

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION
Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 5th, 2015

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Variations on America* *various*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 48*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

All: And also with you.

One: Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised!

All: Let us ponder the steadfast love of the Lord as we gather in the Lord's holy temple.

One: Your name, O God, like your praise, reaches to the ends of the earth!

All: The right hand of the Lord is filled with victory!

One: Let us proclaim to every generation that this is God – our God, forever and ever.

All: The Lord will be our guide forever!

+HYMN *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* #561, vv. 1-3

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, before you nations rise and fall. Help us to repent our country's wrong, and to choose your way of reunion and renewal.

Great God, renew this nation.

Give us a glimpse of the Kingdom you are bringing to earth, where death and violence and hunger will be no more, and where all nations gather in the light of your presence.

Great God, renew this nation.

Teach us peace, that we may plow up battlefields and pound weapons into building tools, and learn to talk across old boundaries as brothers and sisters in your love.

Great God, renew this nation.

Talk sense to us, so that we may wisely end all prejudices, and may put a stop to injustice and cruelty, which divides or wounds the human family.

Great God, renew this nation.

Draw us together as one people who do your will, so that we may be a light to our nation, leading the way to your promised kingdom, which is even now coming among us.

Great God, renew this nation.

Great God, eternal Lord, show us there is no law or liberty apart from you; and let us serve you whole-heartedly, as your devoted followers, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *My Country, 'Tis of Thee* #561, v. 4

Our father's God, to Thee, Author of liberty, to Thee we sing

Long may our land be bright with freedom's holy light

Protect us by Thy might, Great God, our King

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 5 thru 3rd grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 4th grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *Rejoice the Lord is King* *arr. Forrest*

+Doxology *O Beautiful for Spacious Skies* #564, v. 1

+Prayer of Dedication

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING Psalm 23 p. 464 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING Mark 14:1-21 p. 44 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED Tim Reynolds

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Preparatory Hymn *Lord We Have Come at Your Own Invitation* #516

Great Thanksgiving & The Lord's Prayer (Hymnbook p. 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

They are lifted up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Gospel Reading Mark 14:22-25 p. 45 NT

Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Confession of 1967*

The Lord's Supper is a celebration of our reconciliation with God and with one another, in which we joyfully eat and drink together at the table of our Savior. Jesus Christ gave his church this remembrance of his dying for sinful humanity so that by participation in it we have communion with him and with all who are gathered to him. As we eat the bread and drink the wine in accordance with Christ's appointment, we receive from the risen and living Lord the benefits of his death and resurrection. We rejoice in the foretaste of the kingdom, which he will bring to consummation at his promised coming, and go out from the Lord's Table with courage and hope for the service to which he has called us.

+ SENDING HYMN *Lift Every Voice and Sing* #563

+BENEDICTION

+POSTLUDE *Toccata on "Holy Manna"* *arr. Trivette*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Tim Reynolds
- the acolytes are Wiley Leidig and Blaine Pittman
- the bell ringer is Adryana Counts
- the W.O.W. leaders are Bridget Lamie & Sydney Johnson
- the nursery volunteers are Nissa Morrell
- the sound board tech is

VISITORS: We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

HEARING DEVICES are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

WE ARE CURRENTLY IN A YEAR-LONG SERMON SERIES on the *Gospel of Mark*. Mark says this is the story of God's Son and it is Good News. Each hearer of Mark's story must determine what his/her own response will be to this Good News.

THE SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE IS NOW IN EFFECT! Once again this year the Session has approved a change in the time of our worship service to 10:00 a.m. for the summer. The new time will be in effect for all Sundays in June, July, and August.

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY
Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

ATTENTION SENIORS: We will get together for a "Cook-Out" July 10th at 5:30 p.m. at Winkie and Delmar's home. Meat and buns will be provided. Plan to bring a side dish of your choice that will go with hamburgers and hot dogs. See you there! Please check bulletin board in Narthex for signup sheet. Church van will be provided if needed.

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ Caring For People Through People: The Sinking Spring congregation is officially enrolled in The Stephen Ministry. In the next several weeks you will be hearing more about how to become involved in this ministry. In the meantime, if you have questions and feel called to become a minister, please contact Toni Oliver at 276-206-3321 or visit the web site at www.stephenministries.org.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

A BIG THANK YOU to the following folks who have worked several weekends (*sweaty Christian Fellowship*) to trim bushes and trees and remove huge root balls of old nandina bushes: Jim Frazier, Emily Danko, Jeremy Beverly, John Cornelius, Jeff Edelman, Delmar Barton, Danny Wilson and Annette Legard.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP
Elders: Danny Wilson & Kate Shockley

WEDNESDAY NIGHT BIBLE STUDY: Our Wednesday night Bible study is on summer hiatus. We will resume Wednesday night Bible study sometime after Labor Day.

SUNDAY SCHOOL SUSPENSION ~ All Sunday School classes during the Summer Worship Time Change will be suspended.

TOMORROW IS THE DAY!! G-Force – God's Love in Action VBS begins!! July 6-10 from 9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Abingdon Baptist is the host church this year for VBS. Wear a red shirt and be at Abingdon Baptist Church at 9:00 a.m. If you have pre-registered you don't have to stand in line to register again. The Youth will show you where to go. This will be a fun-filled week with music, crafts, Bible stories and more. The closing celebration is Friday July 10 at 11:30 a.m. *Everyone* is invited to come see and hear all that the children learned.

UPCOMING WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesday July 15th at 9:30 a.m. a Bible study of the Book of Hosea will begin. This is a 7 week Bible study that will meet on consecutive Wednesdays for 7 weeks. The story of Hosea and his wife Gomer will shock you and warm your heart. The story of Israel and God in the Book of Hosea will frustrate you and then fill you with hope. You will discover the Book of Hosea is the story of God, Israel, Hosea and Gomer....the story of you; this is your love story. You can see who you are and how dearly loved you are.

ATTENTION PARENTS: We have mailed out letters to those who have children and youth in our church asking for feedback for the fall. We would LOVE to hear from everyone and hope to receive more responses. If you need another form and have any questions please feel free to contact Kate Shockley at 276-525-5108.

SERVICE AND OUTREACH
Elders: Alicia Arney, Kay Bunn & Mimi Hull

CHRISTMAS IN JULY ~ Good News Jail and Prison Ministry is starting their collection early this year. They will fill Inmate Christmas Bags with a variety of needed items to be distributed during the Christmas season in December. Our church has pledged bars of bath soap (full size please). Watch for those SALE items and help us with our goal of contributing 600 bars of soap! Please leave your items in the container in the Narthex by July 30, 2015. How much fun! Early Christmas for all us kids at heart!!

THE FAITH IN ACTION GOLF TOURNAMENT will be held on Sunday, August 9th at 2:00 p.m. Both sponsors and players are needed. If you are interested in either there are information sheets hanging on the mission board in the Narthex.

KIDS' BACKPACK SECOND OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE! We will be helping the Kids' Backpack Program stuff, staff and distribute food boxes to local students. **THIS WEEK!!** Help is needed: Tuesday, July 7 at 5:00 p.m. – prepare food boxes at Abingdon Elementary School; Wednesday, July 8 from 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m. – staff the onsite distribution at AES; and Wednesday evening starting at 4:30 p.m. – load remaining boxes from AES and distribute to local homes. Please let Alicia Arney know your availability to serve our children. alicia_arney@hotmail.com or 276/628-6364 or cell/text 423/366-3580.

OUR NEXT WEEK TO SERVE AT FAITH IN ACTION is July 12 – July 18. A signup sheet is on bulletin board in Narthex. Mark your calendars now; we need your hands and feet!

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, July 5th Communion

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Monday, July 6th

9:00 a.m. V. B. S. Abingdon Baptist Church

Tuesday, July 7th

9:00 a.m. V. B. S. Abingdon Baptist Church
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00 a.m. V. B. S. Abingdon Baptist Church

Thursday, July 9th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's
9:00 a.m. V. B. S. Abingdon Baptist Church
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Friday, July 10th

9:00 a.m. V. B. S. Abingdon Baptist Church
11:30 a.m. V. B. S. Closing Celebration – Abingdon Baptist Church

Sunday, July 12th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

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Stewardship & Attendance for June 28, 2015

Attendance: 142
Offering: \$4,894.00

THE HUNGER OFFERING WILL BE RECEIVED TODAY

CHURCH BULLETINS are now available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>.

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mazie Cook, Helen Napps, and Reed Cooke (Commonwealth Assisted Living), Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab), Don Preston and Margaret Peters

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: Arville Mullins, Marjorie Addison and Family, The Family of June Atkins

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: David Henninger, Charles Henninger and Richie Hooker

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw, Nathan McGraw, Mark Widener, Walter Holcomb Jr., John Nowell II, John Nowell III and Dexter Bevis

*Names remain on the prayer list for 4 weeks unless requested to keep them on longer

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