

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 16th, 2015

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *Festival on "Praise to the Lord"* *Dickens*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *Servant Song*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 31*

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

All: **And also with you.**

One: In you, O Lord, we seek refuge; do not let us be put to shame; in your righteousness, deliver us.

All: **Incline your ear to us and rescue us. Be our rock of refuge and a strong fortress for us.**

One: Lead us and guide us, for your name's sake.

All: **Into your hands we commit our spirits, for you have redeemed us, O Lord, our faithful God.**

+HYMN *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* #276, vv. 1-2

+PRAYER OF CONFESSION *based on Psalm 130*

Out of the depths we cry to you, O Lord, and we pray that you will hear our voices! May your ears be attentive to us and to our supplications. If you, Most Gracious Lord, were to keep track of all of our iniquities, who among us would be able to stand? But there is forgiveness with you and for that we are thankful and we honor you. We wait for you, O Lord; our souls long for your presence among us. We wait for you like those who are afraid of the dark wait for the dawn of a new day. We put our hope in you for your love is steadfast and sure. You, and you alone, have the power to redeem. Therefore we ask you to forgive us all of our sins. We pray in the name of Jesus, our Redeemer. Amen.

+ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Great Is thy Faithfulness* #276, v.3

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness, great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see
All I have needed thy hand hath provided
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

+PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

MINUTE FOR MISSION – Spiritual Formation Team

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.

+HYMN *Were You There?* #102

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

HEBREW BIBLE READING *Psalm 88:1-12* p. 508 OT

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM *For The Beauty Of The Earth* *McDonald*

GOSPEL READING *Mark 15:40-47* p. 47 NT

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Thanks be to God.

THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *O Come, O Come Emmanuel* *Traditional*

+Doxology *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow* #592

+Prayer of Dedication

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Heidelberg Catechism*

Christ had to suffer death because the righteousness and truth of God are such that nothing else could make reparation for our sins except the death of the Son of God. Christ was buried to confirm the fact that he was really dead. Since Christ died for us our death is not a reparation for our sins, but only a dying to sin and an entering to eternal life. By the power of Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross our old self is crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil passions of our mortal bodies may reign in us no more, and that we may offer ourselves to him as a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

+HYMN *Abide with Me* #543, vv. 1,3,5

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *When This Song Shall Cease*

+POSTLUDE *Postlude on Spanish Hymn* *Glyncannon*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Richard Cano
- the acolytes are Jeni Holt and Emma Shockley
- the bell ringer is Lizzie Allen
- the W.O.W. leaders are Alicia Arney and Sandy Smith
- the nursery volunteers are Kay Bunn and Rachel Fowlkes
- the sound board tech is Jasper Leidig

WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Matt Crum & Joey Lamie

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 THE FINAL WEEKS OF 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.

ABOUT THE BULLETIN COVER ART: *The Entombment of Christ* by Michelangelo Merisi da Caravaggio (1571-1610), better known simply as Caravaggio, was painted in 1603-1604 for one of the chapels in the Santa Maria in Vallicella church (also called Chiesa Nuova) located in Rome. The painting was taken to the Musée Napoléon in Paris in 1797, but was returned to the Vatican in 1816, where it still hangs today.

THE SUMMER WORSHIP TIME CHANGE IS STILL IN EFFECT! We have had a few inquiries in the office about the service time. Our summer worship time of 10:00 a.m. continues throughout the month of August. We will return to our 11:00 worship time on the first Sunday of September.

UPCOMING SERMON TEXTS AND TOPICS:

Aug 23	Mark 16:1-8	The Resurrection/Empty Tomb
Aug 30	Mark 16:9-20	Two Extra Endings
Sept 6	Proverbs 22	Being passionate people
Sept 13	Psalm 19	Relationship between faith & science

CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes

ATTENTION SENIORS: Our trip to the Wohlfahrt Haus Dinner Theatre in Wytheville, VA is **next** Saturday, August 22nd for the matinee performance at 2:00 p.m. Lunch will be at 12:30 p.m. and play "*Gospel Jubilee*" to follow. Please see bulletin board in Narthex for more information about this trip and future outings.

THE STEPHEN MINISTRY – Christ Caring For People Through People: Following a very successful training seminar last Sunday, the recruiting and application process for Stephen Ministers is nearing the end. We ask for your prayers as the class begins training the first of September. As they read and discuss new ideas, we pray for a transforming of the information into care giving skills they can use to make God's presence known to others in need. As this is an intensive and long training schedule, your prayers, support, and encouragement will be greatly appreciated.

CHURCH PICNIC SUNDAY AUGUST 30TH ~ Mark your calendars and plan to attend our annual picnic at Sugar Hollow Park ~ Shelter F starting at 2:00 p.m. with supper at 5:00 p.m. Please bring side dishes to accompany grilled hamburgers and hot dogs provided by the church. Becky and Jason Pittman have activities planned for the children. *Remember* the park fee is \$1.00 to bring a car into the shelter area.

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

FAITH in ACTION: Mark your calendars for our next week to serve, September 6th thru September 12th. Your donations and volunteer hours are greatly appreciated.

MANY THANKS ~ *Thank You* to all who brought bars of soap and school supplies. Thirty-six (36) back-to-school kits were delivered to Faith in Action and 637 bars of soap were collected for the Good News Prison Ministry. Your generosity is a blessing to others!

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 are suspended.

HOSEA BIBLE STUDY: The Wednesday Bible study on Hosea will meet this week, August 19th at 9:30 a.m. in the church parlor. Prepare Week 4 in the member book.

OPPORTUNITIES ABOUND! Is God interested in children? YES! Jesus said, "Let the children come to me." Everyone in the body of Christ has been given abilities that can be used to raise up an army of children who love God. There are opportunities for you to act on the promise you made when these children were baptized. Adult leadership and guidance is needed for the Nursery, W.O.W. Sunday School and After School programs. Ask yourself how you can be involved. Ask God to show you where you are needed. He will equip you to do what He calls you to do. Many hands make light work. The more adults involved the fewer times you will need to serve. Speak to Janet McGraw today or send an email to: christianeducator@sinkingspring.org

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMS – ELEMENTARY AND MIDDLE SCHOOL – Information about the After School programs were mailed this week to parents of Elementary or Middle School students. If you know of someone who might be interested, please give their contact information to Janet McGraw. The first day of After School is **Wednesday, September 9th**.

IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

TODAY, Sunday, August 16th

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

Tuesday, August 18th

8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 19th

9:30 a.m. Women's Hosea Bible Study

Thursday, August 20th

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study, Shoney's

8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, August 23rd

10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY
Elders: Danny Brown & John Legard

Stewardship & Attendance for August 9, 2015

Attendance: 128

Offering: \$4,316.00

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 (Rm: 112 – Health South, Bristol)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS:

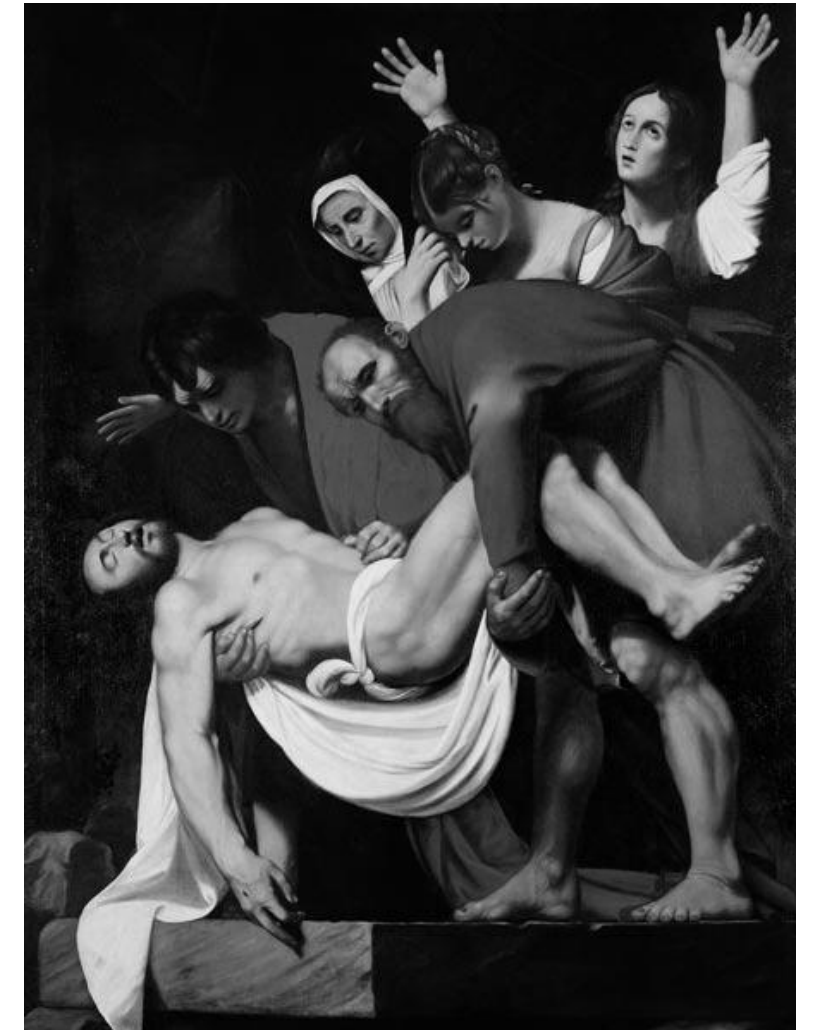
WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: Charles Henninger, Richie Hooker, Sherrye and Robert May, Ron Motley, Jennifer Motley, John Legard, Arville Mullins and Henninger Family

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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