

October 2, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

Liturgical Color: Green

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Lee Robirds

*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**

*In Christ There Is No East or West*

Michael Burkhardt

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Susan Pinckney

Leader: Come to Christ, the living bread, who satisfies those who hunger and thirst for what is right.

**People: Come to Christ, who gives living water that you may never thirst again.**

Leader: Come to Christ, that being filled yourself, you may minister to the hunger and thirst of others.

**People: Come to God, in worship and praise, through Jesus Christ, who gives us life.**

**\*HYMN NO. 545**

*The Church's One Foundation*

Aurelia

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

We cannot come before God unless we are first honest with ourselves about who we are, about the mistakes we make, and about how well or poorly we care for others. In this spirit, let us offer our prayers to God.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Pastor: Lord, we have come to see that our lives fall far short of your glory.

**All: Have mercy and forgive us.**

Pastor: Lord, you have given your life for us, and poured out your Spirit, yet we fail to return your love with our whole heart.

**All: Have mercy and change us.**

Pastor: Too often we are selfish and proud, ignoring you, Lord, and neglecting others.

**All: Have mercy and cleanse us.**

Pastor: Lord, when we do not truly trust and obey you, we are overwhelmed by self-pity, fear, and worry.

**All: Have mercy and deliver us.**

Pastor: In Christ we are given a sure hope and secure love, yet we follow the false hopes and desires of the world.

**All: Have mercy and forgive us.**

Pastor: Father, through the redeeming death of your Son on the cross, by your Spirit and through your word, transform and renew us to follow you with joy.

**All: All this we ask, confident in your unchanging faithfulness. Amen.**

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 888**

**\*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

**NEW TESTAMENT READING** Galatians 3:23-39 Page 230 (NT) in pew Bibles  
 Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.  
**People: Thanks be to God.**

**PASTORAL PRAYER**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**LORD'S PRAYER** (In unison)

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**

*Come to Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*  
 Chancel Choir with Becky Gardner, oboe

arr. Zebulon Highben

**\*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 Terry C. Martin

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Margaret Crooks

*As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, 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.*

**ACOLYTE AND CRUCIFER RECOGNITION**

**\*HYMN NO. 430**

*O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee*

Maryton

**HOMILY**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

**THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION**

Throughout the liturgy, the words shown *in italics* will be repeated in a foreign language. In addition to English, we will hear French, German, Spanish, and Finland Swedish.

**Invitation**

Christ invites us all to this Holy Feast. As we gather this morning, we remember our sisters and brothers from above and below the equator, from the east and from the west, from every time zone around the globe. As today's sunlight inches across land and sea, Christians gather to celebrate their place in God's family. *Come, for the meal is ready!*

**Prayer of Preparation**

Pastor: *To God be the glory: great things God has done!*

Pastor: To prepare ourselves to partake of this Holy Meal, let us pray:

*Healing God*, we come before you broken, yet seeking wholeness, isolated, yet seeking community, overwhelmed, yet seeking simplicity, shamed, yet seeking grace:

**All: God, we yearn for the healing you promise.**

Pastor: *God of Justice*, we come before you selfish, yet seeking a generous heart, arrogant, yet seeking humility, responsible for injustices, yet seeking forgiveness:

**All: God, we yearn for the justice you promise.**

Pastor: *God of Peace*, we come before you afraid, yet seeking assurance, agitated, yet seeking serenity, angry, yet seeking a forgiving heart:

**All: God, we yearn for the peace you promise.**

Pastor: Knowing that through Christ all things are made new, we come to this communion table to be renewed in our faith and commitment.

**All: God, we submit ourselves to renewal through you. This we pray through Jesus the Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## **Preface & Thanksgiving**

Pastor: *Loving and gracious God who summons galaxies into being, we give thanks and blessings to you.* We bless you for our world. The diversity of our planet amazes us from the prairies and pampas of the Americas to the dusty deserts of Africa and Asia, from the majestic mountains of Europe to the vast outback of Australia. We give you thanks for the variety of humanity with our complexity of color and culture yet called into oneness-of-being through Christ. With many tongues, yet with one voice, we worship you saying:

***Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

Pastor: Holy are you, and blessed is your son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the needs of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

**All: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.***

Pastor: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Pastor: God, may this bread connect us more closely with you and our neighbors near and far.

**Bless this bread, we pray.**

Pastor: May this fruit of the vine help to connect us with our sisters and brothers in Christ around the world.

**Bless this cup, we pray.**

### **Distribution of the Elements**

*(All are welcome to share in communion served by intinction. Please come forward using the center aisle as directed by the ushers. After receiving the elements, you are invited to the altar rail for prayer, commitment, recommitment to Christ, confession, and comfort, or you may return to your seat using the side aisles.)*

### **Hymns During Communion**

Hymn No. 620	<i>One Bread, One Body</i>
Hymn No. 618	<i>Let Us Break Bread Together</i>
Hymn No. 378	<i>Amazing Grace</i>

**\*HYMN NO. 557**

*Blest Be the Tie that Binds*

Dennis

### **\*BENEDICTION**

**All: We who have shared food and drink as evidence of God's presence go out now to come to grips with a world in which many are still hungry. We get up from this table to share God's abundance with all.**

Pastor: May the peace of God be with you.

**All: And with you. Amen.**

### **\*POSTLUDE**

*\*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.*

## Communion Servers

Reverend Martin, Lincoln McGinnis, Schuyler McGinnis, and John Redfern

### Acolyte and Crucifer Recognition

All new and returning acolytes and crucifers will be recognized today. The new acolytes will receive a wooden cross to be worn when they serve and the new crucifers will receive a silver cross to be worn when they serve.

#### Returning Acolytes

*Gryphon Balentine*  
*Lucas Bassett*  
*Bennett Charles*  
*Caroline Joseph*  
*Layton Logan*  
*Cecelia McGinnis*  
*Wylan Radcliffe*  
*Olivia Rowland*

#### Returning Crucifers

*Julia Baker*  
*Bob Bennett*  
*Scurry Charles*  
*Joe Hartung*  
*Jay Logan*  
*Schuyler McGinnis*  
*Carly Rogers*  
*Haley Rogers*  
*Herin Warner*

#### New Acolytes

*Ann Baker*  
*Haley Barnhart*  
*Sam Crooks*  
*Rachel Holder*

#### New Crucifers

*Keaton Alexander*  
*Payton Joseph*  
*Mary Ashlynn Perkey*  
*Marisa Rogers*  
*Hampton Warner*

*Christian sympathy is extended to the family of **Emilie Haskin** upon her death on September 24, 2011 and to the family of Joey and Lindsay Burns upon the death of Lindsay's grandmother, **Shelby Redden**, on September 26, 2011.*

## Music Notes

*Come To Me, All Pilgrims Thirsty*

arr. Highben

Come to me, all pilgrims thirsty; drink the water I will give.  
If you knew the gift I offer, you would come to me and live.  
Jesus ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.

Come to me all travelers weary; come that I may give you rest.  
Drink the cup of life I offer; at this table be my guest.  
Jesus ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.

Come to me, believers burdened; find refreshment in this place.  
Come, receive the gift I offer, turn to me and seek my face.  
Jesus ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.

Come to me repentant sinners; leave behind your guilt and shame.  
Come and know divine compassion, turn to me, I call your name.  
Jesus ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.

Come to me, distressed and needy; I would be your trusted friend.  
Come and seek the gift I offer, come, your open hands extend.  
Jesus! Jesus! Give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.

Come to me, abandoned, orphaned; lonely ways no longer roam.  
Come and taste the gift I offer; let me make in you my home.  
Jesus ever-flowing fountain, give us water from your well.  
In the gracious gift you offer, there is joy no tongue can tell.