

October 16, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: Green

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Cecelia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Praise to the Lord

arr. Gordon Young

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Pam Faulkner

Leader: We are drawn to worship by a Reality unseen. The One we call God is beyond human description.

People: God is more than we can ever imagine. We sense God's presence as we meditate.

Leader: We gather in awe to bring our songs of praise. The Creator of all things has given us life.

People: We are amazed by the wonders around us. We feel God's presence as we sing together.

Leader: We are summoned by One who is just and merciful. The Ruler of all worlds expects us to respond.

People: How amazing that God chooses us as messengers. We know that God is with us as we work for justice.

***HYMN NO. 64**

Holy, Holy, Holy

Nicaea

***INVOCATION**

The Reverend Dr. C.J. Lupo

Almighty and everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you created us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they find rest in you. Grant to us such piety of heart and strength of purpose that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, and no weakness from doing it. In your light may we see life clearly and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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.

ANTHEM

Praise the Lord
Chancel Choir

Handel / arr. Hopson

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Exodus 33:12-23

Page 99 (OT) in pew Bibles

NEW TESTAMENT READING

1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

Page 243 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

We Are the Children of Light
Salt and Light

Hal H. Hopson

***†GOSPEL LESSON**

Luke 4:16-30

Page 74(NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Reverend Dr. C.J. Lupo

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

The King of Love My Shepherd Is

Dale Wood

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Reverend Dr. C.J. Lupo

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Pinckney

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary for a special message, they are invited to bring change to help in buying a heifer (cow) for \$500. 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. 708**

Rejoice in God's Saints

Hanover

SERMON

"Come, Let Us Worship"

The Reverend Dr. C.J. Lupo

A SERVICE OF SENDING Forth

Ubuntu Explorer Journey

(The Ubuntu Explorer Journey is a program of Volunteers in Mission and the Women's Division of The General Board of Global Ministries of the United Methodist Church. More information about this program is located inside bulletin.)

Pastor to Congregation: Friends and members of *Main Street United Methodist Church*, Jesus Christ sent out his followers into all the world to bear witness to the coming of the Kingdom of God and to serve humankind. They did so rejoicing. Because of their witness and that of all who succeeded them, the gospel still challenges us to witness and service. Kit Adkins stands before us to continue that tradition. Today this congregation sends her forth, in the name of Christ, as a United Methodist Woman Volunteer In Mission, in service as a Ubuntu Explorer Journey sister to India.

Pastor to Volunteer: Do you as a United Methodist Woman Volunteer In Mission promise you will be a faithful servant of Jesus Christ? Will you adhere to the purpose and goals of the mission project? Will you keep faith with others with whom you serve so that by your work, study, and worship, Jesus Christ may be glorified?

Volunteer: I will.

Pastor to Congregation: Do you, the members of this congregation, promise to support Kit through prayers for the success of her mission and for her safe return?

Congregation: We do.

Pastor to Volunteer: In the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and by the authority vested in me as pastor of this church, I charge you to serve as a United Methodist Woman Volunteer In Mission for the journey you are about to undertake. Go with joy. Witness for your Master. Represent your church and United Methodist Women. Encourage and inspire all of us in our Christian commitment. And may God richly bless and keep you on your mission. **Amen.**

***HYMN NO. 715**

Rejoice, the Lord is King

Darwall's 148th

***BENEDICTION**

Leader: From where we are to where you need us,

People: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: From the security of what we know to the adventure of what you will reveal,

People: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: To refashion the fabric of this world until it resembles the shape of your kingdom,

People: Jesus, now lead on.

Leader: Because good things have been prepared for those who love God,

People: Jesus, now lead on.

***POSTLUDE**

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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Guest Minister

Main Street welcomes *The Reverend Dr. C. J. Lupo* to the pulpit today. C.J. served as minister of Main Street from 1985—1990 before retiring. He and his wife, Vera, are now attending Main Street Church and reside at Wesley Commons.

Ubuntu Explorer Journey

Kit Adkins will participate in The General Board of Global Ministries Explorer Journey to India, October 29-November 1 along with eleven other women from across the United States. Ubuntu, an African word meaning "I am human because you are human," gives women an opportunity to share themselves and their gifts with others of another culture. They will join in the historic 125th anniversary celebration of Isabella Thoburn College's achievement as the first Christian Women's College in India and share in the diversity of culture with the Methodist women sisterhood of faith. For further information, access the blog at <http://ubuntujourneyindia.blogspot.com/>

Praise the Lord

Handel / arr. Hal Hopson

Praise the Lord.

Let songs of joy break forth,

let songs of joy break forth.

Sing Alleluia. Praise His name forever more.

Shout, sing and dance, and celebrate.

Come dance and celebrate;

Rejoice; let all within us praise his name.

We Are the Children of Light

Hal Hopson

Chorus:

We are the children of light,
for we are the light of the world.

We are one body.

We are one hope.

Join we together and sing.

We sing of those gone before us,
whose faith has brought us this day,
the prophets, pastors, and teachers;
yes, these have shown us the Way.

Chorus

Yes, we are saints of the present,
we add new notes to the song,
the past, the present, the future,
now join, united and strong.

Chorus