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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 29, 2022; 10:30am
Ascension of the Lord Sunday

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:** *Softly and Tenderly Jesus is Calling* **UMH 348 v.1**

***PRAYER OF INVOCATION:**

Lector: David Barnes

Let us pray: **O God, as we gather on this special day to remember the ascension of our Lord, we know his leaving was not the end of his ministry. It was a new beginning. And like this story of our lord's ascension is at the beginning of the book of Acts, so also the message of the angels, "stop gazing and start going" is the message we need to hear. Yes, that was the beginning of a new relationship with you, O Lord, a relationship that did not depend upon vision or physical presence. It was also the beginning of a new responsibility, that of being empowered, guided, and blessed by the Spirit of Christ as his disciples went as witnesses to the ever-reigning Christ. Give us the vision of the living Christ and the continuing mission that has been given to us, his body, in the world today. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.**

OPENING HYMN:Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* **UMH 103**

Lector: David Barnes

PSALTER LESSON *Psalms 47* **UMH 781**

Lector: David Barnes

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

Lector: David Barnes

***GOSPEL LESSON:** *Luke 24:44-53*

Lector: David Barnes

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 *The Glory of His Promises*

Chancel Choir

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON: Acts 1:1-11

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

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *How precious is the Church?*

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** *Stand By Me* **UMH 512**

***BENEDICTION...**

L: May the Peace of Christ be with you

P: **And also with you.**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* **UMH 431**

POSTLUDE

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

Church life and events:

- 1) The Laity Gathering with Bishop Webb on June 13, 2022 at Nimmonsburg UMC has been **CANCELED** due to rising COVID numbers.
- 2) Pie Baking needs: The ladies currently only need sugar (4, 10 or 25lb bags). Donations to help cover other supplies that were needed are also welcome. Lastly, rhubarb is greatly needed. Kay will pick it if someone wants to donate it. Strawberry Rhubarb pie baking will begin soon.
- 3) On June 2, Soup & Scripture will meet at 10:00 at Kay Clark's home followed by the annual UMW picnic beginning at 11:30. Please bring a dish to pass and items to sell in the silent auction in order to raise mission funds.
- 4) UM Night with the Rumble Ponies annual event is scheduled for June 23. Tickets are \$10 and a sign-up sheet is available in the kitchen for you to place your order. Once tickets are requested, David will purchase a block of seats together.
- 5) The **Fundraiser** for our upgrade to the Audio-Visual system is continuing. We are currently more than half-way to our goal; THANK YOU all for such generous giving. We have a ways to go though still! Please give 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.
- 6) **Sanctuary AV UPDATE:** Installation of the new system is nearing completion. Training to operate the new system will take place in a couple weeks. Until you are trained, please do NOT touch the equipment. Thank you for understanding.
- 7) Help fill the **Blessing Box!** We are in need of spaghetti, noodles, spaghetti sauce, and tuna fish.
- 8) **Food Pantry Needs:** Canned peas, carrots, cream corn and French green beans, Mashed potatoes, egg noodles, jarred spaghetti sauce, cake mixes, frosting, Brownies, Knorr sides, cereals, juice (apple, orange, grape), graham crackers (plain or cinnamon sugar), NO SOUP AT THIS TIME
- 9) **NEXT Coffee Hour** will be Sunday, June 5 with **Team #2** serving. This is Pentecost as well as Confirmation Sunday.

Prayers of the People:

May God hear our prayers for... Teddy & Clifford Crampton, Emily Dunckle, Marti Edmonds, Jan & John Carr, World Peace, Scott G., Tina Hayes, Janet & Hillis Crandall, Dwayne Holcomb, Mary Swartout, Kathy, Paul Sweet, Sadie Ellerson, Jennice, Grant Sullivan, Lorna Eroshevich, Ashley Black, AJ, John Matthews, Ralph Thorn

And also our New Prayer Requests for... Bill Specht,

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.