

Atlantic United Methodist Church

A Community in Faith Where all God's Children can Grow & Thrive!

July 5, 2020

10:00am

CHIMES

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

God of Our Fathers

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN

America

#697

PRAYERS & PRAISES

PASTORAL PRAYER

LORD'S PRAYER

SPECIAL MUSIC

God Bless America

Mary Todd Price

TITHES & OFFERINGS

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR ALL OFFERINGS & GIFTS

HOLY COMMUNION

SCRIPTURE READING

Romans 7:15-25a

SERMON

"The Divided Christian"

*HYMN

O Jesus, I Have Promised

#396

*BENEDICTION

*CHORAL CLOSING

3-Fold Amen

*POSTLUDE

God Bless Our Land

Serving Christ in Worship Today:

Pastor: Rev. Dr. Joseph Barth

Liturgist: Bob Johnson

Organist: June Todd

Soloists: Mary Todd Price

AVT: Chris Wilk

Videographer: Terry Hoption

Divided Christian!

Romans 7:14-25 ¹⁴ So the trouble is not the with the law, for it is spiritual and good. The trouble is with me, for I am all too human, a slave to sin. ¹⁵ I don't really understand myself, for I want to do what is right, but I don't do it. Instead, I do what I hate. ¹⁶ But if I know that what I am doing is wrong, this shows that I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷ So I am not the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ¹⁸ And I know that nothing good lives in me, that is, in my sinful nature. I want to do what is right, but I can't. ¹⁹ I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway. ²⁰ But if I do what I don't want to do, I am not really the one doing wrong; it is sin living in me that does it. ²¹ I have discovered this principle of life—that when I want to do what is right, I inevitably do what is wrong. ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me. ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

Matthew 26:41 "Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the flesh is weak." (NIV)

1. A Christian Depends on Jesus' Righteousness.

Romans 5:19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous. (NIV)

2 Corinthians 5:21 God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

2. The Sinful Nature is the Real Problem!

Romans 7:22-23 ²² I love God's law with all my heart. ²³ But there is another power within me that is at war with my mind. This power makes me a slave to the sin that is still within me.

Romans 7:24-25 ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am! Who will free me from this life that is dominated by sin and death? ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord. So you see how it is: In my mind I really want to obey God's law, but because of my sinful nature I am a slave to sin.

A. I am miserable sinner!

Romans 7:24 ²⁴ Oh, what a miserable person I am!

I AM A _____!!

B. Thank God!

Romans 7:25 ²⁵ Thank God! The answer is in Jesus Christ our Lord.

I AM A _____

You can download and listen to the sermon at: <https://atlanticumc.org/>, and you can view the video of the service, this afternoon at: <https://www.facebook.com/ATLANTICUMCOC>

INTERCESSORY PRAYER: Robert Biel, Laurie Brucki, Jeff Facello, Calvina Fisher, Gary German, Renee Greene, Family of Ginny Harmon, Hughes Family, Henry Hungerford, Roger Marino, Milly Marx, Les Munro, Marvin Steen, Richie Tesar, Helen Trivits, Betty Turk, Paul Wall, Alfreda Warren, First Responders

