

July 10, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

***Passing of the Peace**

Chiming of the Trinity

Schuyler McGinnis

Prelude

Steve Driskell, guest organist

***Call to Worship**

Marilyn Murphy

Leader: God's Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Open yourselves this day to receive the Word.

People: We have committed ourselves to follow the light. We come now to be instructed by God's law.

Leader: Minds set on the flesh are hostile to God. Let us, therefore, open ourselves to the Spirit.

People: We reach out for more than we can see and hear. We long to know Love's embrace deep within.

Leader: The Spirit of God raised Jesus from the dead. That Spirit dwells in you and offers you new life.

People: We praise God, who saves us and gives us hope. God cares for the earth and for each one of us.

***Hymn No. 539**

O Spirit of the Living God

Forest Green

***Invocation**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

All-powerful God, we celebrate the freedom you give us to make our own response to all the possibilities you lay out before us. We are grateful for the revelation you provide through the witness of many in the Scriptures. Through their words, help us to discern your Word. Come to us in the midst of our diversity to bring understanding and mutual caring. Open us to a new appreciation of our birthright as your children. Beyond all our clamor for the things of this world, we long for the richness of spirit you alone can provide. Feed us here, we pray. Amen.

***Affirmation of Faith No. 881**

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.

***Gloria Patri No. 70**

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.

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:1-11

Page 191 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Down to the River to Pray

traditional

Alice Balentine, Brab Crooks, Martha Moore

Pastoral Prayer

Lord's Prayer (In unison)

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.

Offering

Offertory

Steve Driskell, guest organist

***Doxology**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Children's Message

Alice Balentine

The children of Main Street UMC are collecting money to fund a sheep for \$120 from Heifer International. As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in buying the sheep. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Hymn No. 500**

Spirit of God Descend Upon My Heart

Morecambe

***†Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Pages 16 & 17 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Successful Seeds"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***Hymn (see insert)**

When the Seeds of Love Are Sown

Ratisbon

***Benediction**

Sisters and brothers, we are not dismissed. We are not just free to go. Christ sends us! Go home. Make welcome the stranger in your midst! Go work. Create spaces of justice and mercy! Go learn. Sharpen the talents God has given you! Go play. Rejoice in the wonder of God's creation! Go in the power of the Spirit to love and serve the Lord. Go to help and heal in all you do. **Christ sends us! Thanks be to God! Amen.**

***Benediction Response No. 666**

Shalom to You

SHALOM

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends. May God's full mercies bless you, my friends. In all your living and through your loving, Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

***Postlude**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving honor of **"Rink" Gray Thomas** on her birthday July 12 by her children Ellesor, Cecil, Bill, and Allen.