

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, July 20, 2014

Services at 8:30/11:00am

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Our Mission: "Following Christ from City Center"

THE SUNDAY SERVICE

11:00am

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Color: Green

*Stand as able

A nursery is provided

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

"What we do with death, truth, money, and love shapes our lives for eternity."

ENTRANCE

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

TRINITY CHIME

Ann Baker

PRELUDE *Holy, Holy, Holy (P. Deveren)*

Josh Harrington: Organist

WELCOME AND SILENCE

Phil Thrailkill: Pastor

***GREETING**

Trinitarian Greeting, The Commands of God

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.

"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 you mind, and with all your strength.'**

The second is this: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.

There is no other commandment greater than these.'"

***PROCESSION HYMN, No. 90** *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones*
(Crucifer: MaryAshlynn Perkey, Acolytes: Rachel Holder, Claire Leather-Barrineau)

***MUTUAL BLESSING, COMMON PRAYER** Based on Luke 16:1-13

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

Almighty God our heavenly Father,
 you have riches we know nothing of,
 and a place prepared for us where there is no lack.
For those things we need and own and enjoy, we give you thanks.
For those things we own and do not need or enjoy,
 we ask for the grace of a renewed simplicity
 and the discernment to know the difference.
Teach us to laugh at the advertisers who breed discontent.
Make us shrewd in our all dealings with money and property,
 that we may gain a reputation as faithful stewards
 who are generous and wise in all things, great and small.
May our hearts and our banking records both bear witness
 that we are followers of your Son Jesus Christ
 and sensitive to the leadings of the Holy Spirit.
May we be a people who trust in you for all good things,
 in this short life, and in the new world to come. Amen.
(All listen in silence for the voice and gifts of the Holy Spirit.)

***ACT OF PRAISE, No. 174** *His Name is Wonderful*
WELCOME VISITORS, REGISTER ATTENDANCE, CHURCH CONCERNS

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON *Healing A Community Of Crime* Leviticus 6:1-7
 This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**
 (Richard Pinckney: Lay Reader)

CHILDREN'S TIME Myra Greene

THE DOCTRINE OF THE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Confession of Faith, Article XV: "The Christian and Property"

"We believe God is the owner of all things and that the individual holding of

property is lawful and is a sacred trust under God. Private property is to be used for the manifestation of Christian love and liberality, and to support the Church's mission in the world. All forms of property, whether private, corporate or public, are to be held in solemn trust and used responsibly for human good under the sovereignty of God" (*The Book of Discipline 2012: 74*).

ANTHEM *They Shall Soar Like Eagles (Laura Manzo)*
Myra Greene, Tiffany Atkinson

SERMON LESSON *Jesus Tells A Shocking Story* Luke 16:1-13
This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON *Jesus Praises A Sly Scoundrel!* Phil Thraikill: Pastor
If desire for more is consuming my life, do I worship a false god?
Is it possible to become God's friend in the making and spending of money?
Are there truth and resources from God I'm not yet ready to receive?

RESPONSES TO THE WORD

SILENCE AND REFLECTION ON THE WORD READ AND PREACHED

*HYMN, No. 398 *Jesus Calls Us*

GIVING OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *Lord, Thy Word Abideth (T. Birchwood)* Josh Harrington

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

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING, LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING FORTH

*CHORUS, No. 503 *Let It Breathe on Me*

*DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Phil Thraikill: Pastor

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

TIME TO GREET A VISITOR

The flowers are given to God's glory and in loving honor of Millie C. Workman on her 90th birthday, July 15 by her great granddaughter, little Millie Cannon.

Sunday, July 27 *"This Is No 'Sweet Jesus'"* Luke 16:14-31

Join us to pray on Thursday, July 24 from 6:30-7:00pm in the Chapel

