

We welcome you to worship the Living and Triune God. Jesus Christ is alive and with us in the power of the Holy Spirit. To schedule an appointment or become a member, speak to Pastor Phil. Prayer and counsel are available after the service. Silence your phones and give yourself to the holy work of worship! You are called to be a follower of the Lord, a member of his people, and a participant in his mission. It's our business as we serve the world from the center of Greenwood, SC. Open your heart to the Holy Spirit.

Sunday, September 16, 2012
Our website is www.msumc1.org

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am **The 16th Sunday after Pentecost** **Color: Green**

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

Large print hymnals, bulletins, and hearing devices are available from the ushers.

“Someday, after mastering the winds, the waves, the tides and gravity,
we shall harness for God the energies of love, and then, for a second time
in the history of the world, man will have discovered fire.”

- Teilard de Chardin: Catholic priest and paleontologist -

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Julia Baker

PRELUDE

Amy Blackwood: Guest Pianist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Mark 12:29-31

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

“Jesus said,
'Hear, O Israel: the Lord our God is one Lord;
**and you shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
and with all your soul,
and with all your mind,
and with all your strength.'**

The second is this, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.'
There is no other commandment greater than these.'”

***HYMN, NO. 384**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

***COMMON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION**

Based on 1 Cor. 13

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you have made us for yourself and for the fellowship of the Holy Trinity,
and our hearts are restless and searching till they find rest in you.
You have promised that if we drew near to you,
you would draw near to us and claim us as your people.
Because of your great love in Jesus Christ,
we dare to draw near to your holiness and majesty with confidence.
May your Holy Spirit bring down upon us the kingdom that is above.
Illumine the Holy Scriptures as they are read and preached,
and may we feel the flame of divine love
burning in our breasts and changing our deepest desires.
Speak to us as we wait in silence before you. You are our God.
Amen. (All pray in silence, seeking the presence of God.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*
REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE (Counting sheep!), CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *The LORD Declares Himself to Moses* Exodus 34:1-10
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

(Patricia Lindell: Lay Reader)

***PSALM 103:1-18** *Bless the Lord, O my soul* *Hymnal: 824-825*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Margaret Crooks
(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session.)

A READING OF UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE *The Book of Discipline 2008: 69*

The U.M. Confession of Faith Article XI: Sanctification and Christian Perfection

“We believe sanctification is the work of God's grace through the Word and the Spirit, by which those who have been born again are cleansed from sin in their thoughts, words and acts, and are enabled to live in accordance with God's will, and to strive for holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Entire sanctification is a state of **perfect love**, righteousness and true holiness which every regenerate believer may obtain by being delivered from the power of sin, by **loving** God with all the heart, soul, mind and strength, and by loving one's neighbor as one's self. Through faith in Jesus Christ this gracious gift may be received in this life both gradually and instantaneously, and should

be sought earnestly by every child of God.

We believe this experience does not deliver us from the infirmities, ignorance, and mistakes common to man, nor from the possibilities of further sin. The Christian must continue on guard against spiritual pride and seek to gain victory over every temptation to sin. He must respond wholly to the will of God so that sin will lose its power over him; and the world, the flesh, and the devil are put under his feet. Thus he rules over these enemies with watchfulness through the power of the Holy Spirit."

ANTHEM *A Loving Heart (Timothy Bushong)* Chancel Choir, Larry Moore:Director

SERMON LESSON *Love Never Fails* 1 Corinthians 12:31-14:1a
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *What Makes Love Stick?* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
Have I enrolled in Jesus' graduate school of divine and human love?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, NO. 402** *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*
(The altar is open for prayer. "My you be filled with the fire of divine love.")

INVITATION AND OFFERING, OFFERTORY Amy Blackwood: Guest Pianist

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

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, 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.

***CONFESSING THE FAITH, NO. 881** *The Apostles' Creed*

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, NO. 572** *Pass It On*

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

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

POSTLUDE

The flowers are in memory of Dr. and Mrs. Joe Jenkins, Sr. by Joe & Phyllis Jenkins, Gary & Kim Clark.