

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, September 1, 2013

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

15th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"We must be filled with the Spirit to have strength to obey Jesus' tough teachings!"

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Lucas Bassett

PRELUDE

Largo (John Stanley)

Joyce Nickles: Organist

]WELCOME AND SILENCE Phil Thraikill: Pastor, Peggy Ackerman: Prayer Sentinel

***CALL TO WORSHIP** *Clap Your Hands, O Faithful People*

**Clap your hands, O faithful people!
Shout to God a song of praise!
The Most High our land has ransomed,
and will reign as Lord always!
Great the majesty around us,
sure the paths our feet have trod;
we are claimed as sons and daughters,
children of a gracious God.**

***GREETING** Trinitarian Greeting, Psalm 90:1-2, 11-12

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.

"Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

**Before the mountains were brought forth,
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,
from everlasting to everlasting you are God....**

Who considers the power of your anger?

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due you.

So teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart."

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 117** *O God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Crucifer: MaryAshlynn Perkey, Acolytes: Olivia Rowland, Drew Hinton

***INVITATION, MUTUAL BLESSING, CONFESSION AND PARDON**

Christ our Lord invites to his table	He invites! It's his table!
all who love him,	Do you love him?
who earnestly repent of their sin	Are you turning to him?
and seek to live in peace with one another.	Do you seek peace?
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and neighbor.	Communal

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

**Almighty and most merciful God, our heavenly Father,
you have called us and saved us in the company of Jesus Christ.
From him we learn the deep truths of how to live and love.
When attacked, he did not retaliate.
When slandered, he spoke the truth in peace.
When crucified and mocked, he offered forgiveness.
But how quick we are to guard our comforts and reputations.
How often we slander and gossip and retaliate.
How narrow is our generosity and how accurate our calculations.
Have mercy upon us.
Forgive us all the times we have failed the tests of love.
Touch our hearts with the fire and light of the Holy Spirit,
that we may face our world aflame with your presence.
Come and make yourself known as we stand in silence before you.
Amen.** (All pray in silence. Pardon is announced)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 70** *Glory Be to the Father*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Margaret Crooks

***UNITED METHODIST TEACHING** *The Book of Discipline 2012: 95, Para. 127*
The Ministry of the Laity (Greek laos = people)

“The ministry of the laity flows from a commitment to Christ’s outreaching love. Lay members of The United Methodist Church are, by history and calling, active advocates of the gospel of Jesus Christ. *Every* layperson is called to carry out the Great Commission (Matthew 28:18-20); *every* layperson is called to be missional. The witness of the laity, their Christ-like examples of everyday living as well as the sharing of their own faith experiences of the gospel, is the primary evangelistic ministry (not the pastors!) through which all people will come to know Christ and The United Methodist Church will fulfill its mission.”

ANTHEM *Celtic Laud (Craig Courtney)* Chancel Choir
Larry Moore: Director, Rhonda McGinnis: Flute

SERMON LESSON *The Power of Holy Love* Luke 6:27-38
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Living Like God* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
What might it mean to live in love with the immediate help of the Spirit?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

***WESLEY HYMN, No. 422** *Jesus, Thine All-Victorious Love*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Place your prayer requests in the plate
OFFERTORY *For Me to Live Is Jesus (J.S. Bach)* Joyce Nickles: Organist

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

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING** Musical Setting B: 18-20

***THE LORD’S PRAYER SUNG** Back of Scripture Sheet

***HOLY COMMUNION** In four actions Jesus took, blessed, broke, and gave
Servers: Shell and Mary Dula, Lomax and Marilyn Murphy,
Bayard and Patricia Lindell, Charlie and Ann West, Larry Moore: Assistant

SENDING FORTH

***SPIRITUAL, No. 585** *This Little Light of Mine*

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

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

***POSTLUDE, GREETING EACH OTHER AFTER THE SERVICE**

The flowers are given in loving honor Ed Munnerlyn on his birthday, September 3, by his children.

Sermon copies are available up front and on the website.

We pray together from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel behind the sanctuary