

July 3, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

4th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. May 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

Julia Baker

Prelude

Patriotic Medley

Myra Shaffer, soprano

Stephen Driskell, guest organist

*Call to Worship

Pam Faulkner

Leader: Come with joy and gladness to praise and honor God. Come to the refreshing waters that God provides.

People: **God is gracious and merciful and full of compassion. All creation joins us in giving thanks.**

Leader: Give ear, all people, to the law of God. Give thanks for all the guidance God gives us.

People: **God upholds all who are falling. God raises us up when we are bowed down.**

Leader: Come, all who are weary and carrying a heavy burden. Come, for Christ has promised rest.

People: **The gentle spirit of Christ invites us. We have come to find rest for our souls.**

*Hymn No. 698

God of the Ages

National Hymn

*Invocation

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Lord God Almighty, you have made all the peoples of the earth for your glory, to serve you in freedom and in peace. Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice and the strength of forbearance, that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. 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 7:15-25a

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Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

A Prayer for the Nation

Almighty God, you have given us this great land as our heritage. We humbly pray that we may always remember your generosity and faithfully do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education and an honorable way of life. Defend our liberties and strengthen the resolve of the people who have come from throughout the world to make America their home. Lead us to choose the harder right instead of the easier wrong. Help us to appreciate the opportunities that are ours as we struggle to bring harmony to an unsettled world. May we balance our concern for justice with a willingness to display mercy, and may our concern for security be tempered with a willingness to take risks which will produce worthwhile change for the good of all people. O Lord, we pray for your guidance as we work together for the best interests of our communities, our nation, our world, and the ultimate goal of peace. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful and in troubled times may our deepest trust be in you. In the name of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

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

Poem for Peace
Stephen Driskill, guest organist

Jean Langlais

***Doxology**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Children's Message

Myra Shaffer

The children of Main Street UMC are collecting money to buy 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. 437**

This Is My Song

Finlandia

***†Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

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

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Come and Rest"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***Hymn No. 529**

How Firm a Foundation

Foundation

***Benediction**

Leader: Look graciously, O Lord, upon this land.

People: **Where it is in pride, subdue it. Where it is in need, supply it. Where it is in error, rectify it. Where it is in default, restore it. And where it holds to that which is just and compassionate, support it. Amen.**

***Benediction Response**

God bless America, land that I love. Stand beside her and guide her through the night with a light from above. From the mountains to the prairies to the oceans white with foam. God bless America, my home sweet home. God bless America, my home sweet home.

***Postlude**

Improvisation on Materna

†Sermon Text

**Please stand if you are able*

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