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For Last Week: May 8, 2011

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| Worship Attendance | 296 |
| Sunday School | 124 |

Giving

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| Operations | \$11,103.26 |
| Mortgage Fund | \$1,035.00 |
| Designated & memorials | \$11,022.20 |
| Total | \$23,160.46 |

Staff:

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| Ministers- | All |
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May 15, 2011 - 8:15 & 11:00 am



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Fourth Sunday of Easter

8:15 & 11:00 am

May 15, 2011

Please remember to silence all cell phones and pagers in preparation for worship.

WELCOME (Please be seated following the greeting)

PRELUDE "March" James Marsh

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Psalm 30 (*sung response*) UMH 762

***OPENING PRAYER**

L: Let us pray

P: Holy God, in the quiet of this sanctuary, call us by name. Lift our weary spirits, deepen our heart-felt yearning to know you, strengthen our questioning faith, and give us new eyes to see your work of grace in and around us. For you are the giver of life and our never-failing hope for eternity. Amen.

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** Apostles' Creed UMH 882

***GLORIA PATRI** UMH 71

***HYMN** "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" UMH 110

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

Corinna & Colette Young and Jennifer Leslie

RESPONSE "Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow" UMH 95

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE "Precious Lord, Take My Hand" (*verse 1*) UMH 474

* Please stand as you are able

ANTHEM (11:00) "Look at the World" John Rutter
Chancel Choir

SCRIPTURE Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

SERMON "Into the Abyss—A Biblical Look at Hell" Pastor Jim Wishmyer

***HYMN** "I Know Whom I Have Believed" UMH 714

***BLESSING**

***POSTLUDE**

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INTRODUCTION OF STEPHEN MINISTERS & PRAYER OF COMMENDATION

O God, our comfort and strength in times of trouble, keep these sisters and brothers of ours in your care. You have blessed them with holy gifts for ministry within the church, and you have equipped them with specific skills to make them effective in your service to your people. Enable them to serve you in the power of your Holy Spirit; grant them continued willingness to serve, patience in listening, openness to share of themselves, compassion to genuinely care. Give us grateful hearts to value their ministry among us, and give them grace to persevere in their service. Keep them close to your heart, strong in faith, consistent in example, and joyful in all circumstances. So that all may grow in your likeness and be formed as Jesus' disciples, we pray. Amen.

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Gathering Time

Opening Song

Opening Prayer

Welcome and Announcements

Songs of Praise

Offering

(We invite you to come forward by the center aisles to place your offering
in the plates on the altar rail, and then return by the side aisles.)*

Commissioning Stephen Ministers

Insert

Prayer of Commendation

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Receiving Our New Members

UMH 33

Scripture Reading

Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

Message

"Into the Abyss: A Biblical Look at Hell"

Pastor Jim Wishmyer

Closing Song

Blessing

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Leesburg United Methodist Church
Commissioning of Stephen Ministers – May 15, 2011

(Stephen Ministers to be commissioned, along with Stephen Leaders come forward)

Pastor: As followers of Christ who are part of the “priesthood of all believers” (1 Peter 2:9), all of us are called to offer ourselves to our Lord in thankful service for all that God has done and continues to do for us in Christ Jesus. In addition, it is our privilege to recognize and support those who are trained for specific ministries within the church. Therefore, today we recognize and affirm those who have been trained to serve among us as “Stephen Ministers” and “Stephen Leaders”.

(Introduction)

Leader: Dear brothers and sisters, you have been equipped to serve as Stephen Ministers at Leesburg United Methodist Church. The Bible provides the basis for this vital ministry:

“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God” (2 Corinthians 1:3-4).

Pastor: Brothers and sisters, each of you has been comforted by God with the Good News of Jesus’ life and death for you. We ask you now to join in serving our Lord and those in our congregation and neighborhood who need to be comforted.

Leader: As the Lord Jesus has responded to your needs, we ask you to strive to be responsive to the needs of others.

Leader: As the Lord Jesus took the burdens of the world on his shoulders, and has been a friend to you in troubled times, we ask you to be a friend to those who are burdened under the stress of daily life.

Leader: As the Lord Jesus patiently listens when you turn to him, we ask you to be a patient listener with others who turn to you.

Pastor: As the Lord Jesus has broken down the barriers that separate you from God, we ask you to heal divisions wherever you find them and to help bring wholeness to others.

Leader: As the Holy Spirit has given you gifts for serving, we ask you to use your gifts, experience, talents and caring to help those whom you serve, and to pray for them.

Leader: As the Lord Jesus has shown his care to you, we ask you to help our entire church family to grow as a caring community through your caring example and ministry.

Leader: As the Lord Jesus has revealed his saving presence to you through faith, we ask you to share your experience of the risen Christ with those around you so that they too may know and celebrate Christ’s saving presence in the world today.

Vows

Pastor: Are you prepared to meet the requests that the church asks of you?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Are you prepared to nurture the skills you have learned and to use them in service to others – to support, encourage, build up, and comfort people in all their needs?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor *(to congregation)*: Now we ask you, members of Leesburg United Methodist Church, to open your hearts to the ministry of these Stephen Ministers and to pray for them, that they may be effective servants for Christ. Are you prepared to do so?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor *(to congregation)*: We also ask you to accept their ministry when you need help, to allow these Stephen Ministers to walk with you as you face struggles in your life that you might experience the caring support and effective help needed from these, your sisters and brothers in Christ. Are you willing to do so?

Congregation: Yes, with the help of God.

Leader *(to pastor)*: Reverend Wishmyer, will you support the ministry of these our Stephen Ministers and Stephen Leaders and affirm their training; and will you prayerfully refer these trained caregivers to those in need of this ministry, encourage confidentiality, and thereby help “equip the saints for ministry”?

Pastor: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Are you now prepared to serve as Stephen Ministers at Leesburg United Methodist Church?

Stephen Ministers: Yes, with the help of God.

Pastor: Prepare then, to receive a blessing. *(Pastor & Stephen Leaders speak a word of blessing to each Stephen Minister)*

Commendation

Pastor: Because you have promised faithfully to serve the Lord Jesus and his people as Stephen Ministers, I commend you to the care and guidance of the Holy Spirit as you in turn care for others. Work diligently. Use the skills you have learned and apply the gifts and talents given you by the Holy Spirit that God may bless those you meet and care for. Continue to study, learn and grow. Reflect upon your ministry and receive the insight of others. Pray for those who will share their lives with you. Be an example through your willingness to receive the care and support that you now offer to others, when you are in need. Be confident and do not fear, for Christ is with you. “May the God of peace sanctify you completely; and may your spirit, soul and body be kept sound and blameless until the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Prayer of Commendation *(see order of worship)*