

The people of Main St. UMC welcome you to worship the Living God. Jesus Christ is alive and with us in the power of the Holy Spirit. To schedule an appointment, or to become a member, speak to Pastor Phil. There is room for you in God's family. Prayer and counsel are available after the service. Silence phones, and give yourself to the holy work of worship! You are called to be a disciple and apprentice of Jesus Christ. It's our business as we serve from the center of Greenwood, SC.

Sunday, July 15, 2012

THE SUNDAY SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am **The 7th Sunday after Pentecost** **Color: Green**

***Stand if you are able** **A nursery is provided**

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME Mary Ashlynn Perkey

PRELUDE *Fanfare on "Lead on O King Eternal" (Callahan)*
(Joyce Nickles: Organist)

WELCOME Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING** Trinitarian Acclamation, The Commands of God
Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"God spoke from the mountain and said:

'I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,
out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me'."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"You shall not make for yourself an idol.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.
Remember the Sabbath day, and keep it holy."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

Honor your father and your mother. You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness.

You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor."

Almighty God, write your law upon our hearts.

"Jesus said, 'The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel:

The Lord our God is the only Lord.

**Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind and with all your strength.**

The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.'"

***HYMN, NO. 357** *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Romans 1:18-32

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
none of our secrets are a secret to you.
We have hidden ourselves from your holy presence.
We have closed our minds to true knowledge.
We have winked at immorality and found pleasure in vice.
We have given loyalty and service to gods of our own making.
May your Holy Spirit, the Spirit of truth, pull back the veil,
that we may see ourselves as you see us:
weak and rebellious, in need of forgiveness and healing.
May the sacrifice of Jesus Christ be for us this day.
May his blood speak of the care you have for all sinners.
Soften our hearts and open our minds,
that we may gladly welcome the mercy you bestow,
and turn away from all that offends you and hurts us and others.
Amen.** (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced, No. 890.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 70**

Glory Be to the Father

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE (Counting sheep!), CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT

The Fall into Sin and Loss of Paradise

Genesis 3:1-24

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(John Bassett: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 32**

Blessed and Joyful are the Forgiven

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INVITATION AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY, NO. 95** *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow*

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Mary Alexander

(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session.)

ANTHEM *The King of Love My Shepherd Is (arr. John Ness Beck)* Psalm 23
(Myra Green, Martha Moore, David Westbury, Larry Moore)

A READING OF UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE *The Book of Discipline 2008, 68*
The Confession of Faith, Article VII- Sin and Free Will

“We believe man is fallen from righteousness and, apart from the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, is destitute of holiness and inclined to evil. Except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God. In his own strength, without divine grace, man cannot do good works pleasing and acceptable to God. We believe, however, man influenced and empowered by the Holy Spirit is responsible in freedom to exercise his will for good.”

(Consider discussing this sobering church teaching over your lunch today!)

SERMON LESSON *Paul Diagnoses Pagan Idolatry* Romans 1:18-32
This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God!

SERMON *What's Wrong With The World?* Phil Thraikill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

***HYMN, NO. 362** *Nothing but the Blood*
(The altar is open for prayer and repentance during the hymn and following prayers.)

***PASTORAL PRAYER, THE LORD'S PRAYER**

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.

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, NO. 648** *Savior, Again, to Thy Dear Name*

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING** Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666** *Shalom to You*

POSTLUDE Joyce Nickles: Organist

After greeting worshipers, Pastor Phil will return to the altar to pray with any who desire.

Sermon manuscripts and next week's text are available after worship.

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