

July 17, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

5th 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

Caroline Dorn

Prelude

The God of Abraham Praise

Hebrew Melody

***Call to Worship**

Dave Chastain

Leader: The Spirit of God gave the universe birth!

People: **The Spirit of God delivered the world!**

Leader: Our God is the first; our God is the last!

People: **No other god declares the word of creation!**

Leader: Yet this same God invites us, saying, "Don't be afraid!"

People: **Worship the One who banishes fear, who comforts the trembling and quickens the faint!**

Worship the One whose creation is renewed and whose creatures are never forsaken!

***Hymn No. 368**

My Hope Is Built

The Solid Rock

***Invocation**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Spirit of God, your fields await their planting. Newly-turned soil reaches from horizon to horizon; it lies damp and loose, warming the air with a sweet scent. Sow your seeds and tend them. The sprouting weeds will not choke the good plants; they will be crowded out by the ripening grain. O Tender of the Earth, our hearts are your fields. We hear your approach, bearing the seed you will scatter. Let your seed fall on fertile ground. 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.

Old Testament Reading

Genesis 28:10-19a

Page 30 (OT) in pew Bibles

Epistle Reading

Romans 8:12-25

Page 191 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Duet

Children of the Heavenly Father
Brab Crooks and Larry Moore

arr. Dan Forrest

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

Spirit of the Living God

arr. Mark Hayes

***Doxology**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Children's Message

Shell Dula

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. 418**

We Are Climbing Jacob's Ladder

Jacob's Ladder

***†Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Pages 17 & 18 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Weed Control”

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***Hymn No. 600**

Wonderful Words of Life

Words of Life

***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. Amen.**

***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 honor of the wedding of
Leslie Leuthner and Charlie Barrineau on July 16, 2011.

Bible Study Opportunities at Main Street UMC

“If you make my word your home, you will indeed be my disciples” John 8:31

The Holy Bible is the key for renewal at Main Street Church. Many can testify to the positive growth and renewal at Main Street and in their own lives during the times they were committed to studying God’s Word.

Recent years have seen a decline in Bible Study that must be reversed, so we again can hear God speak to us personally and as a Church through His Word.

Beginning in late August or early September, there will be many small group studies offered at varying times during the weeks. Some will be offered during “Hot” Wednesdays and others scattered through the week to accommodate schedules as much as possible. There will be long- and short-term studies with very capable, well-trained leaders.

At least eight participants will be needed to make a class. Child care will be available when needed. Please consider the following list or make a suggestion of what type of study you would like to participate in. **WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!**

Disciple 1—Becoming Disciples through Bible Study: 34 weeks

Disciple 2—Into the Word Into the World: 32 weeks

Disciple 3—Remember Who You Are: 32 weeks

Disciple 4—Under the Tree of Life: 32 weeks

Christian Believer: 30 weeks

Jesus in the Gospels: 30 weeks

Short term Disciple Bible Studies: 8 - 11 weeks

Companions in Christ: 28 weeks to be held at Wesley Commons

Disciple Class to be announced to be held at Wesley Commons

BEGINNINGS an Introduction to Christian Faith: 9-12 weeks

Name _____

Phone numbers _____

I am interested in joining _____

I would like more information about _____

I would need child care _____

Bible Study Suggestions _____
