

UNION CENTER UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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CHURCH OFFICE 748-6329

PASTOR BROWN 748-1358

May 4, 2008

COMMUNION SUNDAY

8:30 AM

PRELUDE:

Betty Phinney

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

8:25 AM

***GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” **Revelation 3:20 KJV**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** “Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee before Him! As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God! But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy! Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides upon the clouds; His name is the LORD, exult before Him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. O God, when Thou didst go forth before Thy people, when Thou didst march through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, at the presence of God; yon Sinai quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, Thou didst shed abroad; Thou didst restore Thy heritage as it languished; Thy flock found a dwelling in it; in Thy goodness, O God, Thou didst provide for the needy.” Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, to Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; lo, He sends forth His voice, His mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and His power is in the skies. Terrible is God in His sanctuary, the God of Israel, He gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!”

Psalms 68:1-10, 32-35

***HYMNS OF PRAISE:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #327

“Surely the Presence of the Lord” #328

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed #881

***GLORIA PATRI:** #70

UNISON PRAYER: “Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name through Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

CHERUBS: “Behold, Behold”

JUNIORS: “Days of Elisha”

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Welcoming Our Visiting Friends

Sharing of Our Testimonies, Joy and Blessings

Sharing our Prayer Concerns

CONGREGATIONAL PRAYER

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING:** Glory be to God on high, and on earth peace, good will toward men. We praise Thee, we bless Thee, we worship Thee, we glorify Thee, we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory: O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ: O Lord God, Lamb of God, son of the Father; that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For Thou only art holy; Thou only art the Lord; Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

INVITATION:

Pastor: Ye that do truly and earnestly repent of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbors, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in His holy ways: Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort, and make your humble confession to almighty God.

CONFESSION IN UNISON:

Almighty God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, maker of all things, judge of all men: We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, which we from time to time most grievously have committed, by thought, word, and deed, against Thy divine majesty. We do earnestly repent, and are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; the remembrance of them is grievous unto us. Have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us, most merciful Father. For Thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ’s sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may ever hereafter serve and please Thee in newness of life, to the honor and glory of Thy name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PRAY FOR PARDON:

Pastor: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy great mercy hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn to Thee; Have mercy upon us; pardon and deliver us from all our sins; confirm and strengthen us in all goodness; and bring us to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE:

Leader: Hear what comfortable words the Scriptures say to all that truly turn to the Lord:

Come to Me, all who labor and are heavy-laden, and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*
The saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just, and will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. *1 John 1:9*

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and He is the expiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

1 John 2:1-2

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

HYMN OF PREPARATION: "He Lives"

#310

SCRIPTURE READING: Acts 1:1-12

Pew Bible #1055

MESSAGE: "This Same Jesus"

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COMMUNION SERVICE:

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks unto the Lord.

People: It is meet and right so to do.

Leader: It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty that we should at all times and in all places give thanks unto Thee, O Lord, holy Father, almighty, everlasting God.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee, and saying.

People: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts: Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory! Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high! Amen.

Leader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who of Thy tender mercy didst give Thine only son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there, by the one offering of Himself, a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in His holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of His precious death until His coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech Thee, and grant that we, receiving these Thy creatures of bread and wine, according to Thy Son our Savior Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of His passion, death, and resurrection, may be partakers of the divine nature through Him: Who in the same night that He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it, and gave it to His disciples, saying, Take eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of Me. Likewise after supper He took the cup, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying, Drink ye all of this; for this is My blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins; to this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me. Amen. We do not presume to come to this Thy table,

O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in Thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under Thy table. But Thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to partake of this Sacrament of Thy Son Jesus Christ, that we may walk in newness of life, may grow into His likeness, and may evermore dwell in Him, and He in us. Amen.

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HYMN OF DEDICATION: "Only Trust Him"

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“My Jesus I Love Thee”

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“This Is My Desire”
“Once Again”

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ANNOUNCEMENTS:

***GREETINGS & GATHERINGS:** “Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me.” **Revelation 3:20 KJV**

***CALL TO WORSHIP:** “Let God arise, let His enemies be scattered; let those who hate Him flee before Him! As smoke is driven away, so drive them away; as wax melts before fire, let the wicked perish before God! But let the righteous be joyful; let them exult before God; let them be jubilant with joy! Sing to God, sing praises to His name; lift up a song to Him who rides upon the clouds; His name is the LORD, exult before Him! Father of the fatherless and protector of widows is God in His holy habitation. God gives the desolate a home to dwell in; He leads out the prisoners to prosperity; but the rebellious dwell in a parched land. O God, when Thou didst go forth before Thy people, when Thou didst march through the wilderness, the earth quaked, the heavens poured down rain, at the presence of God; yon Sinai quaked at the presence of God, the God of Israel. Rain in abundance, O God, Thou didst shed abroad; Thou didst restore Thy heritage as it languished; Thy flock found a dwelling in it; in Thy goodness, O God, Thou didst provide for the needy.” Sing to God, O kingdoms of the earth; sing praises to the Lord, to Him who rides in the heavens, the ancient heavens; lo, He sends forth His voice, His mighty voice. Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over Israel, and His power is in the skies. Terrible is God in His sanctuary, the God of Israel, He gives power and strength to His people. Blessed be God!”

Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

***HYMNS OF PRAISE:** “Crown Him with Many Crowns” #327
“Surely the Presence of the Lord” #328

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:** The Apostles’ Creed #881

UNISON PRAYER: “Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of Thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love Thee, and worthily magnify Thy holy name through Christ our Lord who has taught us to pray:”

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SHARING IN CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP: “The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid? When evildoers assail me, uttering slanders against me, my adversaries and foes, they shall stumble and fall. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.” **Psalm 27:1-3 RSV**

**Welcoming Each Other into the House of the Lord
Sharing Of Our joys and blessings
Sharing our Prayer Concerns**

PRAYER VERSE: “One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after; that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to behold the beauty of the LORD, and to inquire in His temple. For He will hide me in His shelter in the day of trouble; He will conceal me under the cover of His tent, He will set me high upon a rock.” **Psalm 27:4,5 RSV**

MORNING PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC: Lisa McBride

OFFERTORY VERSE: “I believe that I shall see the goodness of the LORD in the land of the living! Wait for the LORD; be strong, and let your heart take courage; yea, wait for the LORD!” **Psalm 27:13,14 RSV**

Presentations of Tithes and Offerings

***DOXOLOGY** #95

***HYMN OF PREPARATION:** “He Lives” #310

SCRIPTURE: Acts 1:1-12 Pew Bible #1690

MESSAGE: “This Same Jesus” Pastor Brown

COMMUNION SERVICE: #26

***HYMN OF INVITATION:** “Only Trust Him” #337

***BENEDICTION**

It is wonderful that you came to worship today at the Wesley UMC. We welcome you in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ, whom we serve as our Lord. We pray and trust that you received the rich blessings of the Lord today. May the Lord bless you and keep you as you go into the world to live, serve, and witness. Please plan to join in a time of fellowship and sharing soon after the Worship Service. Please join us next Sunday at 9:30 AM for worship and praise. Invite your friends, family, and neighbors to join us.

The Relay For Life of Western Broome is coming soon, June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Please help us to promote the Relay in our Western Broome community by including the following announcement (or facsimile) in your church bulletin in the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your support! Relay For Life of Western Broome will be held June 14 and 15 at Sammon Field, Vestal. Relay For Life is an overnight celebration of life and cancer survivorship. Teams of people from the community have fun while raising much needed funds to fight cancer. Contributions to the Relay For Life help the American Cancer Society fight cancer in four ways: research, education, advocacy and patient services. If you are interested in joining a team, volunteering your time or making a donation to support the Relay For Life of Western Broome, contact Gina Chapman, (607) 766-6907