

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Order of Worship

10:00 a.m.

(\* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Let Us Break Bread Together” arr. by R. Smith

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES  
(*Please keep our focus on the worship of God by sharing those items not published elsewhere.*)

INTROIT “This Little Light of Mine” Praisemakers

\*CALL TO WORSHIP (Psalm 118:24 and Psalm 122:1)

Leader: This is the day which the Lord has made;

People: *Let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,

People: *Let us go to the house of the Lord!*

\*HYMN #263 “When Jesus the Healer Passed Through Galilee” Healer

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*seated, unison*)

*Almighty God, your Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, is the light of the world. Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ’s glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth, now and forever. Amen.*

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THE PSALTER Psalm 111 Hymnal p.832, R.2

THE HEBREW SCRIPTURES Deuteronomy 18:15-20 Bible p.174

Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

\*THE GOSPEL Mark 1:21-28 Bible p.910

Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

\*HYMN #264 “Silence, Frenzied, Unclean Spirit” Beech Spring  
(*Tune: #581*)

THE SERMON “The Authority to Heal” Dr. Bodt

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH “The Apostles’ Creed” Hymnal #881

\*THE GLORIA PATRI Hymnal # 71

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

Hymnal p. 8

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer.*

\*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: *And also with you.*

(*Greet one another with signs of Christ’s peace.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Jesus Took the Cup” arr. by H. Hopson

\*Presentation: “Bless Thou the Gifts” Hymnal #587

\*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Hymnal p. 9-11

(*Music for sung responses is Setting A, pages 17-18 in the Hymnal.*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER Hymnal #895

\*THE COMMUNION

(*The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the distribution we will sing hymns #616, 629, 618 and 630.*)

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS (*unison*)

*Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord’s table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus’ name. Amen.*

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

*Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

\*HYMN #127 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah” Cwm Rhondda

\*THE BENEDICTION

\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE “Lord Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing” Hymnal #671

*Lord, dismiss us with thy blessing; fill our hearts with joy and peace;*

*let us each, thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.*

*O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.*

\*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

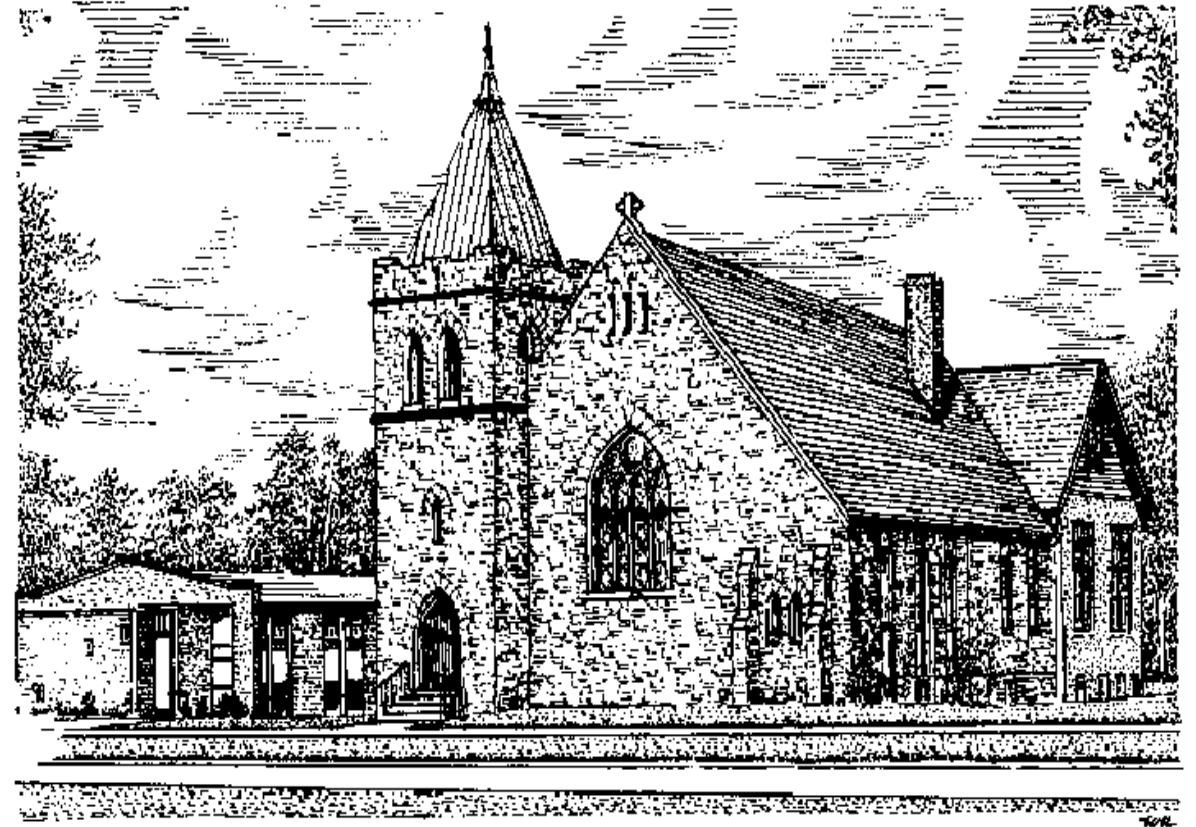
\*POSTLUDE

“God of Grace” (Cwm Rhondda)

P. Manz

*(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).*

**THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.**



## Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church

*First Methodist Church in Milford: 1836*

*Current building dedicated: 1893*

*Merged with Myrtle Beach Community Church: 1969*

*Whoever you are, wherever you are  
on your spiritual journey, you are welcome here.*

**EPIPHANY IV**

February 1, 2015