

October 1, 2023

World Communion Sunday



The purpose of Groce United Methodist Church is to build the family of God through praising God, bringing others to Christ, teaching the faith, strengthening the fellowship, and sending forth in service.

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Sunday Worship Celebration

October 1, 2023

*** Where indicated, stand if you are able.**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

PRELUDE

Nancy Lewis - piano

“Tell Me the Old, Old Story”

Arr. T. Smith & D. Hustad

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jill Rhinehart

*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 25:1-7 and Philippians 2:1-13)

Jeremy Meadows

Leader: To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.

People: Complete our joy as we praise you today.

Leader: Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.

People: Complete our joy as we empower students and young leaders to follow you.

Leader: Lead us in your truth, and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation.

People: Complete our joy as we gather around the table of truth and taste and see your salvation.

Leader: Do not remember the sins of our youth or our transgressions; according to your steadfast love remember us.

People: Complete our joy for your goodness' sake, O Lord. To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls and invite you to complete our joy.

*OPENING HYMN #157

“Jesus Shall Reign”

v. 1, 4, 5

*OPENING PRAYER

Jill Rhinehart

Almighty God, thank you for the diversity of your creation and the unity of your church. As we gather around Christ's table, we remember that it is as wide and long as your love for us. Fill our hearts with compassion and move us to be in full accord with one another. Make our joy complete so that it flows into the world. AMEN.

ANTHEM (11:00 am service)

Chancel Choir

“I Love to Tell the Story”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE/ THE LORD'S PRAYER

Jeremy Meadows

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.

SCRIPTURE

Genesis 6: 5

NRSV Old Testament, page 5

MESSAGE

“The Root of the Problem”

RECEIVING GOD'S GIFTS

Ushers will come forward

OFFERTORY

Nancy Lewis - piano

“Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead us”

Arr. Harold Decou

*DOXOLOGY

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE

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COMMUNION HYMNS

#641

“Fill My Cup Lord”

#618

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

#620

“One Bread, One Body”

COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, AMEN.

*CLOSING HYMN #431

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

*SENDING FORTH/BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Nancy Lewis - piano

“All Hail the Power of Jesus Name”

Arr. Matthews & Lewis

*Our service of worship has ended.
Now our worship through service begins.*

Announcements

The Flowers on the Altar - are dedicated to the glory of God. Thank you to **Jane Morse** for providing some of the décor for the altar.

Sunday's Ushers - Thank you to our Ushers! (8:30) **Jane Williams, Michelle Troxell** (11:00) **Dan Potter, John Smith, Fred Bailey**

Meeting Reminders:

- **Youth** - will meet **today at 12:30pm** to help unload pumpkins. Lunch will be provided afterward.
- **Leadership** - will meet **this Tuesday, October 3, at 6pm** in the Jack Bass classroom.
- **UMMen** - will meet **this Thursday, October 5, at 6:30pm** in the Jack Bass classroom.

Candy Donations - We will be collecting Halloween candy for the month of October to have during our Trunk-or-Treat event at the end of October. The donation box will be located outside the church office. **NOTE: Please DO NOT donate candy that contains nuts!**

Pumpkin Unloading - Our pumpkins, locally sourced from Bryson City, will be arriving **to-day, October 1, between noon and 1pm** and we need your help! Come to church for worship and stick around for lunch and community service. The UMMen will provide pizza and the Sarah Circle will provide lemonade. Come dressed to help us kick start this wonderful season of ministry!

Charge Conference - will be on **Sunday, October 15, at 2pm** at Oakley UMC.

Fall Concert Series - The first concert in the Fall Concert Series of 2023 will occur on **Sunday, October 15, at 3pm** in the Sanctuary. The event is free with donations welcome and will feature the Brass Quintet.

Choir Retreat - The Fall Choir Retreat will be on **Saturday, October 21, from 10am to 3pm**. Here, the Chancel Choir will go over new music for the upcoming fall and Advent Seasons. More details to come!

Smoky Mountain Brass Band Fall Concert - will be held on **Tuesday, October 24, at 7pm** in Asbury Hall. Admission is free, but donations are welcome. We'll see you there!