



You are Welcome

In Jesus' Name

December 31, 2015

WATCH NIGHT

New Year's Eve service, or what some African Americans call "Watch Night Service," is a tradition passed on to us by our ancestors.

Old stories state that Southern slaves were in waiting all night long on December 31, 1864, to receive word of the Emancipation Proclamation words that would have given slaves freedom in the South – not the North.

Some slaves received the news on December 31st while the slaves in Texas did not receive this information until June 17th the following year. Because of that, today many African Americans celebrate June 17th as Juneteenth Day.

Welcome ...

We welcome you in Jesus Name. If you are new to our community and looking for a church home or desire a place to explore your spirituality, please consider us.

About SMRUMC...

The mission of SMRUMC is to make disciples of Jesus Christ by delivering biblically based teaching and preaching of the gospel to those saved and seeking Christ. We value: an inviting atmosphere, a ministry of empowerment, integrity, the ministry of every believer, faithful stewardship of tithes, talents, gifts and service.

More information...If you would like to know more about this ministry, visit us on the web at www.theroadumc.org or call our church office at 706.689.8707.

St. Mary's Road United Methodist Church

*"Loving, Living, Learning and Leading
in the kingdom of God"*

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE 2015



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Rev. Dr. L.K. Pendleton, Pastor

*"But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation.
God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him
who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."*

I Peter 2:9

Our Time of Worship

Gathering Music

Musicians

Call to Worship

Leader: For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven:

People: A time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to pluck up what is planted.

Leader: A time to kill, and a time to heal, a time to break down and a time to build up.

People: A time to weep, and a time to laugh; a time to gather stones together; a time to embrace, and a time to refrain from embracing:

Leader: A time to seek, and a time to lose; a time to keep and a time to throw away;

People: A time to tear, and a time to sow; a time to keep silent, and a time to speak.

Leader: A time to love, and a time to hate; a time for war a time for peace.

People: What gain have the workers from their toil? I have seen the business that God has given to everyone to be busy with.

ALL: He has made everything suitable for its time; moreover he has put a sense of past and future into their minds, yet they cannot find out what God has done from the beginning to the end.

Hymn "O How I Love Jesus"

Prayer of Confession

Heavenly Father, we know in our hearts that you are in control of all things.

Yet we wrestle constantly with you, trying to take control of our lives and our destiny. And what a mess we make of it!

How childish we are when we think we're in charge. Forgive us.

Align our will to yours. Reveal your will to us in such a way that our

hearts long to walk in your ways. Forgive our sins;

cleanse us -- and strengthen us for the days to come. Amen.

Now in silence, we name the sin of our lives.

(time of silence). Amen

Assurance of Pardon

If you are in Christ, you are a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything has become new! All this is from God to whom we are reconciled through Christ and who has given us the ministry of reconciliation. For our sake, God made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in Christ we might become the righteousness of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Worship Through Song/Choir

A Time of Testimony

Worship Through Song/Choir

Meditation

Visions of Thanksgiving/Offering

Community Prayer

Moving Forward

I Just Want to Thank You

Communion

Passing the Peace

Benediction

Lord, make me an instrument of your peace: where there is hatred, let me sow love, where there is injury, pardon; where there is doubt, faith; where there is despair, hope; where there is darkness, light; where there is sadness, joy.

Good Master, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console, to be understood as to understand, to be loved as to love. For it is in giving that we receive, it is in pardoning that we are pardoned, it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

Amen.

Reach Out and Touch Somebody's Hand

Hymn

O How I Love Jesus

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea.

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below.

Chorus

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!