

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
May 14, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

5th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship (based on themes from Psalm 139)

Leader: We gather together to worship our loving, nurturing God,

People: who, like a mother, knows us intimately,

Leader: loves us unconditionally, and teaches us the way we should go,

People: comforting us in our times of need.

Leader: We give you thanks O God,

People: for you are our Refuge and Strength, our Sustainer and Redeemer!

ALL: And we come now to worship You.

*Processional Hymn

“People Need the Lord”

FWS # 2244

*Passing of the Peace

Time with the Children

(All children under 12 years are invited to the front. Afterwards, during second service only, children ages 3 thru kindergarten are invited to children’s church and will be escorted to room #113. Parents may pick them up there after the service.)

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer

Celebration of Mothers

*Hymn of Preparation

“My Jesus, I Love Thee”

UMH # 172

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles’ Creed

UMH # 881

“ I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.”

*Gloria Patri **“Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.”**

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 31: 1-5, 15-16

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The Anthem

“Look at the World”

The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*The Doxology **“Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen”** UMH # 95

*Prayer of Illumination (in unison)

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of Your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what You say to us this day. Amen.

*Gospel Reading

John 14: 1-3

938

Sermon

“Through the Troubled Waters”

Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment

“His Eye Is on the Sparrow”

FWS # 2146

*Benediction

*The Recessional

“Irish Blessing”

May the road rise to meet you; May the wind blow at your back;
May the sun shine warmly on your face; May the rain fall softly on your field.
And until we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of His hand. Amen

*Chiming of the Trinity

*Postlude

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Transfer of Membership are encouraged to signify this on the attendance pad, on a visitor card and/or contact one of our Pastors. We are thankful to have newcomers among us

2017 Financial Update

Needed to meet General Fund Budget as of 4/30/17 \$ 225,755
Actual General Fund Spending as of 4/30/17 \$ 196,122
Received for General Fund as of 4/30/17 \$ 206,024

“Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can.” ~ John Wesley

Please continue to remember the church in your giving as we continue this year of ministry together. Most of you give through the Sunday morning offerings but below are some other ways to give if you so choose. **Electronic Debit Giving:** The card reader is now available in the lobby. Touch any key to begin and then follow the posted directions. **Be sure to leave a receipt with your name printed on it in the locked black receptacle.** This is the only way your offering can be posted to your contribution records. A second receipt is also offered for your personal convenience.



Also takes Discover, American Express & Apple Pay.

Direct Draft Giving is now available for free: We are now offering the opportunity for automatic draft from your bank to our bank, Clover Community Bank. Please pick up and/or hand in your authorization for Direct Draft form from Shirley in the office, or put in the offering plate. This method has proven to be an effective and timely way to regularly give to the church. "I am an electronic giver" cards are in the pews for your use if you choose to use this method of giving.

Giving On-Line: Giving to FUMC is now available online through our website: www.cloverfumc.org. **Thanks for your support of the mission and ministry of FUMC.**

If you decide to give electronically or through Direct Draft, please feel free to drop an “Electronic Giver” card in the offering plate on Sundays as an act of worship.

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- Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org
 - Reverend Brandon Lazarus, Associate Pastor – bclazarus@umcsc.org
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 - Reverend Meg Wilkes, Minister of Christian Educ. & Spiritual Formation – mwilkes@cloverfumc.org
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 - Tracie Kite, Sexton – kite_tracie@hotmail.com
 - Hope Long, Nursery
 - Windy Bartee, Lay Leader
 - Ray Reavis, David Edwards, Bob Grindle, Conference Lay Members
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Wonderful Wednesday Meal, May 17th
Menu: Goulash, salad, bread & dessert

Sponsored by: Youth

NAME _____ No. _____

OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.org to add to joy and prayer concerns:
Recent Concerns: Janet Maslankowski, Rev. Tom Wilkes, Alan Abernathy, David & Starr Wray, The Shirfinski Family, Dean White, Estelle Camp, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr’s sister), Eloise Mallen, Hugh Robinson, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay’s mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith, Randi Payseur.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Naurice Smith and family in the death of her son, Randy Smith.

Military: Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Senior Chief Martin Johnson, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

MISSION ABROAD through FUMC

Everyone is invited to *The Hymnal Unplugged* Sunday afternoon, **June 11 @ 5:30** in the Missions and Fellowship Center. Please mark your calendars now and look for reminders next month and in the June newsletter!! This benefit concert, performed by Lydia Wilkes and family, is for the Ecuador Mission Trip in July to help cover the cost for Lydia and Micah Sherwood to represent Christ *on another continent!*

“And he said to them, ‘Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation’”
Mark 16:15

The mission committee and the Steve Camp Sunday School class have already provided some of the financial support needed for these courageous youth to respond to the call of mission. **THANK YOU!!**

The cost for each participant is \$ 2000!

Please plan to come to the church on Sunday afternoon, **June 11 @ 5:30**, to hear some of your favorite hymns, *old time string band gospel style*, with guitar and harmonies to tap your feet and sing along! Donations will be taken at the door after the concert.

Annual Fishing Derby

The United Methodist Men will hold their annual fishing derby on May 27th from 8:00am to 12 noon at Lewis and Joe Killian’s farm located on Highway 161. This event is for both children and adults! Children should be accompanied by an adult. You will need to bring your own gear (pole, rod/reels, etc.) but the bait will be provided. We will clean what we catch, cook what we clean and eat what we cook!! We will also have hot dogs for those who may not want fish. Please come join us for some great family fun!

Dear Church Family,

You are so wonderful, and I love you all so much. You are here for me and my family with the recent death of my sister Sarah. And, you were there with comfort in the loss of brother Billy in January and even last April with my dear brother-in-law Max Burrell. Thank you for your prayers, calls, cards, words of sympathy, flowers and of course those wonderful supplies so greatly needed with my large family. I rejoice that my sister Sarah’s long journey Home has come to an end, but my heart is hurting. I ask for your continued prayers for peace for my big family and especially for her only child, Jenny. At the age of 48 she no longer has a mama or a daddy, and she desperately needs your prayers lifted to our God of peace. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for showing me how to love well.

Love and blessings to each of you, *Judy Miller*

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Today: No Youth due to Mother's Day

BIG, TWEENS, and Youth at 6:30pm right after the Wonderful Wednesday meal.

BIG (Believers in God) - Preschool in the nursery classroom
Kindergarten through 3rd grade in the BIG classroom

TWEENS - 4th, 5th, and 6th graders welcome!
Meeting again this year in the 5th grade Godly Play room

YOUTH - Junior and Senior High Youth *together* in the youth room upstairs.

Sign up on the youth board now for our Surge Youth Retreat this summer and Salkehatchie (online).
Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC.

Forever Young and Friends Upcoming Trip Payments

Flat Rock Playhouse—Dixie Swim Club trip \$20.00 (Play is on July 13)
Second payment of \$ 17.90 **is due June 13**

Wisdom & Grace Conference @ Lake Junaluska \$ 170.00 (Conference is August 7-10)
Second payment of \$175 is **due June 27**

Salkehatchie

Each year we have dozens of members who attend Salkehatchie mission trips. Our most attended trips are to Bishopville (June 24- July1), Clover (July 15-22), and Shaw (July 22-29). For a full list of camps visit <http://www.salkehatchie.org>. **Please register ASAP online** and indicate the church will send in payment. The cost of the trip is \$230 but the church will cover half the cost (\$115) for each camper, youth or adult. The check will need to be given to Shirley in the church office and written out to FUMC Clover for \$ 115 with the camp name you will be attending. For more information contact Tommy at twilkes@cloverfumc.org

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 3rd Sunday donations are the following items: Dried beans.
Thank you for your continued support.

Ben & Linda Montgomery's new home address:

76 Willow Way
Hendersonville, NC 28739

Spiritual Formation Opportunity for Senior Adults:

Popcorn and a Movie at Dick and Kirkie Gibson's home in Rock Hill. This month's featured film is "The Magic of Belle Isle". Please join us for this time of conversation and theological reflection on Tuesday, May 23rd! Bus leaves the church at 12:30. You have to sign up for this one. (Sign-up sheet in the lobby near the elevator.) There's only room for 12 participants. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes for more information about this experience. 803-622-1315.