

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.

**Sunday, September 9, 2012**  
**Our website is [www.msumc1.org](http://www.msumc1.org)**

## THE SUNDAY SERVICE

**11:00 am      The 15<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost      Color: Green**

\*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

**“At MSUMC we believe everyone has a place and a purpose in the one body of Christ.”**

### ENTRANCE

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

**TRINITY CHIME**      Marisa Rogers

**PRELUDE**      *Chorale in E Minor (J.S. Bach)*      Joyce Nickles: Organist

**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. 92**      *For the Beauty of the Earth*

**\*COMMON PRAYER OF PRAISE AND PETITION**      Based on 1 Cor. 12:12-27

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
in your great plan for the healing of this beautiful and broken world  
you have offered us new life in Jesus Christ  
You have called us to be one in faith and one in love,  
but diverse in our gifts and various callings.  
Save us from trying to make others over in our own image.  
Give us patience with those who passions differ from our own.  
Open our eyes to the many workings of your Holy Spirit in our midst.  
Grant us grace to love the church and its people as you do.  
Our sin and frailties are not hidden from your eye.  
Our secret hopes and dreams are laid out before you.  
That you delight to call us your adopted children is a wondrous thing.  
Come and fill our worship with your holy presence  
and speak to us as we wait in silence before you.  
Amen. (Silence is kept for listening prayer.)**

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

## **PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE**

**OLD TESTAMENT LESSON**      *Love and Justice United*      Leviticus 19:1-18  
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**  
(John DeLoach: Lay Reader)

**ON THE WITNESS STAND**      *What Is Alpha?*      Margaret Cotton

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**      Mary Alexander  
(3-year-olds through Kindergarteners leave for Extended Session.)

**A READING OF UNITED METHODIST DOCTRINE**      *The Book of Discipline 2008, 67-8*  
**The U.M. Confession of Faith, Article V: The Church**

“We believe the Christian Church **is** the community of all true believers under the Lordship of Christ. We believe it is one (1), holy (2), apostolic (3) and catholic (4) [4 Marks] . **It is** the redemptive fellowship in which the Word of God is preached by men (those) divinely called, and the sacraments are duly administered according to Christ's own appointment. Under the discipline of the Holy Spirit the Church **exists for** the maintenance of worship (1), the edification of believers (2) and the redemption of the world (3).” [3 Purposes]

**ANTHEM**                    *One Faith, One Hope, One Lord (Craig Courtney)*  
Chancel Choir, Larry Moore: Director

**SERMON LESSON**                    *Christ's Body the Church*                    1 Corinthians 12:12-27  
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**                    *Organic Church*                    Phil Thraikill: Pastor  
I will not gossip but speak the truth in love with my brothers and sisters.  
I will examine myself before God before I criticize or correct another.  
I will use my gifts and serve where God has appointed me and encourage others.  
I will seek through repentance and restitution to heal any wounds I have caused in this fellowship.  
I will commit myself to build new and different friendships in the church.

## **RESPONSES TO THE WORD**

**\*HYMN, NO. 561**                    *Jesus, United by Thy Grace*  
(*The altar is open for prayer during the hymn. Ask for a new love for the church.*)

### **INVITATION AND OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY**                    *Norwegian Folk Melody*                    Joyce Nickles: Organist  
Rhonda McGinnis, Flute

**\*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. 880**                    *The Nicene Creed*

## **SENDING FORTH**

**\*HYMN, NO. 557**                    *Blessed Be the Tie That Binds*

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

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

**POSTLUDE**                    Joyce Nickles: Organist

The flowers are given by Ruth (Rink) Thomas in loving memory of her parents, Gray and Ruth Moore.