

August 7, 2011 SERVICE OF WORSHIP

11:00 am

8th Sunday After Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Green

Preparation for Worship and Announcements

Dr. Mary Lynn Polk, Lay Leader

Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim, till all the world adore his sacred name.

***Passing of the Peace**

Chiming of the Trinity

Marisa Rogers

Prelude

Meditation

Charles Callahan

***Call to Worship**

Stokes Gray

Leader: Let us hold fast to what is good.

People: **Rejoice in hope.**

Leader: Persevere in prayer.

People: **Give joyfully in love.**

Leader: Stand firm in one spirit.

People: **Strive side by side with one mind.**

Leader: And worship God with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength.

***Hymn No. 156**

I Love to Tell the Story

Hankey

***Invocation**

Matthew Anderson

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on us. As we gather in this place, allow your Spirit to fill our very being. As we worship today, we remember our brothers and sisters who are worshipping elsewhere throughout the world. Inspire each of us to work more faithfully for justice and dignity of life everywhere. Raise our vision above the barriers of color, culture, and creed that separate us. Give us wisdom as we deal with one another. Help us to recognize and to respect different ways, rather than to judge. In the Spirit of Jesus who came not to be served but to serve, we must now walk in the world. We must reach out our hands with help and open our hearts in love. Awake in us the desire to seek your way of serving you in the world. Amen.

Epistle Reading

Romans 10:5-15

Josie Adams

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Prayer of St. Francis of Assisi

Greg Shelley

Offering

Offertory

Follow You

Leeland

Jessica Morris and Granger Smith

***Doxology**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

Old 100th

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

The Reverend Terry C. Martin

Children's Message

Jessica Morris

Following Children's Time, 3-year-olds through Kindergarteners may leave the Sanctuary for Extended Session.

***Hymn**

Sanctuary

Lord, prepare me to be a sanctuary, pure and holy, tried and true.

With thanksgiving, I'll be a living sanctuary for you.

***Gospel Lesson**

Matthew 14:22-33

Debbie Tharpe

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Reflections on Mission and Ministry

West Metro Salkehatchie Participants, Michael and Madeline Johnson, and Bamberg Salkehatchie Participant, Kevin Bishop

* Affirmation of Faith No. 883 A Statement of Faith of the United Church of Canada

Kathy Kelly

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, and life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

* Gloria Patri No. 70

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Sacrament of Holy Communion (please see insert)

* Hymn 593

Here I Am, Lord

Here I Am, Lord

* Benediction

Nick Gray

Leader: O church of God, united, we have a mission:

People: To make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

Leader: O people of God, we have a vision:

People: To ignite and sustain a passionate spiritual relationship with Christ among all people!

Leader: O brothers and sisters, we have one great value at the core of our being:

People: To love! We shall love our God with all that we have and love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen

* Postlude

**Please stand if you are able*

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Chancel Flowers

The chancel flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of
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Holy Communion

Invitation

God in Christ breaks down the walls that make us strangers to ourselves and divide us from one another. We are the body of Christ.

Around this table, we enact our faith. The body broken is restored to wholeness;
lifeblood poured out brings healing to our world.

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right and good to give you thanks, Almighty God. You poured out the Holy Spirit upon the disciples, teaching them the truth of your son Jesus, empowering your church for its service, and uniting us as your holy people. Therefore, in all times and places your people proclaim your glory in unending praise:



We remember with joy the grace by which you created all things and made us in your own image. We rejoice that you called a people in covenant to be a light to the nations. Yet we rebelled against your will. In spite of the prophets and pastors sent to us, we continued to break your covenant. In the fullness of time, you sent your only son to save us. Incarnate by the Holy Spirit, born of your favored one, Mary, sharing our life, he reconciled us to your love. At the Jordon your Spirit descended upon him, anointing him to preach the good news of your reign. He healed the sick and fed the hungry, manifesting the power of your compassion. He sought out the lost and broke bread with sinners, witnessing the fullness of your grace. We beheld his glory.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus took bread; giving thanks to you, he broke the bread and offered it to his disciples, saying, "Take this and eat; this is my body, which is given for you, do this in remembrance of me." Taking the cup, again he gave thanks to you, shared the cup with his disciples and said, "This is the cup of the new covenant in my blood. Drink from this, all of you. This is poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins."

After the meal our Lord was arrested, abandoned by his followers and beaten. He stood trial and was put to death on a cross. Having emptied himself in the form of a servant, and being obedient even to death, he was raised from the dead and exalted as Lord of heaven and earth. Through him you bestow the gift of your Spirit, uniting your church, empowering its mission, and leading us into the new creation you have promised. Gracious God, we celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ. Grant that in praise and thanksgiving we may be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable in your sight, and that our lives may proclaim the mystery of faith:



Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts, that in the breaking of the bread and the drinking of this wine we may know the presence of the living Christ and be renewed as the body of Christ for the world, redeemed by Christ's blood.

As the grain and grapes, once dispersed in the fields, are now united on this table in bread and wine, so may we and all your people be gathered from every time and place into the unity of your eternal household and feast at your table for ever.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.



And now, with the confidence of children of God, 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. Amen.

The Pouring and Breaking and Serving

The Bread we break is the Bread of Life.

The Cup we Share is the Cup of Promise.

These are the gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Come and eat, the banquet awaits.

Please unite your voices with other believers in singing these hymns during communion

Hymn 620

One Bread, One Body

Hymn 632

Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether

Hymn 408

The Gift of Love

Prayer Following Communion

O God, we thank you for uniting us by baptism in the body of Christ, and, by this meal, filling us with joy and hope. Grant that in the days ahead our lips which have sung your praises may speak the truth; our eyes which have seen your love may look with compassion on the needs of the world; our hands which have held this bread and cup may be active in your service. We ask it in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen