

The people of Main St. UMC 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. 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 follower of Jesus Christ. It's our business as we serve the world from the center of Greenwood.

Sunday, August 26, 2012

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am The 13th Sunday after Pentecost Color: Green

***Stand as able**

A nursery is provided

"How do I learn to pray?" asked the novice. "Pray the Lord's Prayer slowly," said the sage.

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

Pray as You Enter; Assume Silence at the Chiming

TRINITY CHIME

Julia Baker

PRELUDE

Fanfare on "Now Thank We All Our God" (Charles Callahan)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 46:1-7

Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear though the earth should change,

though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;

though its waters roar and foam,

though the mountains tremble with its tumult.

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,

the holy habitation of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her, she shall not be moved;

God will help her right early.

The nations rage, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.

The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge."

***HYMN NO. 160:**

"Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart"

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Based on Matthew 6:9-15

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

Almighty and holy God, our heavenly Father,
you dwell in glory where your rule is unchallenged.
But we your children, for whom Jesus came as Friend and Savior,
live in a broken world where your rule is challenged on every front.
Many do not know you as Father and think of you as a Tyrant.
Your holy name is misused and attached to all sorts of unworthy plans.
We build up our own kingdoms and forget yours.
We stuff ourselves while others have not enough to survive.
We bear grudges and forget the freedom forgiveness brings.
We toy with temptations and their deadly pleasures rather than run away.
Life ties us in knots because we have forgotten to pray and surrender.
Have mercy upon us, O Lord, for we are in great need.
Break our bondages and loose our bonds.
Set us free into the broad place of forgiveness and glad obedience,
that we may be true and faithful followers of your Son,
who lived a perfect life, then laid it down in a great sacrifice for us all.
Amen. (Silence is kept for confession. Pardon is announced.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 64** *Holy, Holy, Holy* (stanza 4 only)
REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE (Counting sheep!), CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

LORD'S PRAYER DRAMA Lisa Smith

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE *Blessing Of Backpacks and Teachers!* Pastor Phil
(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session.)

ANTHEM *The Lord's Prayer (Bradley Ellingboe)*
Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

A READING OF UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE *The Book of Discipline 2008, 63*
Article XV: Of Speaking in the Congregation in Such a Tongue as the People Understand
It is a thing plainly repugnant to the Word of God, and the custom of the primitive church, to have public prayer in the church, or to minister the Sacraments, in a tongue not understood by the people.

SERMON LESSON *The Lord's Prayer* Matthew 6:9-15
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

What Does It Mean To Pray?

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

Have I enrolled in Jesus' school of prayer and life-transformation?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD OF GOD

***SONG, NO. 471**

Move Me

***A BIDDING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our 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.

INVITATION AND OFFERING

SOLO

The Publican (Beardsley van deWater)

Larry Moore

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

***THE BAPTISMAL COVENANT II**

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(Caroline Olivia Leopard, born 2/21/12, daughter of Justin & Ashleigh Leopard)

SENDING FORTH

***SONG, NO. 473**

Lead Me, Lord

***COMMISSIONING KIT ADKINS FOR SHORT TERM MISSIONARY SERVICE**

Along with seven others from the U.S., Kit will participate in the "Ubuntu Explorer Journey to the Philippines," Sept.2-17. *Ubuntu*, an African word meaning "I am human because you are human," gives women an opportunity to share themselves and their gifts with another culture. They will participate in leader training and help in relief efforts for victims of the recent floods in the Manila area. We look forward to a report upon Kit's return! Read Mark 6:7-13, 30-32 for an example.

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraikill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

POSTLUDE

Joyce Nickles: Organist