

Prayer After Receiving

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

Pastoral Prayer

Words of Assurance

How wonderful it is to be welcomed by our Lord through God's church. Rejoice in God's welcoming love for you. Amen.

The congregation joins in repeating Psalm 19:14

Let the words of my mouth,
and the meditation of my heart,
be acceptable in your sight, Lord,
my strength and my redeemer.

Sermon "Welcome" REV. PAUL A. FLECK

U.M. ARMY Commissioning

Please stand if you are able to sing the song.

Song 87 "If We Are the Body"

SENDING FORTH

Postlude *Sandy Lybe and Lois Holdings*

Joys and Concerns

our prayers are with:

- Marlene Davis' son, who learned his cancer was more serious than originally thought.
- Family of Sue Whitfield's daughter's friend who passed away following a horse riding accident.
- Kay Jones' niece, Sherri, whose cancer has returned.
- Mark, whose son, Gavin, is hospitalized with meningitis.
- Jean Lord's great-granddaughter who has an infection in her hip.
- Sue Perry's father who is homebound and receiving excellent care.
- The family of Kevin Mateer who lost his life during the recent storm.
- Jan and Gene Parsons' friend, Brad, whose cancer has returned.
- Brady Tripp's mother-in-law who has cancer.
- Eileen Clark, who recently had a stroke.
- Sue Sterling's cousin, Mary, who has lung cancer
- The LaBella family whose daughter is undergoing chemotherapy.
- Millie Ackerly's daughter who is receiving cancer treatment.

Our Life in Community

Stock Sale—The Youth Group is selling Stocks **TODAY** in-between services. There is a Stockholder level for any amount. Money raised through Stocks helps support our trip U.M. ARMY and other youth activities and missions.

Snacks are needed for U.M. ARMY—Things such as individually wrapped granola bars, crackers, nuts, cookies, packaged fruit, cookies and salty snacks. And we can never have too much toilet paper, especially for 100 people!! A donation box will be set-up in the Narthex through July 3rd.

VBS - Would you like to spend a week in the evenings at Gangway to Galilee, helping our children discover the welcoming love of God at work all around us? At Gangway to Galilee, we will help children experience God's amazing grace through dramas, crafts, games, science activities, music, and hours of fun! Sign up for a **Vacation Bible School** leadership role and join us in the excitement at Gangway to Galilee. VBS will be held August 4-8, 2014 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. To Volunteer contact Barbara Williams at 860-354-4203 or the Church Office at 860-354-4596.

The Mix—How does the Word speak to your life? Join us for food, live music and scripture on Wednesdays, July 9 and 23 at 6:00 p.m. We will engage in Lectio Divina/Pneuma Divina, letting the Holy Spirit guide our reading.

Small Group Scripture Study—A small group to study scripture will be held at the Tripp home one Wednesday a month beginning July 16th from 6:45—7:45 p.m. If you're interested in participating, please see Pat Tripp or call 860-354-8720 and leave a message.



The Service of Worship
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Rev. Paul A. Fleck, Pastor
Sandy Lybe, Music Minister
Brinna Kolitz, Youth Pastor
Emily Nixon, Open Door Band Leader

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Blended Service—Sunday, June 29, 2014 at 8:30 am

You are invited to worship with us in the quiet of prayer, in the joy of song, and in the desire to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. We especially welcome every visitor today. We are very glad you came. Part of our mission is to be a place for all people. All are welcome here! Whatever your gender, age, race, religious background, economic status, sexual orientation or condition of ableness, we greet you as a beloved child of God.

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

Prelude

Announcements

Processional "I Love to Tell the Story" HANKEY
Hymn 156

Call to Worship

Welcome to worship today!

Thanks. We are glad to be here.

Even when things get hectic, always know that you will find welcome here.

We are grateful for the hospitality and friendship that are offered here.

Come, let us worship the God who always welcomes us.

Let us open our hearts to Christ who welcomed friend and stranger alike. Amen.

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God,
in the reading of the Scripture, may your Word be heard;
in the meditations of our hearts, may your Word be known;
and in the faithfulness of our lives, may your Word be shown. Amen

Old Testament Lesson

Genesis 22:1-14

After these things God tested Abraham. He said to him, 'Abraham!' And he said, 'Here I am.' He said, 'Take your son, your only son Isaac, whom you love, and go to the land of Moriah, and offer him there as a burnt-offering on one of the mountains that I shall show you.' So Abraham rose early in the morning, saddled his donkey, and took two of his young men with him, and his son Isaac; he cut the wood for the burnt-offering, and set out and went to the place in the distance that God had shown him. On the third day Abraham looked up and saw

Meetings & Opportunities this week:

Mon., June 30 at 10:30 am Tai Chi in Fellowship Hall
at 6:00 pm Open Door Band in Sanctuary
at 7:00 pm Wesley Group in Conference Room
Tues., July 1 at 7:00 pm Finance Committee in Fellowship Hall
Wed., July 2 at 6:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina in Sanctuary
Thurs., July 3 at 3:00 pm "Our Daily Bread" in Food Barn
Sun., July 6 at 8:30 am Chapel in the Pines Worship Service
at 10:00 am Blended Service in Sanctuary
at 2:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in Sanctuary
at 4:00 pm Iglesia Cristo Reina Church in FH

Monday - Friday at noon AA meeting in Fellowship Hall

the place far away. Then Abraham said to his young men, ‘Stay here with the donkey; the boy and I will go over there; we will worship, and then we will come back to you.’ Abraham took the wood of the burnt-offering and laid it on his son Isaac, and he himself carried the fire and the knife. So the two of them walked on together. Isaac said to his father Abraham, ‘Father!’ And he said, ‘Here I am, my son.’ He said, ‘The fire and the wood are here, but where is the lamb for a burnt-offering?’ Abraham said, ‘God himself will provide the lamb for a burnt-offering, my son.’ So the two of them walked on together.

When they came to the place that God had shown him, Abraham built an altar there and laid the wood in order. He bound his son Isaac, and laid him on the altar, on top of the wood. Then Abraham reached out his hand and took the knife to kill his son. But the angel of the LORD called to him from heaven, and said, ‘Abraham, Abraham!’ And he said, ‘Here I am.’ He said, ‘Do not lay your hand on the boy or do anything to him; for now I know that you fear God, since you have not withheld your son, your only son, from me.’ And Abraham looked up and saw a ram, caught in a thicket by its horns. Abraham went and took the ram and offered it up as a burnt-offering instead of his son. So Abraham called that place ‘The LORD will provide’; as it is said to this day, ‘On the mount of the LORD it shall be provided.’

Gospel Matthew 10:40-42

Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.

The Word of God for the People of God.

Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S CHURCH

Children’s Sermon

Prayer

The Lord’s Prayer

OFFERING

Invitation to the Offering

Offertory

Please stand for the Doxology

Presentation

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayer of Dedication

All Sit.

Prayer

Lord, as we walked through the doors to this place of worship, we brought with us our cares and concerns, our joys and our sorrows. Touch our hearts and heal us, Lord. Make us ready to become your faithful disciples. Amen.

RESPONSES

Please stand if you are able to sing the song.

Song 61 “Breathe”

Morning Prayer

Joys and concerns are lifted before God and the congregation.

The lay leader will conclude: Lord in your mercy.

The congregation responds: Hear our prayer.

SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Prayer of Confession

Patient Lord, we want to extend the hand of welcome and friendship to all whom we meet, but you know that sometimes we shy away from reaching out. We make judgments about others based on their appearance and other surface factors, and we neglect your mandate to be a welcoming presence. That lack of welcome extends further when we see needs that must be addressed and choose to turn our backs. We turn away from the pain and suffering, protecting our own lives. Yet you remind us that as we welcome others, so we are also welcoming you. Heal us and give us strength and courage to always be welcoming others in your name. Amen.

Passing the Peace of Christ

Disciples have said to their teachers, “I will follow you wherever you go.” May the peace of Christ follow you wherever you go: at home, at work, and in the world. Let us turn to one another and offer signs of this peace in our lives.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

God be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to God.

Let us give our thanks to God most high.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you:

God of earth and sea, God of love and life,

God of the past, the present and all eternity.

When nothing existed but chaos, your Spirit swept across the waters and brought forth light and life.

When Hagar and Ishmael were dying of thirst, you showed her the water which saved their lives.

When your servant, Rebekah gave a stranger a drink from her well, you gave her a place among the mothers of Israel.

When you saw your children as slaves in Egypt, you brought them to freedom through the sea,

and your daughter Miriam led them in singing your praise.

In the wilderness, when thirst began to overtake your children,

your servant Moses struck the rock with his staff,

and fresh water burst forth from your bounty.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels, with prophets, apostles and martyrs and with faithful women and men

of every age who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of our God.

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Hosanna and praise to you, O God, giver of every good gift.

In the fullness of time you sent your child Jesus to be born of our sister Mary,

and to live among us full of grace and truth.

As a first sign of his presence and power,

he took water of purification and transformed it into the wine of rejoicing.

At a well in Samaria, to a woman despised by all,

he first revealed himself to be the Christ.

He invited her to drink of his Spirit,

and to become a spring of water welling up to eternal life.

And so, remembering your gracious acts in Jesus Christ,

we take from your creation this bread and this wine

and joyfully celebrate the feast of resurrection as we await Christ’s return.

With thanksgiving, we offer our very selves to you

to be a living and holy sacrifice, dedicated to your service,

as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Eternal God, let your Holy Spirit move in power over us

and over these earthly gifts of bread and fruit of the vine,

that they may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ and that we may become one in him.

May Christ’s coming in glory find us ever watchful in prayer,

strong in truth and love, and faithful in the breaking of the bread.

Then, at last, all people will be free, all divisions healed, all walls demolished,

and with your whole creation, we will sing your praise,

through your son, Jesus Christ.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

the glory and honor are yours,

almighty God forever and ever.

Breaking the Bread and Giving the Cup

Everyone, regardless of church membership, is invited and welcome to come forward and receive communion.