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THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, June 9, 2019 - 10:00 a.m.
Ponce de Leon

THE NORTH GA ANNUAL CONFERENCE: June 9 - 14, 2019

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6/10
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Many: You give it to them; they gather it; you open your hand, and they are satisfied.

INTROIT

Prelude and Chimes

Enter to Fellowship

UMH No. 539

TFWS No. 2117, 2nd stanza

Concerns

Leader: For all these persons and all who are in need.

Many: Hold your people near, O God.

Joys

Leader: We give thanks to God for these blessings.

Many: Thanks be to God!

Leader: Let us take a moment to center our hearts on God.

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We sing from 2 hymnals during Sunday morning worship. The United Methodist Hymnal (UMH) is the large red hymnal in the pew racks. Enhanced Listening Devices and large print hymnals are available for those who need them. Please see an usher for assistance.

We gather

Welcome and Life of the Church

Leader: We thank God for these opportunities for fellowship and service.

Many: Thanks be to God!

We respond to God’s Word

Pastoral Prayer and 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 and ever. Amen.

Offering ourselves to God

The invitation

Jennifer Hansen

Offertory

Teach Us to Love

Mark Patterson

Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

We respond to God’s Word

We are sent forth into God’s world

*HYMN OF DEDICATION

What Wondrous Love is This

UMH No. 292

Wondrous Love

*INVITATION AND BLESSING

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

*POSTLUDE

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 5:13-14, 22-25

Sarah Caldwell

*THE GIFTS OF AND FOR OUR YOUNGER CHURCH

Jennifer Hansen

If you have not already done so this morning, please take this opportunity to sign the attendance pad in your pew.

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: UMH p. 888

Jess Cusick

*HYMN OF PRAISE

UMH No. 111

How Can We Name a Love

TERRA BEATA

*Gospel Lesson

John 14:8-17, 25-27

Beth LaRocca-Pitts

“Spiritual Fruit: Love”

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The Faith Seekers Class Pagan’s in the Old Testament class series, facilitated by Beth LaRocca-Pitts, continues. This class meets Sundays at 9am in room 205. Coffee and refreshments are served.

The Foundations Class study continues their 8 week study The New Testament You Never Knew Study Guide. The study examines who Jesus is, the real meaning of his death and resurrection, the expansion of the church in the Greco-Roman world, and how Christians can live out the story of New Testament in their own lives today. This class meets in room 111 at 9am; all are welcome!

UMC Next Update

4 commitments emerged from last week’s UMC Next meeting in Kansas City. During the meeting, 300 lay people and clergy (approximately 10 from every US UMC conference, including our own Beth LaRocca-Pitts and Josh Noblit) met to discuss what we could do to reverse the disastrous decision endorsing the so called ‘Traditional Plan’ that passed during the General Conference in St. Louis this past February. The commitments include:

1. We long to be passionate followers of Jesus Christ, committed to a Wesleyan vision of Christianity, anchored in scripture and informed by tradition, experience and reason as we live a life of personal piety and social holiness.

2. We commit to resist evil, injustice and oppression in all forms and toward all people and build a church which affirms the full participation of all ages, nations, races, classes, cultures, gender identities, sexual orientations, and abilities.

3. We reject the Traditional Plan approved at General Conference 2019 as inconsistent with the gospel of Jesus Christ and will resist its implementation.

4. We will work to eliminate discriminatory language and the restrictions and penalties in the Discipline regarding LGBTQ persons. We affirm the sacred worth of LGBTQ persons, celebrate their gifts, and commit to being in ministry together.

Locally through Georgia UMC Next, which includes both the North and South GA Conferences, we are now working to make reversal of the Traditional Plan a reality for General Conference 2020. To keep up with the latest meetings and developments with Ga UMC Next, visit www.gaumcnxt.com.

Assisting in Worship Today

Soundboard: Blake Leffler

Usher Team: Jim Atkins, Head Usher; Tom Baugh, Team Captain; Brian Bennett, Tracy Brown, John Davidson, Saundra Kelley, Will Mathews and Doug Niel

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