

June 24, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

The Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Cecelia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Robert Hughes

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Myra Greene

Leader: Gather in awe before God, who laid the foundations of the earth.
Open your hearts to the steadfast love God offers.

**People: The deeds of God are beyond knowing.
Yet we catch glimpses of God's mercy and care.**

Leader: God does not forsake us when we are dismayed and afraid.
Our Creator is with us in all times and places.

**People: God is a stronghold for the oppressed and troubled.
The needy and the poor are not forgotten.**

Leader: God is ready to listen to us in these moments together.
See, now is the acceptable time, the day of salvation.

**People: Surely God will meet us here in our faith community!
How good it is when we sense our unity in Christ!**

***HYMN NO. 110**

A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

Ein' Feste Burg

***INVOCATION**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

We sing praises to you, O God, for you have been gracious to us amid the storms of life. We do battle with many enemies within and among us, but you give us confidence and courage to face them. Out of the whirlwind, you answer when we call. We have gathered to listen for the voice we sometimes cannot hear in the daily clamor of our lives. Help us to discard the excess baggage and unnecessary armor that keeps us from the fullness of life you intend for us. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH From Corinthians 15 and Colossians 1**

Leader: This is the good news
which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved:

**People: Christ died for our sins, was buried,
was raised on the third day,
and appeared first to the women,
then to Peter and the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.**

**We believe Jesus is the Christ,
the Anointed One of God,
the firstborn of all creation,
the firstborn from the dead,**

in whom all things hold together,
in whom the fullness of God
was pleased to dwell
by the power of the Spirit.
Christ is the head of the body, the church,
and by the blood of the cross
reconciles all things to God. 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

2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Page 221 (NT) in pew Bibles

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 4:35-46

Page 47 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

For Those Who Serve
Chancel Choir

Joseph Martin

***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

Alice Balentine

Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***HYMN NO. 534**

Be Still My Soul

Finlandia

SERMON

"Rowing in the Same Direction"

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

***HYMN NO. 377**

It Is Well with My Soul

Ville Du Harve

***AN ORDER OF FAREWELL TO A PASTOR** (Please see insert)

***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.

**Please stand if you are able*

Nursery Provided

Music Notes

Today's offertory was commissioned by the Shiloh Bible Church of Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania in honor of their pastor and his wife who had served that church for more than 33 years. The Music Ministry offers it today in grateful thanks to God and in celebration of the ministry of Terry and Lynda Martin.

*For Those Who Serve
Joseph Martin*

*Lord, thank you for the hands, the hands that calm our fear;
tender hands that hold the sick and catch the falling tear.
Lord, thank you for the lips that speak the words of grace,
all those who break the bread of life and wake the world to praise.*

*Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love,
Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above.
Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light.
Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ.*

*Thank you for the feet of those who lead us into peace,
leaving in the sands of time a path for all to see.
Thank you for the arms of those who reach into the night,
arms that carry those who fall and lift the cross of Christ.*

*Thank you, God, for those who serve, for the ones who share your love,
Lord, the ones who give their lives away and lift our eyes above.
Thank you for their song. Thank you for their light.
Thank you for the ones who serve the body of Christ.
Thank you, God.*

An Order of Farewell to a Pastor

The appointment of a pastor to a United Methodist Church is only for one year at a time. While most pastors are reappointed for multiple years, eventually the time comes when a congregation must say farewell to one pastor and welcome another. Since June of 2010, Rev Terry Martin has been our spiritual guide and our pastor. Today we recognize that through prayerful consideration, our Bishop has appointed Terry to serve another congregation, and it is time to bid Terry and Lynda a fond farewell.

Reverend Martin:

I thank you, members and friends of Main Street United Methodist Church, for the love and support you have shown me while I have ministered among you. I am grateful for the ways my leadership has been accepted. I ask forgiveness for the mistakes I have made. As I leave, I carry with me all that I have learned here.

Congregation:

We receive your thankfulness, offer forgiveness, and accept that you now leave to minister elsewhere. We express our gratitude for your time among us. We ask your forgiveness for our mistakes. Your influence on our faith and faithfulness will not leave us with your departure.

Reverend Martin:

I accept your gratitude and forgiveness, and I forgive you, trusting that our time together and our parting are pleasing to God. I release you from turning to me and depending on me. I encourage your continuing ministry here and will pray for you and for your new pastor, Reverend Phil Thrailkill.

Let us pray together.

Eternal God, whose steadfast love for us is from everlasting to everlasting, we give you thanks for cherished memories and commend one another into your care as we move in new directions. Keep us one in your love forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.