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WORSHIP TIME: 10:30AM

Sunday School during worship/ Coffee Hour follows worship
Celebrating over 190 years of serving Christ and the community
Incorporated: September 1828

Our Mission Statement:
To be a church alive with Christ by living, growing and declaring
the Good News of Jesus.

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First UMC Greene
Sunday, May 8, 2022; 10:30am
4th Sunday of Easter/Mother's Day

PRELUDE – At this time, please settle into a spirit of silent meditation so to prepare for your encounter with God.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Westminster Chimes

WORDS OF WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, and **EXPECTATIONS:**

I expect to meet Jesus Christ, I expect to be blessed by Jesus Christ, I expect to grow in my discipleship of Jesus Christ here in this worship space today.

***Please stand for the entrance of the light of Christ**

***INTROIT:** *Sanctuary* **FWS 2164**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Lector: Loparco Family

Let us pray: **Today, O God, we rejoice to join with those in heaven, and the millions around the world who join in worshipping you, to sing the song of the ages that declare our faith, to pray and praise with the saints of all time, inspired by your Holy Spirit, to honor Christ who is King of Kings, Lord of the church, who is alive forevermore. Amen.**

***OPENING HYMN:** *Come We that Love the Lord* **UMH 732**

Lector: Loparco Family

PSALTER LESSON *Psalm 23* **UMH 754**

Lector: Loparco Family

***GLORIA PATRI** **UMH 70**

Lector: Loparco Family

***GOSPEL LESSON:** *John 10:22-30*

Lector: Loparco Family

Conclude with: "Here ends the reading" then invite the children forward.

CHILDREN'S TIME *This, This is Where Children Belong* **TFWS 2233** Hands In Service (H.I.S.)

(Children leave for Sunday School after the lesson)

ANTHEM *Rise Up and Call Her Blessed* Chancel Choir

***NEW TESTAMENT LESSON:** *Revelation 7:9-17*

Leader: This is the Word of God, for us the people of God.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Silent Partners* Pastor Michele

PASTORAL PRAYER with *The Lord's Prayer*

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN** *Rescue the Perishing* **UMH 591**

***BENEDICTION...**

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you

P: And also with you.

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Sent Forth by God's Blessing* **UMH 664**

POSTLUDE

***Please stand as you are able in body or in spirit**

Church life and events:

- 1) Do **YOU** feel called to help in Worship? We'd love to have you help out in the following positions: Greeter, Candle Bearer, Lector. Please see Pastor Michele or Winnie Sortman if you would like to learn more about these positions.
- 2) Pastor Michele has been asked to establish a "confirmation" class for adults who would like to learn more about, and grow deeper in, their discipleship of Jesus Christ as well as knowledge of the Church. If you would like to be a part of this group, please see Pastor Michele. The goal is to have a visioning or planning meeting in late June at which time we can discern the curriculum/plan as well as schedule. I hope you'll consider joining this group of disciples.
- 3) The **Fundraiser** for our upgrade to the Audio-Visual system has begun and we are currently more than half-way to our goal. Please give generously as you are able by using the provided envelopes (if you offer cash, please write your name on the envelope) or by giving online via our webpage (be sure to select the correct designation for your gift). See flyers around the church for more details.
- 4) **Sanctuary AV UPDATE:** The time has arrived!! The first step has been completed and the last pew on the driveway side of the sanctuary has been removed and the table placed (a shorter pew will be added later on with room left for a wheelchair) in the space. Pre-wiring will begin on 5/16 at 10:00am will continue thru 5/17 so plan on some changes to the sanctuary for the service on 5/22. Installation will resume on the 24th – hopefully be ready for worship on 5/29.
- 5) Help fill the **Blessing Box!** We are in need of spaghetti, noodles, spaghetti sauce, and tuna fish.
- 6) **Food Pantry Needs:** Mashed potatoes, spaghetti sauce, cake mixes (NO Yellow), Brownies, Knorr sides, pork and beans, juice, au gratin potatoes, graham crackers (plain or cinnamon sugar), french green beans, cream corn, **NO SOUP AT THIS TIME**
- 7) **NEXT Coffee Hour** will be Sunday, May 15 with **Team #5** serving.

Prayers of the People:

May God hear our prayers for... Teddy & Clifford Crampton, Emily Dunckle, Marti Edmonds, Jan & John Carr, World Peace, Scott G., 2022 Confirmation Class, Tina Hayes, Janet & Hillis Crandall, *Geraldine Prior, Timmy, Braxton Black*

And also our New Prayer Requests for... Ariel, Jon, Lillie, Keith, Family & Friends of Stephen TaylorRoth, Leah Pagliaroli, Staff and residents of Hilltop (COVID), Dan Merrill, Family & Friends of Vic Inman, Rebecca Loparco

NOTE: Names who are added to our prayer list will automatically stay on for two weeks. You will see these names in regular font the first week, *italics* the second week and the third week their name will rotate off our list. When a name in *italics* should remain on our prayer list for an additional two-week rotation, please let Pastor know in writing via email or text. If you know of someone who can come OFF our prayer list also advise Pastor. Thank you.