

February 26, 2012 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

First Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

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

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Cecelia McGinnis

PRELUDE

Lead On, O King Eternal

setting by Charles Callahan

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Henrietta Morton

Leader: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Look for signs of the covenant that God makes with us and our children to endless generations.

People: No one who hopes in God will be put to shame.

***HYMN NO. 269**

Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days

Land of Rest

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

Christ our Lord was tempted in the wilderness and knows all our trouble and weakness. We therefore have courage to confess our failings and our sins, knowing that the God of Jesus Christ will hear and forgive us. Please join in the sung Song of Approach followed by the unison Prayer of Confession.

***SONG OF APPROACH**

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

See Lyrics on Page 3

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)**

God of mercy,

we confess that we too often satisfy our own desires before we think of others;

we take needless risks that endanger ourselves and those around us;

we look for power in the wrong places and fail to let you rule in our lives.

Help us to turn away from all that keeps us from worshiping you alone. Amen.

***WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Jesus dismissed the tempter and walked from the wilderness toward the glory of the cross. Let us rejoice this day in Jesus' glorious victory through his death and resurrection. In Jesus' name we are forgiven.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

William Holden Styron

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

Taize Community

O Lord hear my prayer, O Lord hear my prayer:

The first system of musical notation is in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of a treble and bass staff. The melody in the treble staff begins with a quarter note G4, followed by a half note chord of G4-B4, and then a quarter note G4. The bass staff provides a harmonic accompaniment with chords of G2-B2, G2-B2, and G2-B2.

when I call an - swer me. O Lord hear my prayer, O

The second system continues the melody and accompaniment. The treble staff features a half note chord of G4-B4, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a half note chord of G4-B4. The bass staff continues with chords of G2-B2, G2-B2, and G2-B2.

Lord hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me.

The third system concludes the piece. The treble staff has a half note chord of G4-B4, followed by a quarter note G4, and then a half note chord of G4-B4. The bass staff continues with chords of G2-B2, G2-B2, and G2-B2. The system ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 9:8-17

Page 9 (OT) in pew Bibles

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Mark 1:9-15

Page 42 (NT) in pew Bibles

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

People: Thanks be to God.

By His Strength We Are Saved
Salt and Light

Leader: Have mercy on us, O God,
People: **according to your unfailing love;**
Leader: According to your great compassion,
People: **Blot out our transgression.**
Leader: Wash away all our iniquity,
People: **and cleanse us from our sin.**

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the desert to be tempted by the devil. After fasting forty days and forty nights, he was hungry. The tempter came to him and said, "If you are the Son of God, tell these stones to become bread."

Jesus answered him, "It is written, 'Man does not live by bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"

Then the devil took him to the holy city and had him stand on the highest point of the temple.

"If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down. For it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you and they will lift you up in their hands, so that you will not strike your foot against a stone.'"

Jesus said, "It is also written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'"

Again, the devil took him up to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor.

"All of this – all of this – I will give you if you will bow down and worship me."

Jesus said to him, "Away from me Satan! For it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'"

Then the devil left him, and angels came and attended him.

Christ alone has conquered the power of evil.

Leader: In the Epistle to the Romans, Paul says, "Where sin increased, grace increased all the more, so that just as sin reigned in death, so also grace might reign through righteousness to bring eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord."

People: **In His strength we are saved.**
Leader: Create in us a pure heart, O God.
People: **And renew a steadfast spirit within us.**
Leader: Do not cast us from your presence,
People: **or take your Holy Spirit from us.**
Leader: Restore to us the joy of your salvation,
People: **and grant us a willing spirit, to sustain us.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

My Song Is Love Unknown
Chancel Choir with Amy Blackwood, violin

Mark Schweizer

*DOXOLOGY

God Whose Giving Knows No Ending



God whose giv-ing knows no end-ing, from your rich and



end-less store; Na-ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis-dom,



cost-ly cross, grave's shat-tered door, gift-ed by you, we turn



to__ you, of -fer-ing up our-selves in praise; thank-ful songs shall



rise for - ev - er gra-cious do - nor of our days.

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Kathy Kelly

As the children come to the front of the Sanctuary, they are invited to bring change to help in Heifer International. If any adults want to contribute, please pass your money to a child as they come forward. Following the message, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

*HYMN NO. 347

Spirit Song

Spirit Song

SERMON

“Affirmation and Dedication” The Reverend Terry C. Martin

*HYMN NO. 521

I Want Jesus to Walk with Me

Sojourner

*BENEDICTION

Leader: Do not live by bread alone, but by the will of God.

People: **May God give the angels charge over us; may their hands bear us up and keep us from falling. Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

**Please stand if you are able*

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Our 11:00 am worship service is broadcast at 12 noon on 92.9 FM (WZLA).

Music Notes

The text for today's anthem was written by Samuel Crossman in 1664. Crossman was a minister of the Church of England and a hymn writer. Many of his hymns are in the *Sacred Harp*.

My Song Is Love Unknown

Mark Schweizer

My song is love unknown,
My Savior's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown
that they might lovely be.
O who am I, that for my sake
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

Christ came from heaven's throne
Salvation to bestow,
But people scorned and none
the longed for Christ would know.
But O my friend, my friend indeed,
Who at my need His life did spend!

Here I might stay and sing,
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like Thine.
This is my friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

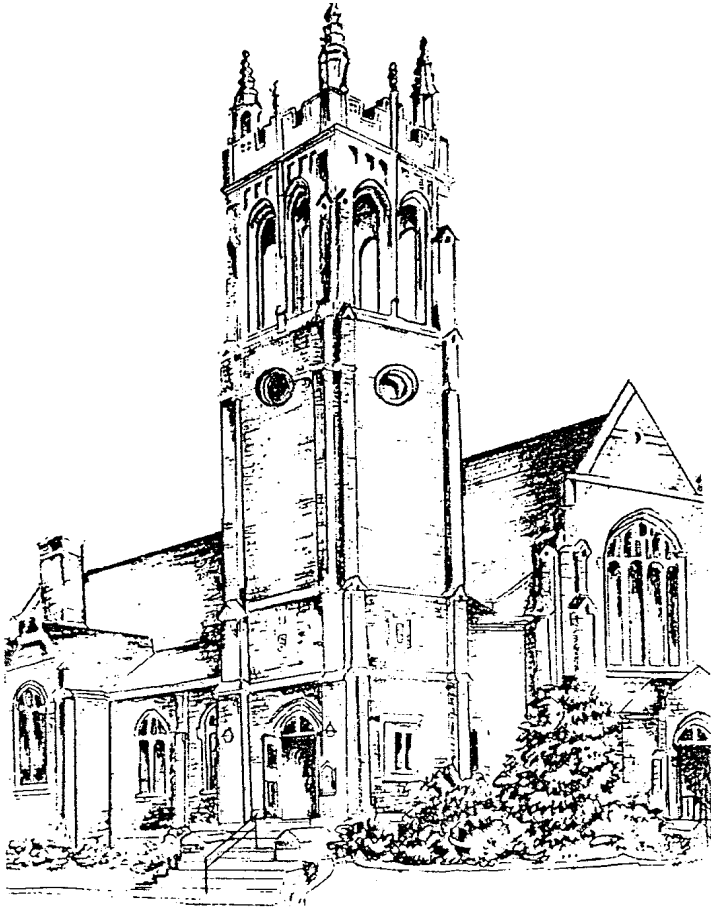
My song is love unknown,
My song is love unknown.
Is Love;
Is Love,
Is Love.

INFANT BAPTISM

William Holden Styron

February 26, 2012

Minister: Terry C. Martin



Main Street United Methodist Church

211 North Main Street

Greenwood, South Carolina

BAPTISMAL COVENANT II

INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

Brothers and sisters in Christ: Through the Sacrament of Baptism we are initiated into Christ's holy church. We are incorporated into God's mighty acts of salvation and given new birth through water and the Spirit. All this is God's gift, offered to us without price.

PRESENTATION OF CANDIDATE

I present **William Holden Styron** for baptism.

RENUNCIATION OF SIN AND PROFESSION OF FAITH

The pastor addresses parents:

Brooke and Jared:

On behalf of the whole church, I ask you: Do you renounce the spiritual forces of wickedness, reject the evil powers of this world, and repent of your sin?

We do.

Do you accept the freedom and power God gives you to resist evil, injustice, and oppression in whatever forms they present themselves?

We do.

Do you confess Jesus Christ as your Savior, put your whole trust in his grace, and promise to serve him as your Lord, in union with the church which Christ has opened to people of all ages, nations, and races?

We do.

Brooke and Jared:

Will you nurture **Holden** in Christ's holy church, that by your teaching and example he may be guided to accept God's grace for himself, to profess his faith openly, and to lead a Christian life?

We will.

The pastor addresses the congregation:

Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do.

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include **Holden** now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround him with a community of love and forgiveness, that he may grow in his trust of God, and be found faithful in his service to others. We will pray for him, that he may be a true disciple who walks in the way that leads to life.

Let us join together in professing the Christian faith as contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in Jesus Christ?

I believe 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, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe in the Holy Spirit?

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.

THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

The Lord be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Let us pray.

Eternal Father: When nothing existed but chaos, you swept across the dark waters and brought forth light. In the days of Noah you saved those on the ark through water. After the flood you set in the clouds a rainbow. When you saw your people as slaves in Egypt, you led them to freedom through the sea. Their children you brought through the Jordan to the land which you promised.

Sing to the Lord, all the earth. Tell of God's mercy each day.
In the fullness of time you sent Jesus, nurtured in the water of a

womb. He was baptized by John and anointed by your Spirit. He called his disciples to share in the baptism of his death and resurrection and to make disciples of all nations.

Declare his works to the nations, his glory among all the people.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, to bless this gift of water and they who receive it, to wash away their sin and clothe them in righteousness throughout their lives, that, dying and being raised with Christ, they may share in his final victory.

All praise to you, Eternal Father, through your Son Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

Brooke and Jared, what name is given to this child?

William Holden Styron, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.** The Holy Spirit work within you, that being born through water and the Spirit you may be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Now it is our joy to welcome our new brother in Christ.

Through baptism he is incorporated by the Holy Spirit into God's new creation and made to share in Christ's royal priesthood. We are all one in Christ Jesus. With joy and thanksgiving we welcome him as a member of the family of Christ.

COMMENDATION AND WELCOME

Members of the household of God, I commend **Holden** to your love and care. Do all in your power to increase his faith, confirm his hope, and perfect him in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation of The United Methodist Church, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

The God of all grace, who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish you and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace.

Holden Styron was born on October 17, 2011 to Brooke Hope Faulkner and Jared Wesley Styron. Proud grandparents are Pamela Faulkner and the late William Faulkner, Jackie Matthews and Johnny Styron. Proud aunt is Heather Faulkner, and proud uncles are Austin Styron and Jacob Wardell.