

Jacksons Grade United Methodist Church of Landrum

An Order for the Service of Holy Communion

8TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

9:30 AM

JULY 30, 2017

ORGAN PRELUDE Ms. Susan Davis, Pianist

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor

GATHERING HYMN *The Church in the Wildwood* Cokesbury # 121

GREETING

Pastor: The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

Congregation: And also with you.

Pastor: The risen Christ is with us,

Congregation: Praise the Lord

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify
your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Be Thou My Vision* UM Hymnal # 451

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Bowers

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

OFFERING The Ushers

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Bowers

THE DOXOLOGY Congregation

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may
hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

PSALTER READING *from* Psalm 105 UM Hymnal # 828

Master Jacob Grigg, Leader

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 29:15-28 (p 25) Rev. Bowers, Reader

Romans 8:26-39 (p 148)

THE HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52 (p 14) Rev. Bowers, Reader

Pastor: The Holy Gospel of St. Matthew, containing the Word of God for
the people of God.

Congregation: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "What's It Worth to You?" Rev. Bowers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE APOSTLES' CREED

—Traditional version

**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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Bowers

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.

Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Congregation

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.**

**We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have
rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.**

**Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Bowers

HYMN

Standing on the Promises

UM Hymnal # 374

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Responsively

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give
thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

You made us in your image,
to love and to be loved.

When we turned away, and our love failed,
your love remained steadfast.

By the suffering, death, and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a
new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which Jesus gave himself up for us he took bread, gave
thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said:
"Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in
remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to
his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood
of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance
of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we
offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living
sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the
mystery of faith:

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for
the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in
ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we
feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church,
all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.
Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Community

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Congregation

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you
have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING FORTH

PARTING HYMN

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Cokesbury # 22

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:

Rev. Bowers

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Ms. Davis

A cordial welcome is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

Have you considered honoring or remembering someone special by placing flowers in the sanctuary? There are several dates available. If you are interested you may sign up for the date of your choice on the calendar at the church entrance. For more information you may contact Susan Davis at 864-510-3199 or jacksonsgroveumc@gmail.com.

If you are a visitor to Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church of Landrum, we extend to you a warm personal welcome. This church was founded by Thomas Jackson and members of his family. During the Revolutionary War, Thomas Jackson was a Captain in the North Carolina militia.

Little is known of the original meetinghouse, which is believed to have been a log cabin. Either it or its replacement served this community until the present building was constructed and dedicated on September 23, 1875 according to *The Carolina Spartan*. Homecoming is still scheduled the third Sunday in September each year. This affords current, as well as former members an opportunity to share fellowship and dinner on the grounds.

Visitors, allow your minds to wander to a different era as you reflect upon this historic setting. We point out to you that this church was built by local craftsmen. These artisans carefully selected local superb lumber that has withstood the test of time. Everything in this church was built by hand. Look around and you can observe signs of hand-hewn boards and timbers. Of particular interest is the chancel area. The altar table, altar rails and pulpit were crafted from walnut. Look at the windows and you can still observe bubbles in the original windowpanes.

The pews are made of selected wide pine boards. Marks of the planer's axe are readily visible on the pews. The rods in each corner in back of the sanctuary once held curtains that surrounded tiny Sunday School rooms for children and youth, while the sanctuary was reserved for the adult class.

Those of us who currently worship at Jacksons Grove feel privileged to have such a quaint, yet dignified place to worship. We are committed to keeping this historical church as authentic as possible. Beginning in 1994, major efforts were undertaken to preserve and repair this church without distracting from the 19th century building. The only major modern fixtures are propane heaters, electric lights with fans and an electric organ. In 1997, a storage building was constructed with attention to

detail to ensure architectural compatibility with the church. The same care was taken in 2001 when the present restroom facility was constructed as a replacement for the "little too authentic" outhouse.

The adjoining cemetery is a resting place for "the great cloud of witnesses who have gone before" –many of whom worshipped at Jacksons Grove. Some of their descendants are currently members and worship here. If time allows, walk through the cemetery and maybe you will catch a glimpse of the history of this community.

Your fellow worshipers are connected to a community of faith that now bridges into the 21st century. It is our hope that this church will remain a simple place of quiet dignity and beauty where people may worship God in spirit and truth for generations to come.

We are delighted that your path has led you to this place. We would like nothing more than for you to share in the journey as a part of this community.

How to Join: If you are interested in joining Jacksons Grove Church, please contact the pastor. Persons are received into the membership by profession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership from another church.

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*Do all the good you can, by all the means you can,
in all the ways you can, in all the places you can,
at all the times you can, to all the people you can,
as long as ever you can.*

--John Wesley

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Circa 1830

The Community Church . . . In the Wildwood

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