

LOVE

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August 21, 2016

Fourteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Summerville Presbyterian Church

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Summer Office Hours: *Monday & Wednesday: 8:30-2:30; Thursday: 8:30-11*

WELCOME. We are a compassionate Christian community fostering a personal connection with God for people of all ages and expressing God's love through worship, education, mission, music and fellowship.

We're glad to gather together as a community of faith today. No matter where you are on the journey of faith, you are welcome here to join in worship and service. If you are new to this community of faith, we rejoice in your presence with us. Remember, we're not strangers, but rather friends who journey together, following the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are a newcomer, we invite you to sign the pew pad.

HEARING ASSISTANCE devices are available from the ushers or the audio/video console at the rear of the sanctuary.

MISS A WORSHIP SERVICE? Services are recorded every week. A CD-R is available upon request by contacting the church office at 342-4242.

Rev. Mouser can be reached by cell at 519-5280,
or by email at pastorcarson@summervillechurch.org

Office hours are Monday and Wednesdays from 8:30-2:30 and Thursdays from 8:30 to noon. Please call in advance if you want to meet with Pastor Carson.

GREETER: MARILYN DRUMM

USHER: JULIE GIRON

Transportation can be provided. Please call JIM VERNI before 5PM Saturday to arrange a ride for Sunday, August 28th Worship. His number is 342-6860.

Join us for lemonade fellowship immediately following Worship in Fellowship Hall. Your host is BILL CARTER.



Order of Worship

*those who are able, please stand

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, REGISTRATION of ATTENDANCE

SILENT PRAYER

God of grace, mercy, compassion, and courage, may today be the day when we hear you. May our hearts not be hard or cold. May we hear you calling us past the edges. May we discover new connections where grace and healing, hope and justice lift us up and open us to new dimensions of faith alive in you. May we draw courage to break the rules that bind and burden, to bring joy in abundance where joy has been depleted. Amen

PRELUDE “Fughetta in C”

G.F. HANDEL

CALL TO WORSHIP

BILL CARTER

One: Stone – so solid and unchanging, a firm foundation on which to build.

All: We thank God for all that is sure and stable.

One: Stone – a stumbling block that trips us up when we least expect it.

All: We thank God for the unexpected things that give us pause to ponder and rethink.

One: Stone – shaped and remodeled through persistent pressure.

All: We thank God for the shifts in understanding that seem to occur in a moment of time.

***HYMN # 29** (Rejoice Hymnal) “God Who Stretched the Spangled Heavens ”

CALL TO CONFESSION

BILL CARTER

God’s love is so amazing that while we were separated from the Lord, God reached out in compassion and mercy to heal us. Therefore, we are free to confess our need of God’s grace.

CONFESSION

BILL CARTER

In you, God, we have felt safe and secure for generations. We have known how to live and how to behave. We have been certain of what we have had to offer. Yet, every now and then we have felt there was more. We have been aware that not everything we have done has lifted people's burdens.

In our own lives we have sometimes felt our hearts go cold and our attitudes harden, especially towards those who we think are using us for their own purposes, or not trying to change what they can to address their situations. We have sometimes felt the heaviness of burdens for the future of the church.

We have sometimes been acutely aware that some people are pushed to the edges, that expectations are too hard, and we have longed to find ways to heal wounds and lift burdens; but we have been weighed down by our own sense of inadequacy, or afraid to step past the edges of what is known and acceptable. So, God, in the words of another's prayer, "grant us the serenity to accept the things we cannot change, the courage to change the things we can, and the wisdom to know the difference" until the drip, drip, drip has reached the point of pressure that cracks the heart of stone, shifts the edges of the world in view, and connects us with another possibility of life and hope and love and healing.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

You are set free from all that weighs you down and ails you. Set down your stones. Lift up your heads. Rejoice in God's mercy and peace.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Jeremiah 1:4-10

BILL CARTER

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Luke 13:10-17

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

SERMON "Rules to Break, Rules to Keep"

REV. DR. CARSON O. MOUSER

***HYMN #2146** (Sing The Faith) "His Eye is on The Sparrow"

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY – HYMN NO. 556

PRAYER OF DEDICATION (UNISON)

We bring these offerings to this place as reminders that we are called to lift people's burdens. We accept the challenge to speak and act with courage – even when it means breaking the rules. We commit ourselves to this faith because in Jesus' example we are glad to find that justice and healing, compassion, and joy go hand in hand with love. Amen

***HYMN 456** (Rejoice Hymnal) "Amazing Grace "

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE improvisation of "Amazing Grace"

JULIAN GARVUE

ANNOUNCEMENT

DEVOTION FOR THE WEEK: Jesus describes the reign of God as an open table. All people are invited. There is enough for all. In setting an open table, Christ invites all people to experience a life shaped by God's inclusive and compassionate love. We are each invited, and must decide whether we accept the invitation and what it means for our lives. *Scriptures: Jeremiah 2:4-13, Psalm 81:1, 10-16, Luke 14:1, 7-14, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16*

OFFICE HOURS for Thursday, August 25th, Monday, August 29th and Tuesday, August 30th are changing due to Mary's trip to Boston. The office will close at 11:15am on Thursday, August 25th and will re-open on Tuesday, August 30th from 8:30-2:30. The office will be closed on Monday, August 29th.

CALENDAR of EVENTS



Sunday, August 21st

9:00 am

Worship

Sanctuary

10:00 am

Lemonade

Monday, August 22nd

6:00 pm

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Room 14

Tuesday, August 23rd

7:00 pm

Session

Memorial Lounge

Saturday, August 27th

5pm—10am

Youth Camp out

Next Sunday, August 28th

9:00 am

Worship

Sanctuary

10:00 am

Lemonade