

GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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FOUNDED IN 1904

Gratitude

Be grateful for the kindly friends that walk along your way;
Be grateful for the skies of blue that smile from day to day;
Be grateful for the health you own, the work you find to do,
For round about you there are men less fortunate than you.

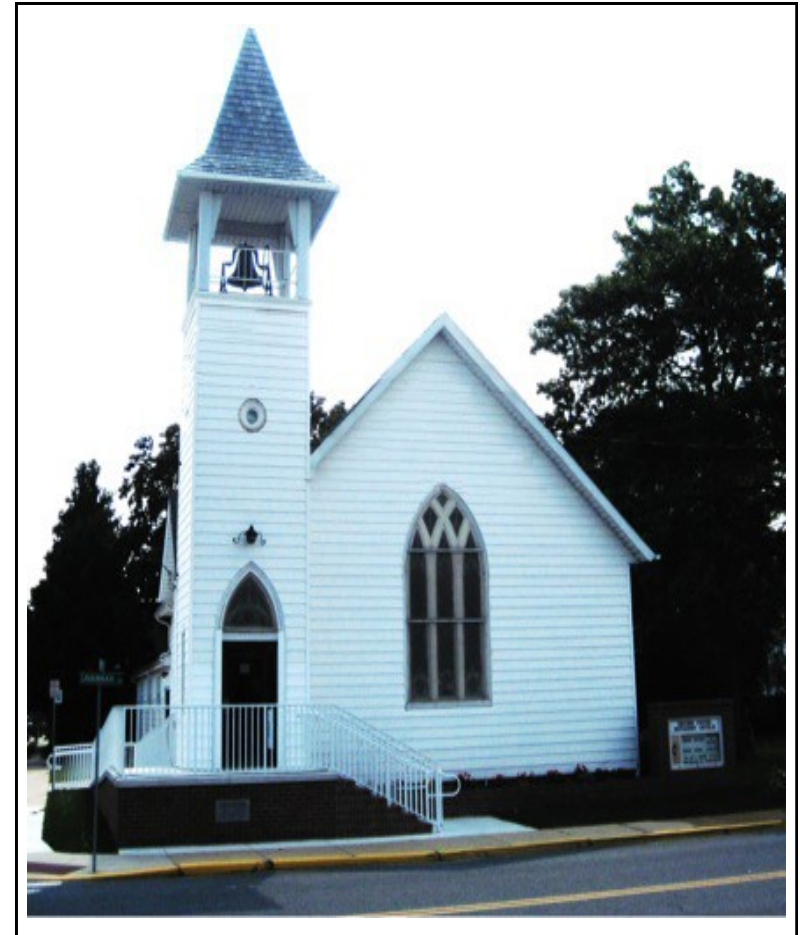
Be grateful for the growing trees, the roses soon to bloom,
The tenderness of kindly hearts that shared your days of
gloom; Be grateful for the morning dew, the grass beneath
your feet, The soft caresses of your babes and all their laughter
sweet.

Acquire the grateful habit, learn to see how blest your are,
How much there is to gladden life, how little life to mar!
And what if rain shall fall today and you with grief are sad;
Be grateful that you can recall the joys you have had.

-Author unknown

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“Small enough to care, large enough for Vital Ministry”

GROOME UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

November 11, 2018, 10:00 a.m.

Reverend, Dr. S. Willard Crossan, III

Worship Leader: Jennie Hansen

Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

GATHERING AND REFLECTION

Organ Prelude

Parish Calendar and Greeting

Dr. Crossan

Call to Worship

Leader: May those who love your salvation say continually,
"Great is the Lord!"

**People: Yea, our heart is glad in God, because we trust
in God's holy name.**

Leader: Let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of
praise!

**People: We praise you, O God; we acknowledge you to
be the Lord.**

Opening Prayer

*Hymn of Praise "The God of Abraham Praise" 116

Call of Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy and Almighty God, we stand in your presence filled
with regret for our many sins and failings. Though there is
greatness in us, and a deep longing for goodness, we have
often denied our better selves and refused to hear your
voice calling us to rise to the full height of our humanity.
For there is weakness in us, as well as strength. At times we
choose to walk in darkness, our vision obscured. We do not
care to look within, and we are unwilling to look beyond at
those who need our help. O God, we are too weak to walk
unaided. Be with us as a strong and wise friend, and teach
us to walk by the light of your truth. O Lord, be merciful
and gracious, patient and loving. Show us your mercy, for-
give our iniquity, transgressions, and sin, and grant us your
pardon. Amen.**

Silent Meditation

Words of Assurance

The Lord's Prayer

Choir Anthem

PROCLAMATION AND PRAISE

Leader: O Lord, open our hearts and our minds;

**People: that we may behold wonderful things out of your
word.**

Old Testament Ruth 3:1-5, 4:13-17 *Jennie Hansen*

Epistle Lesson Hebrews 9:24-28 *Debbie Foxx*

*Gospel Lesson Mark 12:38-44

*Affirmation of Faith "Apostles" 881

*Gloria Patri 70

*Passing of the Peace

PETITIONS, INTERCESSIONS, AND OFFERING

The Collect

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,
bringing new life out of destruction, hope out of despair,
growth out of difficulty. We thank you that you do not leave
us alone but labor to make us whole. Help us to perceive your
unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives, and to attend to
the gentle guidance of your Spirit, that we may know the joy
you give your people. Amen.**

Pastoral Prayer & Prayers of the People

-Voicing of our Petitions-

Leader: Lord, in your mercy,

People: Hear our prayer.

Words of Presentation *Jennie Hansen*

Offering

*The Presentation "Doxology" 95

*Hymn of Preparation "Faith of Our Fathers" 710

Sermon "Pilgrim Too Doubting Castle" *Dr. Crossan*

SENDING FORTH

* Hymn of Dedication "Rejoice, the Lord Is King" 715

* Words of Dedication

Leader: May you serve God with patience and passion.

People: May we be deliberate in living our faith.

Leader: May you be steadfast in celebrating the Spirit's power.

**People: May grace and peace ever be our way in the world.
Amen.**

*Benediction

*Benediction Response "He is Lord"

*Postlude

**Please Stand*