



Central United Methodist Church

Founded 1870
2008: The Year of Mission

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER (WHITE)

MAY 4, 2008

Morning Worship: 9:00 AM and 11:15 AM
9:00 AM Service is broadcast live on WJMX 970 AM

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GATHERING: The people come together in the Lord's Name.

PARISH CONCERNS

The service of worship begins. The prelude is offered on behalf of the entire congregation. Quiet meditation and private prayers are encouraged.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

*CHIMING OF THE HOUR

*GREETING

Minister: Ascribe power to God, whose majesty is over all,

People: God's power is in the skies.

Minister: Wondrous is God in the sanctuary,

People: God gives us power and strength.

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 154..... Coronation

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH 881 (9:00)..... The Apostles' Creed

*GLORIA PATRI 70 (9:00)..... Meineke

PRAYER OF CONFESSION 890

PROCLAMATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON (9:00) Acts 1:6-14

SCRIPTURE LESSON (11:15) Romans 12:9-21

Lay Reader: J.T. Brown

Leader: The Word of the Lord!

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON..... Mr. Pietila

Ascension Sunday Sermon (9:00)

I'VE GOT GOOD NEWS AND BAD NEWS

Confirmation Sunday Sermon (11:15)

CAN YOU BE DIFFERENT?

RESPONSE

PASTORAL PRAYER

SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION AND RECEPTION OF NEW

MEMBERS NO. 33 (11:15)

Olivia Brittain Alford

Weston Wynman Bates

James Thornton Brown II

Samuel Thompson Brunson, Jr.

Christian Ellis Collins

Austin Edward English

John Richard Fulp IV

Matthew Samuel Josey

Christopher Powell Kelly

Karen Alexandra King

Brinson Croft Laliberte

Connor Alexander Lentz

Stephanie Margaret Liebenrood

Cameron Joel Meyer

Elizabeth Gibbs Sasser

Patricia Ann Snowden

Mark Benjamin Taylor

Charles Anthony Timmons, Jr.

William Morgan Vinson

*HYMN 444 Blairgowrie

O Young and Fearless Prophet

RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP

OFFERTORY

9:00 Anthem Motet for Whitsuntide

I will not leave you comfortless, I will come to you yet again:

Alleluia! And your heart shall be joyful. Alleluia!

(Everett Titcomb, 1944)

11:15 Anthem Hymn of Praise (Augustine)

Let all the world in ever corner sing, My God and King! The heavens are not too high, his praise may thither fly; the earth is not too low, his praises there may grow. Let all the world in ever corner sing. My God and King! The church with psalms must shout, no door can keep them out; but above all the heart must bear the longest part. Let all the world in every corner sing, my God and King!

(Erick Routley, 1964)

*DOXOLOGY 95 Old 100

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 15

*THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

(All baptized Christians are welcomed to the table. Please follow the ushers' directions. You will come to one of the serving stations. Please open your hands when you are ready to receive communion. After you are served, you may pray at the altar and return to your seat when you are ready. Any who need to be served in the pew should contact an usher.)

PRAYER FOLLOWING COMMUNION

SENDING FORTH

*BENEDICTION

*HYMN IN PROCESSION 327 Diademata

Crown Him with Many Crowns

*ORGAN POSTLUDE

* ALL WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND.

ASSISTING IN WORSHIP

Pastors Thomas C. Pietila, William F. Malambri III

Associate Pastor Jo Anna M. Fallaw

Director of Music William B. Mills

Assistant Organist Beverly S. Hazelwood

Acolytes Jesse Motte, Natalie Jacobs

Crucifers Ryan Hill, Andrew Stone

Banner Bearers Jack Hoover, Harrison Josey

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Elizabeth Harlan and Travis Solyan of Charleston are happy to announce the birth of a daughter, Piper Grace, on March 12, 2008. Joe and Becky Harlan are Central's proud grandparents. A rose has been placed on the altar today to honor the birth of Piper Grace.

Rev. Janice Frederick-Watts Reception

Our District Superintendent, Rev. Janice Frederick-Watts, is finishing her sixth year as the Florence District Superintendent. The District Committee on Superintendency is sponsoring a reception for her at Central on **May 18** beginning at 3:30 PM with a worship service in the sanctuary. A reception will follow in Spears Fellowship Hall. All are welcome to come and wish her well in her new appointment.