

August 6, 2023

(**Indicates, please stand as able)

Greeting/Life of the Church

Prelude Carol Stewart
"His Eye is on the Sparrow" Charles Gabriel/Marilynn Ham

**Call to Worship

Liturgist: Come, all who are hungry and thirsty.

People: The Lord will provide for our needs.

Liturgist: Come this day to the table of the Lord.

People: Here we will find welcome and sustenance.

Liturgist: Come to this time of gathering and praise.

People: Lord, we come with open hearts and spirits to receive your gracious gift of love.

**Opening Hymn "When Morning Gilds the Skies" UMH #185

Opening Prayer (unison)

Lord, we come to you this day in the midst of summer. Be with each of us as we open our ears to hear your words, our hearts to feel your presence, and our spirits to receive your healing touch. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

Children's Moments

Blessing of the Shoes 4 the Shoeless

Prayer Hymn "Break Thou the Bread of Life" UMH #599

Prayers of the Faithful & the Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Offering/Offertory Carol Stewart
"No One Ever Cared for Me like Jesus" Charles Weigle/Marilynn Ham

**Doxology UMH #95

**Prayer of Dedication

Source of Compassion, you meet our needs. May our gifts become a source of compassion to meet others' needs. May our offerings become love and light for those who feel lost and afraid. Bless our lives and our ministries, that we may be a people who share our abundance with those who live in want. In our caring and in our sharing, may our communities be blessed in your name. Amen.

**Gospel Reading Matthew 14:13-21

L: The Word of God for the People of God.

P: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Sermon "Caring and Sharing" Pastor Jeff Bandy

The Sacrament of Holy Communion

Communion Prayer - **Holy God, we praise you, for you are the One from whom we will return. You conceived the universe, wove the world together, and hold all life in your hand. You watch us waking or sleeping, you keep every tear that we shed, you hear every prayer we make, you know both our best and our worst, and you will not let us go. So with rain, wind, and sunshine, with all that moves in time with its Maker, we praise you.**

Prayer After Communion

O God, we give you thanks for uniting us as the Body of Christ and for filling us with joy at this table. Lead us toward the unity of your church, and help us treasure signs of reconciliation. Now that we have tasted the banquet you have prepared for us, may we one day feast together in your heavenly city. Through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, ever one God, world without end. Amen.

**Closing Hymn "Standing on the Promises" UMH #374

**Sending Forth

Postlude Carol Stewart
"Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus" arr. by Marilynn Ham



The Altar Flowers are given by John & Elaine Grayson in honor of their 57th Wedding Anniversary.

Gospel Reading – Matthew 14:13-21 (NIV)

Jesus Feeds the Five Thousand

¹³ When Jesus heard what had happened, he withdrew by boat privately to a solitary place. Hearing of this, the crowds followed him on foot from the towns. ¹⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them and healed their sick.

¹⁵ As evening approached, the disciples came to him and said, "This is a remote place, and it's already getting late. Send the crowds away, so they can go to the villages and buy themselves some food."

¹⁶ Jesus replied, "They do not need to go away. You give them something to eat."

¹⁷ "We have here only five loaves of bread and two fish," they answered.

¹⁸ "Bring them here to me," he said. ¹⁹ And he directed the people to sit down on the grass. Taking the five loaves and the two fish and looking up to heaven, he gave thanks and broke the loaves. Then he gave them to the disciples, and the disciples gave them to the people. ²⁰ They all ate and were satisfied, and the disciples picked up twelve basketfuls of broken pieces that were left over. ²¹ The number of those who ate was about five thousand men, besides women and children.

WELCOME VISITORS!

If you are visiting with us today, please take a moment to sign our attendance register located in each pew. We welcome you and hope you will come back and worship with us again soon.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation

August 6, 2023 - Worship Team

Ushers

Rick Smith, Joyce Smith
Ed Stidham, Margaret Stidham

Greeters

Harry Osman, Alice Osman

Liturgist

Elaine Hughes

Organist

Carol Stewart



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Tuesday 8	Greene Co Board Elections	6:30 am	FCC
	Bible Study	10:00 am	Parlor
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