

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
May 21, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

6th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee" -arr. Hopson

*Call to Worship

Leader: We believe God still creates—

People: We want to see more clearly.

Leader: We believe God still speaks—

People: We want to listen more carefully.

Leader: We believe God still guides—

People: We want to walk more faithfully.

Leader: We believe God still breathes life into the world—

People: We want to inhale more deeply.

Leader: May this be a time of seeing, hearing, walking, breathing.

People: May this be a time of true worship. Amen.

*Processional Hymn "God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale" UMH # 122

*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.)

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, we confess that we often do not feel close to you, not because you have removed yourself from us, but because we have alienated ourselves from you, as well as from one another. Forgive us, we pray, and help us by your grace to overcome every kind of estrangement that our sinful nature causes. Teach us the meaning of atonement as at-one-ment, and bring us to just such a relationship of unity with you and community with one another by virtue of the merits of the Christ.

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer

*Hymn of Preparation "God Is Here" UMH # 660

*Gospel Lesson John 14: 15-21 # 939

*Affirmation of Faith "A Modern Affirmation" UMH # 885

*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."**

The Anthem "Seek Ye First" *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "All Creatures of Our God and King"

*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.

Sermon Text Acts 17: 22-31 # 965

Sermon "Speaking Greek" Rev. Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment "Blessed Assurance" UMH # 369

*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 "Rejoice, the Lord is King" -arr. Mason

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.

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 The flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
 and in thanks for Christ Jesus and His Church  
 and in honor of our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary, given by David and Starr Wray.  
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"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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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: Ruth Wilson, 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.

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

Keep in mind: Benefit concert featuring Lydia Wilkes and family for her Ecuador Mission Trip – Sunday, June 11th at 5:30 in the Missions and Fellowship Center. Donations received 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 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!

Popcorn and a Movie! ~ A Spiritual Formation opportunity for Senior Adults. Tuesday, May 23rd. Come with us to Dick and Kirkie Gibson's home in Rock Hill for this month's featured film, "*The Magic of Belle Isle*". Enjoy the refreshments along with great conversation and theological reflection. *Bus leaves at 12:30.* Sign up in the lobby or call Rev. Meg @ 803-622-1315.

Children's Team Meeting – Wednesday, May 24th at 5:30pm. Planning for the 2017-18 year! If you would like to be a part of this extremely vital team for church ministry, please contact Jon Valentine at jvalentine@cloverfumc.org.

Memorial Day Flags: Flags will be available on the table near the volunteer office to place at bricks in the Memorial Park to honor our veterans from May 21st to May 29th. We will collect the flags on May 31st so we can use them again.

We know that Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U. S. military veterans. However we would like to honor all veterans in the FUMC Memorial on this date.

Thank you for your help celebrating this important day. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MemorialDay>.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 4th Sunday donations are the following item: Soup. Thank you for your continued support.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Today: Jr. High -6:00pm Sr. High – 7:00pm

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.

Sunday, June 11th the Youth are hosting a church wide family picnic! A Summer Kickoff! All church members, all ages, are invited and welcome to come enjoy good food and FUN in the SUN!

VBS is right around the corner! ROME: Paul and the Underground Church. Mark your calendars! July 9th – 13th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. Be sure to check the lobby this week for registration!

May 25th Trip to See Tuna Christmas at the Flatrock Playhouse Update:

Plan to be at the church at 9:15 on May 25th. Our plan is to eat lunch about 11:30. We need to be in our seats at the Flatrock Playhouse by 1:30. We have a great crowd of 33 people going with us. If you signed up for the trip, please pre-order your lunch. We have reserved places at Hubba Hubba Smokehouse, which was recommended by the Playhouse. (Day in the Country was unable to take us on May 25th, but we have reservations for when we go to see Dixie Swim Club.)

The pre-order sheet and a menu will be in the volunteer office during the week and on the sign up table on Sunday, May 21st. We will call in the orders on Tuesday, May 23rd. This will speed up the order process. We will order our drinks at the restaurant. Bring **CASH** to pay for your lunch. They don't take credit or debit cards.

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

New Serving Carts in the Kitchen: Four new gray serving carts have been donated to the kitchen. Please do not remove these carts from the kitchen area. The five old carts are now in the Missions and Fellowship Center for general church use. These carts will be located near the volunteer office area. Thank you.

The Newsletter deadline is May 25th. Please put your item in the church newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearr@clover.k12.sc.us.