

We welcome you to worship the Living and Triune God. Christ is alive and with us in the power of the Spirit. Prayer and counsel are available after the service.

You are called to be a follower of the Lord Jesus, a member of his people, and a participant in his mission to spread his kingdom and all its benefits. It's our main business as we serve the world from the center of Greenwood, SC.

Sunday, April 14, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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“Following Christ from City-Center”

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

3rd Sunday of Easter

Color: White

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

“Deep wisdom is the result of living through life’s problems with the help of God.”

ENTRANCE

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE Pray as you enter; assume silence at the chiming

TRINITY CHIME Sam Crooks

PRELUDE *Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain (Cherwein)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

CALL TO WORSHIP *King of Kings* Sung as a round

1. **King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!**
King of kings and Lord of lords, glory, hallelujah!
2. **Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!**
Jesus, Prince of Peace, glory, hallelujah!

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Easter Shout!

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord.
Blessed be God the Father, God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever! Amen.

Christ is risen!
The Lord is risen indeed!
Blessing and honor, dominion and power,
be to God for ever and ever!
Christ is risen! Alleluia!

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 327** *Crown Him with Many Crowns*

Crucifer: Joe Hartung, Acolytes: Lucas Bassett, Libby Hartung

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER** Based on Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray:

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
you are never in our debt,
but we are always indebted to you.
Everything we are and everything we have is a gift from on high.
The power to work with the earth and enjoy it is a great delight.
Today we thank you again for your best gift,
that you came among us in Jesus Christ to light the way
and to enter so deeply into our sin and death that it became your own.
If ever your light stopped shining on us, we would walk in darkness.
If ever your truth was denied us, we would not know where to turn.
If ever your grace was not available, we would surely lose our way.
But you are constant and unchanging in your love, and that is our hope.
We call upon you as a body of believers.
We humble ourselves together in your holy presence.
We ask that your Spirit rest upon us all as we wait in silence before you.
Amen. (Silent prayer by all. Listen for the voice of the Lord.)**

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 162** *Alleluia, Alleluia* Stanza 2 Only
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

ON THE WITNESS STAND *Pathway House* Cassie Funderburk
(Cassie will be up front after the service to answer questions about serving.)

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Joshua Assumes Leadership* Joshua 1:1-18
This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
(Marilyn Murphy: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Jessica Morris

UNITED METHODIST TEACHING *Questions for Pastors* Insert

ANTHEM

The Lamb (Gerald Coleman)
Larry Moore: Director

Chancel Choir

INTRODUCTION OF OUR GUEST PREACHER
SERMON LESSON

Pastor Phil Thraikill
Ephesians 2:8-9, Romans 6:23

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

SERMON

Gifts

Rev. Leon Thompson: Retired

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***HYMN, No. 365**

Grace Greater than Our Sin

***PRAYERS FOR THE CHURCH & GOD'S WORLD**

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

OFFERTORY

Be Not Afraid (Craig Courtney)

Joyce Nickles: Piano, John DeLoach: Clarinet, Larry Moore: Baritone

***DOXOLOGY, No. 95** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

***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

The Apostles' Creed

Hymnal: 881

SENDING FORTH

***HYMN No. 671**

Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing

***DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING**

Pastor Leon Thompson

***SUNG RESPONSE, NO. 666**

Shalom to You

***POSTLUDE, TIME TO GREET A VISITOR!**

Joyce Nickles: Organist