

September 25, 2011

10:00 a.m.

MISSION MOMENT**

Wendy Mohler

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: Give ear to God's teaching. Listen to God's words.

P: We gather to hear stories of old.

L: Give voice to God's glory. Sing of God's deeds.

P: We gather to sing praises to God.

L: Prepare for God's work. Answer Christ's call.

P: We listen and learn, worship and praise, in order to serve in God's world. Amen.

*HYMN "My Hope is Built" UMH No. 368

PRAYER OF CONFESSION **Patient Lord, it is so easy for us to focus on all the things that are wrong in our lives. We spend much time and energy in anger and sorrow, leaving behind the possibilities of hope and service to you. Ease our hearts, O Lord. Forgive our willingness to be so blinded by our own pain that we don't see the suffering of those around us. Direct our steps toward positive actions that will produce growth and peace for all your people. We offer this prayer in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.** MOMENT OF SILENCE

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Hear the good news, God's love has already come into our midst. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. **In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! 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.*

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 41:8-16*

SERMON "A Banana in Your Ear" Rev. Stephen Cady

*HYMN "Hymn of Promise" UMH No. 707 v. 1, 2

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, transform these offerings with your Spirit, that they may accomplish your work in the world. To the thirsty and hungry, may these gifts bring water and food. To the oppressed and the forgotten, may these gifts bring justice and hope. To the sinful and the selfish, may these gifts bring grace and new beginnings. May we, likewise, be your humble servants, accomplishing your work in this world. Amen.**

*HYMN "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" UMH No. 117 v. 1, 6

*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.