

July 31, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS
INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Awake and be satisfied! God is with us this day.

P: We cry to God, calling for guidance and blessing.

L: Awake and be satisfied! God is with us now.

P: We come to Christ, seeking refuge and love.

L: Awake and be satisfied! Christ is at our side.

P: We yearn for the Spirit, searching for truth and strength.

L: Awake and be satisfied! The Spirit dwells within.

P: We awaken to a day of blessing! Thanks be to God! Amen.

*HYMN “When Morning Guilds the Skies” UMH No. 185

PRAYER OF CONFESSION O Morning Star, as day is breaking, may the fears of the night fade away. Grant us the courage to look upon your face and the wisdom to acknowledge the many ways we need your grace. Test us, and try our hearts. Cleanse away our sin and despair. Cast away any thoughts of wickedness, and hold us fast to your ways of righteousness and love. Incline your ear and hear us as we call to you, O God. Be our refuge and our strength, that we may be a people of hope, born anew in your merciful grace. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE Awake to the good news of God’s love: In the name of Jesus Christ we are forgiven! **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

**MISSION MOMENT

Don Carkhuff

JOYS AND CONCERNS

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Genesis 32:22-31*

SERMON “’Til the Break of Dawn” *Rev. Stephen Cady*

*HYMN “Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” UMH No. 386

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 DEDICATION

Compassionate God, bless these gifts with your grace. May they become loaves of bread for those who are hungry and guiding lights for those who are lost. May they become signs of hope for those in despair and symbols of love for all to know. In Christ’s name, we pray. Amen.

*HYMN “How Can We Name a Love” UMH No. 111

*CIRCLE OF LOVE o *Blest Be the Tie That Binds*, No. 557 v. 1

*LORD’S PRAYER *BENEDICTION *POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.