



Monroe United Methodist Church

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May 13, 2018 8:00 and 10:45 Worship

The Church Gathers in God's Name

PRELUDE Julie Shipe McClain

PRAYER OF PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP
Make our minds receptive to your Word, Lord. Help us to hear it, to spiritually digest it, and to live by it. Through Christ our Lord, Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING CHORUS Sweet, Sweet Spirit
Doris Akers, 1962
**There's a sweet, sweet spirit in this place,
and I know that it's the Spirit of the Lord.
There are sweet expressions on each face,
and I know they feel the presence of the Lord.**

**Sweet Holy Spirit, Sweet heavenly Dove
stay right here with us, filling us with your love.
and for these blessings we lift our hearts in praise;
without a doubt we'll know that we have been revived
when we shall leave this place.**

CALL TO WORSHIP

HYMN Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy #340

UNISON PRAYER 3rd Century Spain
O God, by revealing to us the perfect spiritual beauty of your Son,
you have also shown us the ugliness of our depravity. This fills us
with remorse.

We beg you to reach down in your mercy to re-create in us the image
of your Son.

We are unfit to even talk to you – let alone serve you – without
Christ's grace. Only he can fill the gap between us and you. Amen.

TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER

The Church Hears God's Word

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN Paul & Silas in Prison

SPECIAL MUSIC Title Chancel Choir (8:00)
Title (10:45)

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 32, ESV

Blessed is the one whose transgression is forgiven,
whose sin is covered.
Blessed is the man against whom the LORD counts no iniquity,
and in whose spirit there is no deceit.
For when I kept silent, my bones wasted away
through my groaning all day long.
For day and night your hand was heavy upon me;
my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. *Selah*
I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not cover my iniquity;
I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD,"
and you forgave the iniquity of my sin. *Selah*
Therefore let everyone who is godly offer prayer
to you at a time when you may be found;
surely in the rush of great waters, they shall not reach him.
You are a hiding place for me; you preserve me from trouble;
you surround me with shouts of deliverance. *Selah*
I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go;
I will counsel you with my eye upon you.
Be not like a horse or a mule, without understanding,
which must be curbed with bit and bridle, or it will not stay near you.
Many are the sorrows of the wicked,

but steadfast love surrounds the one who trusts in the LORD.
Be glad in the LORD, and rejoice, O righteous,
and shout for joy, all you upright in heart!

EPISTLE READING

Romans 12: 1-3, NLT

And so, dear Christian friends, I plead with you to give your bodies to God. Let them be a living and holy sacrifice -- the kind he will accept. When you think of what he has done for you, is this too much to ask? Don't copy the behavior and customs of this world, but let God transform you into a new person by changing the way you think. Then you will know what God wants you to do, and you will know how good and pleasing and perfect his will really is.

SERMON

The Church Responds to God

SHARING PRAYER CONCERNS AND JOYS

RECEIVING TITHES AND OFFERINGS

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise him, all creatures here below;
praise him above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

PERSONAL PRAYER, PASTORAL PRAYER, LORD'S PRAYER

Contemporary English Version

**Our Father in heaven, help us honor your name.
Come and set up your kingdom, so that everyone on earth will obey you,
as you are obeyed in heaven. Give us our food for today.
Forgive us for doing wrong, as we forgive others.
Keep us from being tempted and protect us from evil.
The kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours forever. Amen.**

HYMN

Amazing Grace

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DEPART WITH BLESSING



Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life." (John 14:6)
Our church exists so that all people might
find the Way, know the Truth, and experience the Life!"

May Stewardship Message

The measure of a life is not its duration, but its donation.

Some people are always greedy for more, but the godly love to give!

Proverbs 21:26, NLT

CHILDREN'S SERMONS

May 13 Paul & Silas

Acts 16: 16-40

5/13-Julie

8:00 Bells and Choir