

## WORSHIP DURING MAY

### May 4<sup>th</sup> - Seventh Sunday of Easter

Traditional Service - 9 and 10:30 am - Pastor Mel

Text: Luke 7:1-10

Sermon: *Where is faith found?*

Dr. Maldonado who is at the Perkins School of Theology and Professor of Church and Society states, "I don't believe God intended us to be all the same, all alike in order for us to love each other. Rather, God created a culturally diverse human population. And for us to claim who we are as ethnic populations in a positive way is to affirm God's diversity. So ethnicity is not to separate, but to celebrate God's diversity!"

Praise and Worship Service - 8:45 and 10:30 am - Pastor Anna

Text: Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35

Sermon: *Rejoice before God*

### May 11<sup>th</sup> – Pentecost

Traditional Service - 9 and 10:30 am - Pastor Mel

Text: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: *The colors of the wind.*

In spite of its humble beginnings, Christianity today is considered to be a global religion. In 1900 eighty per cent of Christians lived in North America or Europe. Within the last one hundred years a remarkable thing has happened. Today only 40% come from that same area, but 60% are from Africa, Asia and Latin America. Today there are more Christians in Africa than the total population of the United States - some 330 million! Many estimate that within 50 years African Christians will have a tremendous affect as to how Christianity will be shaped. What is disconcerting to some is that countries that were once considered Christian homelands have become now mission territories of the new millennium. Evangelists from Latin America and Africa now hold crusades in cities like London, Berlin and even New York. For the first time since the period of the early Christian church, Christianity has again become a religion mainly of the poor, the marginalized, the powerless and the oppressed because of the social status found in Christians in Asia and Africa. (See Newsweek, April 16,2000, 46-52)

Praise and Worship Service - 8:45 and 10:30 am - Pastor Anna

Text: Acts 2:1-21

Sermon: *Everyone who calls*

## May 18<sup>th</sup> - Trinity Sunday

Traditional Service - 9 am; Praise and Worship - 10:30 am - Pastor Mel

Text: Matthew 28:16-20; II Corinthians 13:11-13

Sermon: *The tripersonal God*

After being zapped by a bolt from heaven, the Preacher in the comic strip Kudzu comments, "Never greet the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob with 'You Da Bomb!'" (Doug Marlette, "Kudzu," *The Washington Post*, October 10, 1998)

Praise and Worship - 8:45 am; Traditional - 10:30 am - Pastor Anna

Text: Matthew 28:16-20

Sermon: *Commissioned*

## May 25<sup>th</sup> - Second Sunday after Pentecost

Traditional Service - 9 and 10:30 am - Pastor Mel

Text: Matthew 5:1-16

Sermon: *Are beatitudes oxymorons?*

A Methodist man moved into a strict Catholic neighborhood. Every Friday, the Catholics practically went crazy. While they were eating fish, the Methodist was in his backyard barbecuing steaks. So, the Catholics finally decided to try and convert the Methodist to Catholicism. Finally, by long endurance, the Catholics succeeded. They took the Methodist to a priest who sprinkled holy water on him and said, "Born a Methodist, raised a Methodist, now a Catholic." The Catholics were ecstatic. No more delicious, but maddening smells every Friday evening! But the following Friday, the scent of barbecued steak wafted through the neighborhood. The Catholics all rushed to the Methodist's house to remind him of his new diet. They found him standing over the sizzling steak, knife in one hand, his other hand dipped in a glass of water. He sprinkled water over the meat, saying, "Born a cow, raised a cow, now a fish!"

Praise and Worship Service - 8:45 and 10:30 am - Pastor Anna

Text: 1 Corinthians 4:1-5

Sermon: *Judge nothing*