

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

Sunday, September 13, 2020

The 15th Sunday After Pentecost • Liturgical Color: Green

The Park on Polk

PRELUDE We Will Take What You Offer (*J. Bell*) Chapel Choir

WELCOME AND PARISH NOTICES Rev. Dr. Julie Boone

CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Amber Lea Gray

Leader: God the Creator is in this place.
All: The love of God is with us.
Leader: Jesus our Redeemer is in this place.
All: The grace of our Lord is with us.
Leader: The Holy Spirit is in this place.
All: The communion of the Spirit is with us.
Leader: We welcome the fullness of God's presence.
**All: God the Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer
be with us now and forever. Amen.**

HYMN Take My Life and Let it Be MESSIAH
May Ison, soloist

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed Rev. Gray

**All: I believe in God the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic* church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**
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GLORIA PATRI NO. 71 TALBOT
**All: *Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.***

ANTHEM Emmanuel (*Peter Johns*) Chapel Choir

CHILDREN'S SERMON Rev. Gray

INSTALLATION FOR A PASTOR

Kim Fleming, SPRC Chair

Leader: Dear friends, today we welcome Rev. Chad Loucks,
who has been appointed to serve as our Associate Minister.
We believe that he is well qualified
and has been prayerfully appointed by our bishop, Sue Hauptert-Johnson.
Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as a people committed to participate in the ministries of the Church
by your prayers, your presence, your gifts, your service, and witness,
will you who celebrate this new beginning
support and uphold Rev. Chad Loucks in these ministries?

**Congregation: We reaffirm our commitment to support you
with our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.**

Leader: How beautiful upon the mountains are the feet of the messenger
**Congregation: who announces peace, who brings good news, who announces salvation.
Lord God, bless the ministries of your Church.
We thank you for the variety of gifts you have bestowed upon us.**

Leader: Let us join together in giving thanks.
**All: Draw us together in one Spirit,
that each of us may use our differing gifts as members of one body.
May your Word be proclaimed with faithfulness,
and may we be doers of your Word and not hearers only.
As we who have died and risen with Christ in baptism
gather at his table and then scatter into the world,
may we be one in service to others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

PASTORAL PRAYER • LORD'S PRAYER NO. 895 Rev. Dr. Boone
**All: 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.**

GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY Lord, Have Mercy (*Roger Holland*) Chapel Choir

SCRIPTURE LESSON Numbers 14:26-35 Rev. Chad Loucks
Matthew 22:34-40
Matthew 28:16-20
Proverbs 3:5-6

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God.
All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON Living on Purpose Rev. Loucks

HYMN May God the Father of Our Lord TALLIS CANON

BENEDICTION Rev. Dr. Boone

CHORAL RESPONSE Be of Good Cheer (*J. Purifoy*) Chapel Choir

FLOWERS: The flowers in worship today are given to the Glory of God by the Discovery Sunday School Class.

IN THE HOSPITAL: Charlotte Guest

OUT OF THE HOSPITAL: Dolores Wilkinson and Joe Tichenor

SYMPATHY: To Tom & Jean Hawkins on the death of Tom's brother, Steve Hawkins, on August 29.
To Eola & Bob Hovey on the death of Eola's mother, Ada DeLoach Creech, on August 29.

Upcoming Dates From Children's Ministry

- Zoom Bible study - Sept. 22, 6:30-7 p.m.
- Play & Pray for PreK - 2nd grade 2-3:30 p.m. on Sept. 13, and Sept. 27 for 3rd-5th graders.
- Meet & greet with Rev. Chad Loucks and Children's families, 5:30-6 p.m. on Sept. 16.
- Power 45 - Sept. 20, 4th-5th graders, 2-6 p.m.
- Sept. 10 and 14 - after preschool ballet and tap dancing.
- Contact kellyduncan@mariettafumc.org for more information!

From Youth Ministry

- Join us for Worship Night in the Park, 7-8:30 p.m., for mid high (on September 13) and senior high (on September 20) students. Please be sure to register in advance.
- We will have "hangout" groups throughout the month divided into specific grades. Please be sure to register in advance.
- Join the Youth Staff for a 2-week Zoom Bible Study beginning October 14 from 7-7:30 p.m. We will discuss the "Call Story" of Jonah.
- Check our website, mariettafumcyouth.com, to find our calendar, sign-ups, and more or e-mail mikesmith@mariettafumc.org.

Good Samaritan Collection

During September we'll be collecting items for the Good Samaritan Health Center of Cobb Health Kits. Visit mariettafumc.org/localday2020 for a list of needed items. For more information, contact karenwilliams@mariettafumc.org.

Welcome Our New Associate Minister

Please join us today Sunday, September 13, at 10:00 a.m. after Worship in the Park as we welcome Rev. Chad Loucks and his family to Marietta First UMC!

Fall Bible Studies

Join us and dive deeper into scripture and the life of faith and community with new studies that have begun this week here at the church. Please visit mariettafumc.org/fallstudies for more information about classes being offered and sign-ups. You won't want to miss these exciting opportunities! Due to COVID-19 we are offering classes online, outdoors, and a hybrid of both.

One Faith, Many Voices

We are excited to continue our One Faith, Many Voices series next week, September 20, with World Music Sunday: Sacred Sounds of the Global Church.

Church Family Cookout

Join us in the Park for a cookout and fellowship fun on Wednesday, September 23. Donations will benefit Meals on a Mission. For more details, please visit mariettafumc.org/cookout.

Fellowship in the Park

All are welcome to gather for traditional worship in the Park on Sunday, September 27, and then stay to join us for coffee, donuts, and fellowship after worship.

Worship in the Park
September 13, 2020 • 9:00 a.m.

It IS Important to Say, Thank You!

With Labor Day behind us and the fall ahead of us, we are getting things off to a great start at the church. Sunday worship in the Park is going well. Online viewers remain faithful. The Weekday Preschool is up and running. Children and Youth programming have geared up and adult Bible studies have begun. The Transition Team is working with a phased-in approach to get us back into the Sanctuary and Sunday school classrooms sometime in October. What has at times seemed like an impossible undertaking has turned into a creative and fruitful time for ministry. We could not have done this without our amazing staff and church.

I recently had someone say to me that we shouldn't praise people too much in the church and we shouldn't have to always say thank you. I don't agree with this at all. In fact, I don't think we say thank you enough. People need to know they are appreciated. So, I want to do just that; say thank you. Thank you for our wonderful church; thank you for the leadership that cast the vision and provided the financial means for our Park and Pavilion. Thank you for the many hours our volunteers have put into serving our community through meals, backpacks, and the food pantry. Thank you for the financial faithfulness of each of you. Thank you for calling and checking on one another. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we navigate these uncharted waters. Thank you for our church leaders who have shared the joyous burden of leading through this unprecedented time of change. Thank you for your words of kindness, encouragement, and wisdom. Simply put, thank you for being the church.

Today, we also give thanks for our two new gifted Associate Ministers, Rev. Amber Lea Gray and Rev. Chad Loucks. Both ministers bring with them the very gifts needed for the church at this time. We give thanks to God for calling these two individuals into the ministry to serve alongside us. I look forward to this new season with them and each of you. May we continue to give thanks to God for God's faithfulness in our lives and our church.

With deepest gratitude,



Worship Leaders

Senior Minister:
Rev. Dr. Julie Boone

Associate Minister:
Rev. Amber Lea Gray

Associate Minister:
Rev. Chad Loucks

Organist/Interim Director of Music:
Brian Parks

Music Associate:
Catherine Moulton

Marietta First UMC Giving

There are four ways you can give to support the mission and ministry of our church:

1. Online at mariettafumc.org/give
2. Text any dollar amount to 84321
3. Through the Offering Plate
4. By mailing your gift to the church office