

May 15, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The doors are open; the good shepherd calls. Come in to find a place of comfort and safety.

P: We turn away from our weariness and fear; We leave behind our anxiety and care.

L: There is bread here to feed every need; there are still waters to refresh our souls.

P: We would devote ourselves to learning and praying. We seek to live in genuine community.

L: There are tasks for all of glad and generous heart. Find strength in this hour to live in faithful service.

P: Praise God for this time apart; praise God for refreshment and renewal.

*HYMN “Christ, from Whom All Blessings Flow” UMH No. 550

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Taught by our culture to want everything, Comfort of the righteous, we confess that emptiness that sends us searching for still more. Our constant desire for greener pastures fills us with every lust and envy. Our belief that still waters are stagnant sends us thirsting for whitewater thrills and adventures. Our trust in the promises of the world turns us away from the shelter you offer. Forgive us, Source of goodness and mercy. Call us back from our wayward lives, that we might find rest in your heart, healing from your hands, and unity in life together as disciples of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the Good News, Christ died for us while we were yet sinners, that proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

****MISSION MOMENT**

Scott Sheldon

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION “Lead Me, Lord” UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 2:42-47

SERMON

“Christian Communiversity”

Melly Howard

*HYMN

“Jesus, United By They Grace”

UMH No. 561

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY *Please put your name on offering envelope.*

GIVING OF GIFTS, TITHES, OFFERINGS

(In response to God’s love, we offer our gifts, reflecting on what God has done in our lives this week.)

***DOXOLOGY 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 THANKSGIVING Generous, life-giving God, you sent Jesus that we might have life and have it abundantly. In response to this great gift, we now offer ourselves and our resources. May these gifts help us as a church to be your voice, calling all people to abundant life and to their true identities as your beloved. Amen.**

*HYMN

“I Love They Kingdom, Lord”

UMH No. 540

*CIRCLE OF LOVE o *Sent Forth By God’s Blessing* No. 664 v. 1

*LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.