

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 5, 2012

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00 am The 10th Sunday after Pentecost Color: Green

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

"It is a good thing to reverse course and come home to the mercy of God."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME Schuyler McGinnis

PRELUDE If Thou But Suffer God to Guide Thee (Johann Walther)
(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. 365**

Grace Greater than Our Sin

***COMMON PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON** Based on Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
working for good in this world of sin and evil,
hear our confession as we humble ourselves before you.
We have often believed the lie that life is better without you
and that you are an impediment to our pleasures and freedom.
We have believed the lie that sin is without consequences
and that what others do not know about does not matter.
We have looked down our noses at the drug addict and drunkard,
the sexually immoral and those who have committed crimes.
This also is sin and the pride that goes before a fall.
We have forgotten how the blood of Christ first cleansed us,
and how you so patiently taught us to walk in the truth.
It is because of your great mercy shown to us in Jesus
that we ask again for a flood of forgiveness and healing upon us all.
Place in us a holy revulsion for all that is not of you.
By the deep workings of your Holy Spirit
make us a people who can welcome the sin-weary back home.
Teach us to rejoice when you raise souls from the dead.
Amen. (All pray in silence. Pardon is announced.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, NO. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*

REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE (Counting sheep!), CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Susan Pinckney

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

ANTHEM

Wayfarin' Stranger (Michael Larkin)

Chancel Choir

A READING OF UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE

The Book of Discipline 2008, 62

The Article of Religion Article XII- Of Sin After Justification

Not every sin willingly committed after justification is the sin against the Holy Ghost, and unpardonable. Wherefore, the grant of repentance is not to be denied to such as fall into sin after

justification. After we have received the Holy Ghost, we may depart from grace given, and fall into sin, and, by the grace of God, rise again and amend our lives. And therefore they are to be condemned who say they can no more sin as long as they live here; or deny the place of forgiveness to such as truly repent.”

SERMON LESSON

The Prodigal Son

Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

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

SERMON

Who's The Prodigal?

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, NO. 340**

Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

(The altar is open for prayer and repentance, or to pray for prodigals, during the hymn.)

INVITATION AND OFFERING

OFFERTORY *Sometimes I Feel Like a Motherless Child (arr. Moses Hogan)*

(Martha Moore: Soloist)

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

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Hymnal: 9-10, Musical Setting B: 18-20

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

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.

HOLY COMMUNION

In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN, NO. 557**

Blessed Assurance

Favorites List! (5 votes)

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Phil Thraillkill: Pastor

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

POSTLUDE

Joyce Nickles: Organist

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