

*West Barre United Methodist Church*

**June 1, 2014  
Seventh Sunday of Easter**



**9:00 am, Worship**

\*CHORUS:

"God Is So Good"

"God is so good, God is so good,  
God is so good, God's so good to me.

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GREETING OF ONE ANOTHER

WORDS OF WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Birthdays & Anniversaries

PRELUDE

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Rise and greet the morning, cast off your sleep and doubt.

**PEOPLE: Arise, meet the risen Christ; the one who comforts our grieving hearts and encourages our faltering steps.**

Pastor: The one who splinters us with laughter, and wrinkles us with compassion.

**PEOPLE: The one who raises us to heaven. Rise, sing your praise to Almighty God, in the name of our risen Lord. Amen**

\*OPENING HYMN: "Lord of the Dance" #261

\*LITANY OF PATIENCE

Pastor: Creator God, You took six days of your time to create all things – a time span far beyond our grasp.

**PEOPLE: You were patient, O God, You wanted everything just right. And when You were done, You saw that it was good.**

Pastor: We are impatient, Father. We want everything now, or at least not later than tomorrow. And when we do not get what we want promptly, we fret and complain and sulk.

**PEOPLE: O God, remind us of Moses; who spent 40 years in the desert suffering delay upon delay.**

Pastor: Righteous God, remind us of Job; sorely tested by illness and loss, vexed beyond endurance by self-righteous friends; he would not curse You nor deny You the right to be your sovereign self.

**PEOPLE: Gracious God, remind us of your servant, Paul. He planted Good seed far and wide, but the harvest he saw coming up was meager and threatened by blight.**

Pastor: Nevertheless, each was patient for they knew that your Word is sure and that their reward was worth waiting for.

**PEOPLE: Let us be humbled by the patience of those who have come before us, as they remind us that your time is not our time, and that indeed "all good things come to those who wait." Amen**

\*GLORIA PATRI #70

SCRIPTURE READINGS:

New Testament Epistle: 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11 pg. 234

New Testament Gospel: John 17:1-11 pg. 111

CHOIR ANTHEM:

CHILDREN'S TIME

(Children may leave after the Children's Time)

PRESENTATION OF OUR GIFTS & OF OURSELVES

Offertory Music:

\*Doxology #95

\*Prayer of Dedication

JOYS, CONCERNS & MOMENT OF SILENT MEDITATION

PRAYER OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

UNISON PRAYER

**We share a common experience, O God. Gathered here in holy fellowship, we celebrate together the gift of your revelation of yourself in Jesus. We rejoice in our common experience of your bountiful, beautiful, and boundless love. As the writer of the First Letter of John has said, "We point to what has been from the beginning. We have heard it with our ears. We have seen it with our eyes, we have touched it with our hands. It is the Word of Good News and Hope, the affirmation that You, O God, are Light ..."**

**Help us to grow in our own grasp of your Word, O God; to increase in our own capacity to communicate your goodness, to speak your word of truth. May we be eager to tell the story of your glory, to testify to what we have seen heard, and touched. Continue, we pray, to provide us with opportunities for earthly service that we may mature the more in love, and that others may share the experience of this holy fellowship. We offer this prayer in the name of Him who invites to pray His prayer together, Jesus the Christ. Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Please see Pew Card)*

\*HYMN: *"Come, Ye Faithful, Raise the Strain"* # 315

ACTS OF THE APOSTLES: Acts 1:4-11 pg. 118

MORNING MESSAGE: "It is Very Hard to Wait"

PASTORAL PRAYER

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION (see insert)

\*CLOSING HYMN: "Let Us Break Bread Together" # 618

\*CHRIST'S LIGHT GOES INTO THE WORLD

\*BENEDICTION

\*UNISON BENEDICTION IN SONG "Allelu, Allelu"

"Allelu! Allelu! Everybody sing Allelu!  
For the Lord has risen it is true;  
Everybody sing Allelu!"

\*POSTLUDE

\* Means please stand if you are able.

The words to the Gloria Patri, the Lord's Prayer, and the Doxology are printed on the laminated Pew Cards that are located in Hymnal Rack.

Please see an Usher if you would like the following:

- Activity packets for use by children during the worship service.
- Audio equipment for the hearing impaired
- Pew Bibles
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*Located on the center aisle of each row are Ritual of Friendship pads. We ask that members and visitors alike sign and pass the pad. When all have registered, please return it to the center aisle. Thank you.*

GOD'S SERVANTS IN TODAY'S WORSHIP:

Organist: Naomi Caldwell

Choir Director: Hugh Dudley

Greeters & Ushers: Jim & Doreen Brumbaugh

Lay Reader: Jim Brumbaugh

Flowers: Jim & Doreen Brumbaugh

Communion Servers: Milt & Carolyn Unger, Bob & Roberta Call

Nursery:

Children's Church: None – Communion Sunday

Bulletin Secretary: Sherril Hickman

During May our highlighted Mission project is the Golden Cross offering. You can read more about this in the April Newsletter. Thank you.

Our Church Life Together

Today, June 1, 2014: **9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:00 am, West Barre Coffee Hour;** 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship

Monday, June 2: **7:00 pm, Administrative Council**

Tuesday, June 3: **6:00 pm, Hospitality Committee; 7:00 pm, Choir**

Wednesday, June 4: **Pastor Larry's Day off**

Saturday, June 7 **7:00 am, West Barre UMM Breakfast**

NEXT SUN. June 8: **Pentecost Sunday!!!; 9:00 am West Barre UMC Worship; 10:00 am, West Barre Coffee Hour;** 11:00 am, Oakfield UMC Worship

**Next Week –June 8:**

**Greeters:** George & Iva McKenna

**Ushers:** George & Iva McKenna

**Liturgist:** Iva McKenna

**Flowers:** George & Iva McKenna

**Nursery:**

**Children's Church:**

Lectionary for June 8:

Acts 2:1-21; 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13; John 7:37-39

### **Financial Statement: Offering Last Sunday**

Giving on May 25, 2014: \$1771.00

Giving to Date: \$33,292.60

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#### **Birthdays This Week: June 1, 2014**

4 Karen Dibley

**Happy Birthday**

6 Sarah Mathes

#### **Anniversaries This Week: June 1, 2014**

1 Jim and Marge Davis

**Happy Anniversary**

4 Pete and Dana Nesbitt

The following weeks we will be listing a food item to fill the food Pantry. This week's item is **peanut butter** or any item of one's choice. Thank You

Ruth Miller is collecting manufacturers' coupons for military families. Please put the clipped coupons in a collection box located in the church's chapel. Coupons may be up to 2 months expired. Thank you.