

May 22, 2011

10:00 a.m.

SCRIPTURE LESSON *John 14:1-14*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

SERMON ***“Are We Yet Alive?”***

Rev. Stephen Cady

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: Once we were not a people.

P: Now we are God’s people.

L: Once we lived in darkness.

P: Now we dwell in marvelous light.

L: Let us drink from the pure, spiritual milk.

P: Let us grow into the salvation so freely offered.

L: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

P: We rejoice that God is always there. Amen.

***HYMN** *“God of Grace and God of Glory”* UMH No. 577

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Living God, we love to hear Jesus’ assurance that he has prepared a place for us in your heavenly kingdom, but we fear the challenge to live our faith if it means that we might suffer for our beliefs; we rejoice in the knowledge that we may entrust our spirit to you in certain hope of eternal life, but we shudder if it means that we must really change as we grow into salvation. Give us courage and confidence, that we may be a holy priesthood—a people built like living stones into a spiritual house. 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**

Adrian Valosin

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

MORNING PRAYER

***HYMN**

“And Are We Yet Alive”

UMH No. 553

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**

God of overflowing abundance, you have fed us on your spiritual milk and nourished us on your heavenly food. When the snares of this world threatened to overwhelm us, you have been our fortress and our rock, saving us from the net that is hidden from us. As people thankful for the mercy we have received, we entrust our lives and our spirit into your care, offering you our gifts, in the hope that they may reflect your light for all to see. Amen.

***HYMN** *“The Church’s One Foundation”* UMH No. 545 v 1,4,5

***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.*