## Celebration of Worship

April 26, 2015 Fourth Sunday of Easter

Prelude

"My Shepherd Will Supply My Need"

Arr. Douglas Wagner

The people come together in the Lord's name. While prelude is being played, the worshipers may engage in the act of worship through quiet meditation and private prayer. The dedication of presence may be made by writing the name on the registration pad placed on the pew.

Lighting of Christ's Candle Chiming of Steeple Bell

## Gathering with Praises and Prayers

\*Hymn UMH No. 545 "The Church's One Foundation"

**AURELIA** 

\*Hymn UMH No. 381 "Saviour, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" BRADBURY

#### \*Welcome, The Peace, Ministry Opportunities

Please greet one another and offer sign of reconciliation and love.

## \*Call to Worship

Leader: Here we are Lord, Your creatures standing before You.

All: Gathered together to praise You and worship You. Leader: This is Your day Father and we thank you for giving this day to all of us.

All: Help us to always remember that each day is a blessing and a gift from You for we are not owed anything from You.

Leader: Be with us in our midst and let us feel Your breath upon our faces.

All: And hold us close to You each day of our lives. Amen.

\*Hymn No. 474 "Precious Lord, Take My Hand"

PRECIOUS LORD

### Prayer

Offered in Unison

O God, whose Word is not just a one-way conversation, talk with us today and hear us as we pray. Free us, that we might listen for Your voice, and empower us to speak to You. For in Christ Jesus, You have called us into a friendship which influences all other relationships. Help us to see beauty where we might be tempted to see ugliness in ourselves as well as in others. May Your "joy" be found there as well. As You have washed our feet in

Christ, kneel us to washing Your feet in others. As You have lifted us off our knees, help us to lift others up. For we all were created in Your image. Re-create in us a new heart, O God, one that beats in tune with Your own. This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### Personal Prayer

Offered in Silence

We pray for the people of the State of Ohio, the Buckeye State, joined our union on May 1, 1803 (settled in 1788). For Church Unity: Eritrea and Ethiopia.

## Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer

Anthem

Jessie Vollmerhausen

## Children's Message

Dismissal to Sunday School

\*Hymn UMH No. 408

"The Gift of Love"

GIFT OF LOVE

#### Offering of Our Time, Talents, and Treasures

\*Doxology – UMH 95
\*Prayer of Thanksqiving and The Lord's Prayer

**New Testament Lesson - TEV Pg. 258** "Ephesians 1:3-14" NIV TEV: Today's English Version, Pew Bible

<sup>3</sup> Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. who has blessed us in the heavenly realms with every spiritual blessing in Christ. 4 For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. In love <sup>5</sup> he<sup>[a]</sup> predestined us for adoption to sonship<sup>[b]</sup> through Jesus Christ, in accordance with his pleasure and will—<sup>6</sup> to the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. <sup>7</sup> In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace grace that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and understanding. <sup>9</sup> he<sup>[c]</sup> made known to us the mystery of his will according to his good pleasure, which he purposed in Christ, 10 to be put into effect when the times reach their fulfillment to bring unity to all things in heaven and on earth under Christ. <sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, <sup>[d]</sup> having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, 12 in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. 13 And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, 14 who is a deposit guaranteeing our

inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession—to the praise of his glory.

This is the Word of God - Thanks be to God!

Message

"Time For the Draft" Shawn Vollmerhausen

\*Hymn TFWS No. 2112 "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" LONESOME VALLEY

#### **Benediction**

**Postlude** "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" Albert Travis

**Boldfaced type** denotes "all reading." \*indicates stands as able. UMH- United Methodist Hymnal, TFWS – The Faith We Sing

#### Sermon Notes >

"Time For the Draft" Ephesians 1:3-14

## Make Companions in Christ!

Jesus ... called 12 disciples ... ["two-by-two"] (Matthew 10:1-5).

- Pray for your CIC
- o Encounter your CIC
- Define God's Call with your CIC
- o Celebrate and commission CIC for the Kingdom of God!

#### "Following Jesus" through Biblical Literacy!



During Lent you are invited to encounter the Holy Word taken from the book Deuteronomy, last book of Pentateuch, a new law given to the new generation of the Exodus people. Reading Deuteronomy will help the congregation or the individual person of faith who love to reshape their spiritual journey with the New

Law of God, which was an inspiring source for spirituality of New Testament.

#### The New Covenant

Deuteronomy 29:1-34:12

Here Moses is deliberately setting up a contrast between the covenant at Sinai and the covenant he envisions for Israel in the future. The past ended in Israel's failure to keep the covenant and trust in God. But there is hope for the future; to this hope Moses now turns.

# Warnings Regarding the Covenant (29:2-28) Future Blessing (30:1-20)

Moses takes a long look into the future of God's people. Israel's disobedience would lead to their captivity in a foreign land. At that point, they will again turn to the Lord, and the Lord will have compassion on them and restore them to the land (vv. 1-5). The Lord will give them a new heart (a circumcised heart; v. 6, 10:16), and they will "love him with all heart and with all soul, and live."

#### Provisions for Maintaining the Leadership of Moses (31:1-29)

## The Song of Moses (31:30-32:47)

This song teaches the major lessons in the Pentateuch (just as Genesis 49; Numbers 24). The central theme is Israel's apostasy and God's threatening judgment. Moses closes his song with a reminder to the people to pay close attention to the words he has put before them and to teach them carefully to their children (vv. 45-57).

#### God's Instructions to Moses to Die on Mount Nebo (32:48-52)

#### The Blessings of Moses (33:1-29)

These final words of Moses to the people are introduced as a "blessing." They begin with a brief introduction (vv. 2-5) and, after listing the blessings for each of the tribes of Israel (vv. 6-25), Simeon excluded, they conclude with a summary (vv. 26-29).

#### The Death of Moses (34:1-12)

The account of Moses' death was probably added long after his death. His burial was so far in the past that the location of his grave was uncertain to the writer. In fact, the writer says God buried him. Furthermore, a long succession of prophets had come and gone so that the writer could say, "Since then, no prophet has risen in Israel like Moses" 9v. 10).

#### This Week at Savage

FH – fellowship hall, F&MC – faith and ministry center

Sun., April 26
8:30a Adult Sunday School FH
9:30a Worship Sanctuary

9:45a Sunday School Classrooms; F&MC 11a Rock'N Praise Choir Practice Choir Room 12-3p Play Practice FH

1:30p MARA Community Church Sanctuary 7:30p NA FH

Mon., April 27

9a-1p Church Office Opens Church Office at F&MC

Tue., April 28

9a-1p Church Office Church Office at F&MC

10a Staff Meeting (cancelled)

11a-2p Meet Pastor (Cancelled) Pastor's Study at F&MC
11a "Disciple" Study (Cancelled) F&MC kitchen

p Boy Scouts FH

Wed., April 29

9a-1p Church Office Opens Church Office at F&MC

7p Venture Crew FH 7p NA F&MC2

Thur., April 30

QR Code for Evangelism

9a-1p Church Office Opens Church Office at F&MC

11a Coffee with the Pastor (Cancelled) F&MC7p Choir Practice Choir Room

Fri., May 1

7p Musical Noah S
Sat., May 2
7p Musical Noah S

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Sun., May 3
8:30a Adult Sunday School FH
9:30a Worship Sanctuary

9:45a Sunday School Classrooms; F&MC

1:30p MARA Community Church Sanctuary 7:30p NA FH

Please call Sharon Brown at 301-725-7630 for a guaranteed appointment, private meeting or pastoral counseling.

## Mission: Make people blessed with the Gospel of Jesus

Our Journey: Praise God, experience God, serve God and share God!

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Our church bell, made in 1838, rang daily at the Savage Cotton Mill to begin and end the workday. Now the bell calls us to worship!



April 26, 2015

Fourth Sunday of Easter 9:30 a.m.

#### **Ministry Opportunities**

#### **Upcoming events:**

- May 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>, **Musical "Noah"** 7pm, Tickets \$7 in advance, \$10 at door. An inspired retelling of the epic story…Noah. A journey of comedy, tragedy, suffering and hope. Get your tickets today!
- May 9, 9am-7pm, **Scrapbooking Crop and Crafters Day**, FH, 9a-7p Join us for fellowship and work on your scrapbook in our space. The cost is \$20 for your own table space to scrapbook all day. Call the office at 301-725-7630 or email office @umcsavage.org to sign up.
- May 30<sup>th</sup>, 8am-12pm, **Rent Your Own Space Yard Sale**, parking lot. Call the office at 301-725-7630 to reserve your space. \$20, provide your own tables. If you do not have enough for your own space, feel free to donate your items to our church table. Bring your yard sale items to the F&MC marked yard sale.
- June 6, **Strawberry Festival**. We will need your help to prepare for this annual festival. The month of May we will be cleaning the kitchen from top to bottom, washing the windows in the fellowship hall, preparing the outside grounds. The week of the festival we will be preparing the food. Come out and help us! An hour or two makes a huge difference.

Thank you to everyone who donated chairs for the fellowship hall. Look forward to seeing the new chairs in the upcoming weeks. We are selling the old chairs for \$5 each. Take a piece of Savage history with you.

**Volunteers needed for nursery adoption.** We are looking for someone or a group of someone's to adopt the nursery, assemble the crib, and decorate the nursery. Call the office for additional detail at 301-725-7630.

#### We have several projects the trustees will be supporting.

- 1. New sign for outside the church
- 2. Exterior fascia painting and repairing
- 3. Lawn mowing expense (approximately \$125 a week)
- 4. Outdoor cleanup
- 5. General building upkeep and maintenance

There are several ways in which you can help – direct donation, plan a fundraiser, purchase a glass bracelet for \$5 call the office at 301-725-7630 for more information.

**The finance committee has the forms for electronic giving.** Call the office at 301-725-7630.

Maryland City Community Day – May 2, 9am-4pm. Community UMC, 300 Brockbridge Road, Laurel, will be hosting vendor tables. \$25 space with table, \$20 without table. They are looking for people offering services, merchandise or non-profits. No yard sale tables. 301-725-4918