

September 18, 2011

10:00 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

L: The God of dreams has brought us together.

P: The God of dreams seals us in love.

L: The God of love has knit us together in unity.

P: The God of love heals all divisions.

L: The God of all people is present today.

P: In God's love we find a home. Amen.

***HYMN**

"We Gather Together"

UMH No. 131

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of Mystery, we are constantly amazed by the depth and breadth of your love. Over and over again, you turn our expectations inside out and upside down. And still we don't understand the radical nature of your grace. We play by our own rules of justice, even when it means excluding those we are called to love and defend. In our darkest moments, we doubt if we are worthy of your trust. God, help us remember that you give us all the tools we need; that through the solid foundation of your love, we find the strength to follow your call as true disciples of Jesus Christ. Surprise us again, O God. Surprise us again. Amen.

MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news. The God who brought our ancestors out of slavery will not desert us. God has promised to be with us throughout all generations. Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice, for God is with us! **God is with us! Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

DISMISSAL OF SUNDAY SCHOOL CHILDREN

Jesus Loves the Little Children

Jesus loves the little children,

All the children of the world.

Red and yellow, black and white,

They are precious in his sight,

Jesus loves the little children of the world.

****MISSION MOMENT**

Bryan Miller

A WORD FROM CARL CLARK

OF URBAN PROMISE TRENTON

JOYS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF REFLECTION *"Lead Me, Lord"*

UMH No. 473

MORNING PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Genesis 40

SERMON

"Lemonade"

Rev. Stephen Cady

***HYMN**

"Take My Life, and Let it Be"

UMH No. 399

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

...Do you, as Christ's body, the church, reaffirm both your rejection of sin and your commitment to Christ?

We do

Will you nurture one another in the Christian faith and life and include these persons now before you in your care?

With God's help we will proclaim the good news and live according to the example of Christ. We will surround them with a community of love and forgiveness, that they may grow in their trust of God, and be found faithful in their service to others. We will pray for them, that they may be true disciples who walk in the way that leads to life.

...do all you your power to increase their faith, confirm their hope, and perfect them in love.

We give thanks for all that God has already given you and we welcome you in Christian love. As members together with you in the body of Christ and in this congregation, we renew our covenant faithfully to participate in the ministries of the church by our prayers, our presence, our gifts, our service, and our witness, that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ.

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

Dear God, we offer you now these gifts. Take our money and use it to bring comfort to those in need. Take our service and use it to bring justice to those who are oppressed. Take our witness and use it to bring good news to those who hunger for hope. Take our lives and use them for our very salvation. We pray through Jesus Christ, the one whom we follow even to the cross. Amen.

*HYMN *"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"* UMH No. 584 v1

*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.