understand? If so, how?
2. What do you think Jesus means in v.16? (Death & resurrection? Death, resurrection & Holy Spirit? Death, resurrection, ascension, and eventual return? Something else?)
3. We're told in v.19 that Jesus noticed his disciples were confused. Does he seem worried or frustrated about their confusion? In what ways can God use confusion to bring growth in faith?
4. Jesus uses a vivid illustration in vv.20-22. What is it and what is he illustrating?
5. In what ways is the crucifixion a cause or source of both grief and joy for the Christian?
6. What is Jesus teaching us about our relationship with the Father in vv.23-28? Why is it important for us to see our Heavenly Father in this way?
7. In vv.29-30 the Disciples act as if they have it all figured out. Do they? In what ways do we in the Church today act the same way? What should we do about it?
8. Take a moment to re-read v.33. How do you feel about what Jesus says there? How should really believing what Jesus says in v.33 change the way we live in our day-to-day world?