

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

August 21, 2011 **11:00 A.M.**

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070
Tenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude Mr. Brian Vannoy
Allegro
Vivaldi

Lighting of the Altar Candles Ms. Paige Hepler

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship ABBOT'S LEIGH
God is Here
“God is here! As we your people meet to offer praise and prayer, may we find in fuller measure what it is in Christ we share. Here, as in the world around us, all our varied skills and arts wait the coming of the Spirit into open minds and hearts.”

Responsive Greeting The Reverend Peggy A. Finch
Minister: I greet you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.
May Christ’s Peace be with you.
People: And also with you.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

*Hymn of Praise: UMH No. 529 FOUNDATION
How Firm a Foundation

*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles’ Creed – UMH No. 881
The Reverend Rodney W. Denton

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;**

**And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day He rose from the dead;
He ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*Gloria Patri UMH, 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.**

*Passing of the Peace E.S. Eslinger
Shalom to You *UMH No. 666*
**Shalom to you, now, shalom, my friends.
May God’s full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.**

PRAYER AND MEDITATION

Pastoral Prayer Reverend Denton

The 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. Amen.**

Prayer Response Chancel Choir
Lead Me Lord
“Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness; make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou, Lord only, that makest me dwell in safety.”

TITHES AND OFFERINGS

+Welcome and Parish Notes Reverend Finch

The Offering
Offertory arr. Boud
I Want Jesus to Walk With Me
*Doxology
*Prayer of Dedication The Reverend Rodney W. Denton

Children’s Sermon The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler
(Please join the Chancel Choir in singing “Jesus Loves Me” as the children move to the Chancel area for the Children’s Sermon)

Bible Presentation to Rising Fourth Grade Class Congregational Response
**We rejoice in this step in your journey with God.
We pray God will guide you, your family, and us
as you use this Holy Bible in your home,
in your church school classes, and in our worship.
We will learn together and grow in our love for God's Word.**

THE WORD AND PROCLAMATION

Anthem Crescenz
A Simple Path I Walk Along
“A simple path I walk along, and though the journey's long, the Lord Himself shall go with me, His strength will make me strong. A simple path I walk along, and others go with me, the suffering ones, the homeless ones, and those in poverty.” Yet in each face I look upon, it's Jesus that I see, for Jesus said, “As you do to them, so you do to me.” A simple path I walk along, and by His grace I go, so when the lonely reach for me the love of God they'll know. He helps me lift the heavy yoke of those placed in my care, and every burden now becomes my privilege to bear. On this path I walk along, no mansions line the way, just little shacks and tenements, darkness and decay. But yet this humble, simple path leads right to heaven's door. The Lord Himself will greet me there, to live forevermore.”

Theme Song for Preaching Series: *Just A Closer Walk with Thee* (refrain only)
Please remain seated
**Just a closer walk with thee, grant it, Jesus, is my plea, daily walking close to thee:
Let it be, dear Lord, let it be.**

*Epistle Lesson: I John 4:16-21 Reverend Finch
Minister: The word of God.
People: Thank be to God.

Sermon Reverend Finch
Preaching Series: “Walk with Me”: Part 7
“The Choice of Love”

SENDING FORTH

*Hymn of Response, UMH 408 H. Hopson/GIFT OF LOVE
The Gift of Love

*Benediction Reverend Finch

*Benediction Response Chancel Choir
God Be With You till We Meet Again
“God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.”

*Chimes of the Holy Trinity

*Postlude arr. Rogers
Jesus Shall Reign

Participants in today’s service:

The Reverend Peggy A. Finch, Associate Minister
The Reverend Rodney W. Denton, Associate Minister
The Reverend Lynda C. Hepler, Minister of Children & Families
Mr. Brian Vannoy, Organist
Mrs. Laura Stevens, Flute

LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available in the Narthex. Just ask an usher if you need one. **Chief Usher:** Gerry Crowder **Leaders:** Don Clinard, Carey Eanes, Zeb Hanner, J. H. Williams, Charles Wade **Today’s Ushers:** Deborah Saintsing, David Gibbs, Wade Jarvis **Today’s Greeters:** Nancy McLain, Ann Worsham, Tim Lyons, Randall Tysinger, Agnes Farthing

HEARING DEVICES are available in the Narthex. Please ask an usher for assistance.

Nursery Care is available for children ages infant to 5 years in the main building from 8:30 am to 12 noon. Directions to the Nursery from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the nursery located on the ground floor in the south wing. Our caring nursery staff will be there to meet you!

Children's Worship is held in the Chapel following the Children's Sermon. Directions to the Chapel from the Sanctuary: Exit sanctuary at doors on either side of the chancel area. At the bottom of the steps, follow directional signs to the Chapel located on the ground floor in the north wing. Children ages 4 and up are invited to come for their own style of worship including music, storytime, video, role play and other activities. Parents are asked to pick up their child after the worship service is in the chapel.

PRAYER LIST

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 475-6026. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch and let us know how he/she is doing as names will be removed after 3 weeks. During the week, please pray for:

Military personnel stateside and overseas	Tracy Brinkley
Becci Cagle	Sharon Van Vechten
Wayne Leonard	Andrea Cain
Bill Latham	Jane Dorton
Peggy Styers	Roy & Marge Flanagan
Jody Ballard	Elaine Branson
	Debbie Hill
	Mike Schartiger
	Ralph Link
	Wayne Herrick

We extend our deepest sympathy to Mark Leonard on the death of his father, Joseph H. Leonard, who died Sunday, August 14, 2011.

The Flowers Are Placed On The Altar To The Glory Of God and in honor of the marriage of Jillian Martin to Zachary Herrmann by their parents, Dr. & Mrs. Ed Martin and Dr. & Mrs. David Herrmann.