

September 25, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: Green

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Myra Shaffer

*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

Now Thank We All Our God

arr. Charles Callahan

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Glenn Williams

Leader: Come, let us remember God's presence with us. Let us give ear to all that God would teach us.

People: Our ancestors have told us about God's might. They have celebrated God's wondrous deeds.

Leader: In the wilderness of Sinai, God provided water. Through the sea, God provided safe passage.

People: Yet the Israelites questioned God's presence. They needed assurance amid their doubts.

Leader: Our doubts can lead to honest searching. God welcomes questions that seek new truth.

People: We want to see God's larger picture. We are here to broaden the scope of our concern.

*HYMN NO. 166

All Praise to Thee, for Thou, O King Divine

Sine Nomine

*INVOCATION

Larry Moore

We marvel, O God, at the thought that you care about us. We are amazed that the Creator of the universe would take on human flesh to draw near to us in ways we could not begin to understand. As Jesus emptied himself to serve, modeling your love even in the face of death, we seek in these moments to lay aside self-interest that we might take direction from you. Help us to humble ourselves in order to obey you, to listen in order to hear, to care in order to serve. Lead us day and night through the dangers of the wilderness of our times. Lead us in these moments to honest and fervent worship. 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.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Job 19:25-27

Page 576(OT) in pew Bibles

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8:31-39

Page 192 (NT) in pew Bibles

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love
Chancel Choir

Everett Titcomb

PASTORAL PRAYER

The Reverend Bob Huggins

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

Creator of the Stars of Night

arr. David Cherwien

***DOXOLOGY**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

The Reverend Bob Huggins

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Kelly

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. 561**

Jesus, United by Thy Grace

St. Agnes

***†GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 8:5-13

Page 9 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Keeping the Faith”

The Reverend Bob Huggins

***HYMN NO. 733**

Marching to Zion

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*BENEDICTION

Leader: As Jesus sent the disciples out into the countryside to preach and to heal, so Christ sends us out to speak words of hope and to heal human hurts today.

People: We accept the mission to be God's people in the world.

Leader: Go on your way, rejoicing in the presence of God's spirit, and in the power of the gospel of love and hope.

People: For yours is the glory, O God, now and forever! 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*

Nursery Provided

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Mission Statement

The Mission of Main Street United Methodist Church is to be a community of disciples, calling all to Christ through love and example.

Guest Minister

Main Street Church is happy to welcome to the pulpit, ***The Reverend Joseph Robert "Bob" Huggins*** also known as "Country" by many in Greenwood. Reverend Huggins is a graduate of Anderson College, University of South Carolina, has completed Course of Study at Duke Divinity School, and is presently pursuing Elders Orders through Advanced Course of Study. He is a Full-Time Local Pastor in his third year at St. John UMC in Sumter having previously served the Trio (pronounced Try oo) Charge in Andrews for eight years. Rev. Huggins is married to Rachel Cowan, daughter of Tee and Earl Cowan of Greenwood. Their family is comprised of Cappy and Ben Traywick, Rebecca and Jim Edens and Emily Huggins; and three wonderful grandchildren: Cate and Helen Traywick and Joe Edens.

Music Notes

William Howe, author of the text for today's anthem was an ordained Anglican minister best known for his work with the poor and industrial workers in late 19th-century England. He is author of the text of more than 50 hymns including *Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love* and *For All the Saints*. As in *For All the Saints*, today's anthem does not include the original tune. The tune is by Everett Titcomb who was Director of Music at the Boston Church of the Society of St. John the Evangelist for 50 years.

Jesus, Name of Wondrous Love

Everett Titcomb

*Jesus, name of wondrous love! Name all other names above!
Unto which must every knee bow in deep humility.
Jesus, name decreed of old, to the maiden mother told,
kneeling in her lowly cell, by the angel Gabriel.
Jesus, name of priceless worth to the fallen sons of earth,
for the promise that it gave, "Jesus shall His people save."*