

*Woman,
great
is your faith!*

MATTHEW 15:28





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Watchword for the Week - Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you. **Psalm 67: 5**

Prelude *Mr. Orlando Alonso*

***Call to Worship and Daily Text ...August 17, 2014** *Sis. Jennifer Aska*

Opening Hymn #544 **“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You”**

***General Liturgy 6 Discipleship pg. 37** *Sis. Jennifer Aska*

Welcome & Announcements *Sis. Loretta Baptiste*

Birthday/Anniversary Hymn #447 **“With Your Presence, Lord”**

Welcome Song **“I Am Blessed”**

I am blessed, I am blessed
Every day of my life I am blessed
When I wake up in the morning, when I lay my head to rest,
Every day of my life I am blessed

Hymn # 445 (RB) **“Sweet Hour of Prayer “**

1- Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
That calls me from a world of care,
and bids me at my Father's throne
make all my wants and wishes known.
In seasons of distress and grief,
my soul has often found relief,
and oft escaped the tempter's snare
by thy return, sweet hour of prayer!

2- Sweet hour of prayer! sweet hour of prayer!
Thy wings shall my petition bear
To him, whose truth and faithfulness
engage the waiting soul to bless.
And since he bids me seek His face,
believe His word, and trust His grace,
I'll cast on Him my every care,
and wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer!

#1st Scripture Reading Psalm 67 *Sis. Sharik Potter*

2nd Scripture Reading Romans 11: 1-2a, 29-32 *Sis. Lydia Spencer*

***Choral Response #846** **“Glory be to you, O Lord”**

***THE GOSPEL** Matthew 15:10-20 *Sis. Claire Martin-McKay*

***Choral Response #846** **“Praise, Praise, Praise, Praise”**

Special Selection

Evangelist Kendra Lockett

SERMON

"It Was Necessary"

Min. Jeremy Ricks

Hymn #771

"My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

Worship Through Giving

Sis. Elaine Elvin

*Offertory Sentence

Give, and it will be given to you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will be put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you. **(Luke 6:38 NKJV)**

*Dedication of Tithes and Offering:

Lord God, you are our parent that supplies everything that we need to live abundantly. Therefore, accept our gifts of tithes and offerings that we render to you in joy and thankfulness. May you continue to bless the ministry of our congregation and empower us to continue sharing the gospel of Jesus within our communities. **AMEN**

*Tithes & Offertory Hymn #731 "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

Hymn # 817 "Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Benediction

Min. Jeremy Ricks

Recessional Hymn #631 "Church, Rejoice!"

Organ Postlude (congregation seated)

Mr. Orlando Alonso

#Means the lesson is read responsively. * Means that the congregation stands

WELCOME

On behalf of the United Moravian Church I extend a warm welcome to everyone as we gather to worship on the Tenth Sunday after Pentecost. May we share and experience the love of Jesus; find healing for our hurts and answers to our prayers. Visitors, we are especially glad that you are here with us. We invite you to worship with us again and please join our fellowship if you are seeking a church home. May God bless you.

Announcements August 17, 2014

- Worship services will begin at 10:00 am from now until Aug. 31st.
- Rev. Powell is on holiday until August 31st.
- Infant Baptism will take place on September 14, 2014.
- The church web site (www.unitedmoravian.org) was updated. Copies of this year's bulletins and additional information is now available.
- It's recognition time for August Birthday Celebrants! The UMC monthly birthday

celebration will be held on August 31st after the service. If anyone wishes to be a part of this occasion or give a contribution, please contact Sister Hazel .

- The Stewardship Committee presents The Good Sense workshop. It will be conducted by Rev. Gary Marsh, the Director of the Stewardship Moravian Church, North Province. Learn how to effectively manage your finances and to be good stewards of what God entrusted to us. Saturday's Sept. 13th & 20th 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Interested? Add your name to the sign up sheet on the bulletin board and speak with any Stewardship Committee member.
- The next Moravian Women in Ministry workshop is scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 27th at Calvary Moravian Church in Allentown, PA. More information will follow soon, but please hold the date from now.
- You are invited to share in an E-Vent, a 40 day journey to begin with our Deeper Life Ministry, September 29 to Oct 3, 2014 at 7:00 pm each evening. Come and share with Rev. Powell, Sis. Inez Atkinson, Bro. Stephen James Sr. and your Evangelism Committee. Please do not plan any other function for this time period.
- Please be reminded that the registration for Youth Ministries Weekend 2014 is past due. Please give your completed registration form to Sis. Julia Joseph or Sis. Claire Martin-McKay.
- The C.A.R.D. organization will host their 15th anniversary banquet at Antun's in Queens on Friday, Oct. 31st. Donations are \$90, per person.
- The Fundraising Committee invites you to a banquet on Friday, December 12th at the Eastwood Manor in the Bronx. The donation is \$90, per person.
- **For the month of August the TRUSTEES will be the ushers.**



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Akeem Edwards	1	Charles Donovan	17
Ida Nesbitt	2	LaTiffany Campbell	18
Meanwell Browne	3	Melissa Hamm	18
Craig Joseph	3	Goldine Nicholas	19
Jenelle Joseph	6	Glenniqua Hazel	19
Hyacinth Isaacs	7	Brianna Phillip	19
Rayner Robinson	7	Catherine Knowles	21
Glennoy Hazel	7	Ivoire Charles	21
Claude Merchant	8	Jelani Williams	26
Jayden Jonas	8	Hortense Morgan	28
Julia Joseph	10	Rezin Barnes	29
Jordan McKay	11	Lloyd Farquharson	29
Te-Ga Hamm	11	Paris Goudie	30
Ashanti Simon	13	Anderyer Tripp	31

The children & grandchildren of
Sis. Goldine Nicholas
 celebrate her birthday with pink
 roses.



2014 COMING EVENTS

Aug. 24	Worship Service - Sis. Claire Martin-McKay
Aug. 31	Worship Service - Sis. Inez Atkinson
Sept.	Services start at 11:00 am
Sept. 7	Worship Service & Holy Communion - Pastor
Sept. 13 th & 20 th	Good Sense Workshop 9:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sept. 14	Worship Service & Baptism
Sept. 21	Worship Service - Busy Bees 74 th
Sept. 28	Worship Service - Pastor
Sept. 28	Anniversary Concert at 3:00 pm
Sept. 29 - Oct 3	Evangelism Crusade

**PRAY & GIVE SUPPORT TO THE FOLLOWING PERSONS
AND THEIR FAMILIES**

**Sis. Jannette Abel
Sis. Madiana Baptiste
Sis. Alicia Benjamin
Sis. Anna Bishop
Sis. Anne Browne
Bro. Tralane Donovan
Sis: Ludwina George
Sis: Millicent Hodge
Sis. Eva Joseph
Sis: Minerva Joseph
Sis. Carmelita Keith
Sis. Rose Lemond
Sis. Bernice McLean
Sis. Hyacinth Pelle
Bro. Berwin Roberts
Bro. Al Thomas
Sis. Winifred Thomas
Sis. Muriel A. Sealey
Bro. Luvey Williams
Sis. Iris Woodley**

Listening to the Sermon

Use the space provided below to make your personal notes. Reflect prayerfully and thoughtfully on them over the coming week. Seek the help of the Holy Spirit to apply God's truth to your heart and life.

SERMON TITLE

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Main points to remember:

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Having heard the sermon, I have decided on the following:

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The challenge

The story of Jesus and the Canaanite woman, an uncomfortable story, is worthy of our attention. Jesus and his disciples have entered into Gentile territory, where they are met by a Canaanite woman (someone considered an outsider and an enemy) who is disturbing the(ir) peace. Yet her shouts rightfully address Jesus: “Lord,” “Son of David.” She knows who he is. Jesus ignores her, yet she continues to challenge him. Made desperate by an ill daughter, she seeks Jesus for her daughter’s healing. How can Jesus shut her out so completely, we ask. This doesn’t seem like the Jesus we know and love. The disciples urge a quick end to this disruption: “Send her away.” Jesus reminds them of his sole mission to fulfill God’s promise of salvation to Israel. She persists.

Jesus now answers her, using the image of food being fed to a dog if he were to use his divine powers for an outsider. What? Jesus? Yet the woman persists and in so doing challenges Jesus to consider that God’s saving power is abundant, even for faithful people outside of Israel. Jesus considers. Her daughter is healed.

Jesus has a revelation through the persistence of the Canaanite woman! Matthew places this story between the two feeding stories—the feeding of the 5,000 and the feeding of the 4,000. In both those instances we are reminded of God’s abundance and that the house of Israel was indeed fed. In this story, we are reminded that God’s abundance includes those whom we consider outsiders.

Whom are we sending away? What are the quick fixes we want, as opposed to God’s revelation, resulting in new understandings of the Holy One?

Mary Lou Plummer, pastor, Moravian Church, Wisconsin Rapids, Wis.

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