

BLUFF POINT UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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WELCOME AND GREETING, ORGAN PRELUDE

***SONG OF PRAISE** #2226 "Bind Us Together"

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Most Holy God,

L: We are a people who need you in your fullness

— as Creative Father, Redeeming Son, and Sustaining Spirit.

C: Our lives have complications and pain, our world has war and despair.

L: But we were made in your image, and your Spirit was breathed into us that we might experience hope in your goodness.

C: There are situations that make it hard to be aware of that goodness. We pray now for those whose lives are affected by the negativity in these circumstances:

L: When bombs and terrorist and military attacks kill and injure innocent people around the world . . . *(brief silence)*

C: When storms and hurricanes are so strong they destroy even the homes designed to withstand them . . . *(brief silence)*

L: When political battles bring out pettiness over issues too important for bickering . . . *(brief silence)*

C: When our hearts ache, hurt by broken relationships and unmet expectations . . . *(brief silence)*

When we are exhausted emotionally from illnesses in ourselves or those we love . . . *(brief silence)*

C: When we are overwhelmed by loneliness and isolation even though you are always with us . . . *(brief silence)* Amen

*MORNING PRAYER

Gracious and Merciful Lord,

our church is working to hear the words of your Spirit.

Our desire is to learn what and who you are calling us to be in your world. We call out to you that we might have the courage to give to you whatever burdens we entered with today so that our hearts and minds can be open to you, to your Word, and to your Spirit —the same life-giving breath from the first of creation. Christ challenges us to know you, God, as one who would search us out if we are lost. But we must also know that when we

are not the "one," we are members of the 99 waiting together for your guidance. Amen.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE** - Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

HYMN OF PRAISE #2202 "Come Away With Me"

PARTY WITH THE PREACHER

PRAYER TIME/PRAYER HYMN #2193 "Lord, Listen To Your Children Praying"

SCRIPTURE READING: Romans 4:3-5, 5:1-2, Matthew 11:28-30

MESSAGE

***OFFERTORY/DOXOLOGY/PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

Mighty God, you faithfully uphold and guide us. Through times of difficulty and uncertainty, you show us steadfast love. Thank you for the kindness we have received through your church. Lead us to grow in gratitude, so that we will gladly share our gifts. Bless these offerings to sustain our mission to those in need in our community. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #348 "Softly and Tenderly, Jesus Is Calling"

***GOOD NEWS:**

If you belong to Christ, then you belong to God.

We belong to Christ; we are God's.

Go and be holy in the world, as God is holy.

We will walk in the way of holiness, giving glory to God in all we do.

SHARING GRACE DURING THE WEEK:

What is holiness? _____

How will you search for, pray about and act upon holiness?

POSTLUDE

FWS –Faith We Sing

UMH – United Methodist Hymnal

Please join us for fellowship with our host: Verna and Charles Boose

SERVING THIS WEEK (7/17/16)

Greeters: Terry and Doug Fingar
Ushers: Dick Smith and Ernie Pinneo
Scripture Reader: Marguerite Miller
Fellowship: Verna & Charles Boose
Sunday School: Leah Dibble
Nursery: Chris & Stacy W
Counters: Aimee Perry and Dick Smith

SERVING NEXT WEEK (7/24/16)

Greeters: Donna Johnston and Sally Head
Ushers: Dick Dibble and Russ Heggie
Scripture Reader: Joyce Wiedrich
Fellowship: Marilyn Sands
Sunday School: Pam Althouse
Nursery: Phil P & Laurie P
Counters: Ron Sayler and Aimee Perry

Tuesday Noon: Women’s Luncheon at Antique Inn.

All women are invited to come and share a meal with one another.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Friday, July 22nd – 8:30pm – we will gather for a “drive in” movie (which will start as soon as it is reasonably dark). If it is raining we will watch the movie in the church.

Contact Us

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