

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
June 25, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

3rd Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Pre service Music Chancel Choir

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude “Prelude in Classic Style” -Young

*Call to Worship

Leader: The Truth abides with us and will be with us forever.

People: Grace, Mercy and Peace will be with us from God the Father.

Leader: We are God’s children, walking in the Truth of Love, just as we have been commanded.

People: Grace, Mercy and Peace will be with us from Jesus Christ, the Father’s Son.

Leader: Let us love one another. This is love, that we walk according to His commandments.

People: Grace, Mercy and Peace will be with us in Truth and Love.

Leader: Though some do not confess that Jesus Christ has come in the flesh, we will abide in His teaching, and so we have both the Father and the Son.

People: Grace, Mercy and Peace will be with us from God the Father and from Jesus Christ the Father’s Son, in Truth and in Love.

*Processional Hymn “What a Friend We Have in Jesus” UMH # 526

*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

*Hymn of Preparation “Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior” UMH # 351

*Psalter Psalm 145 UMH # 857

*Affirmation of Faith “The World Methodist Affirmation” UMH # 886

*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 “Soon and Very Soon” *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory “Wait ‘Til You See My New Home” -arr. Burger

*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.

*Scripture Matthew 9: 9-13 # 842

Message “Merciful Lord, Merciful Me” Rev. Meg Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment “Grace Greater than Our Sin” UMH # 365

*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 “Rejoicing” -Handel

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 to God and  
 in memory of Jerry “Catfish” Adams, given by his family.  
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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: Mike Bono, Starr Wray, Marshall Caldwell, Fred Strong, Ann Stewart, Ruth Wilson, Janet Maslankowski, Rev. Tom Wilkes, Alan Abernathy, The Shirfinski Family, Dean White, Estelle Camp, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Dolly & Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice 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.

JULY is "CAMP MEETING" MONTH at First UMC!

Our choir will be taking a seasonal rest during the hot month of July. And YOU are all invited to come to church *dressed cool and casually* throughout the whole month. We will enjoy special music, including some good old "hymn sings" as we reflect on the 23rd Psalm, remembering and refreshing our thirsty spirits with the good news that The Lord is Our Shepherd....leading us beside still waters and restoring our souls. JOIN US FOR CHURCH ALL OF JULY and invite friends and family!

Mission Celebration: THANK YOU so much to those of you who came out last Sunday evening to experience the "old time hymn sing" offered by Lydia Wilkes and family to benefit Lydia and Micah's mission trip to Ecuador! Your generosity, along with the financial support already provided by the Missions team, the Steve Camp class and the Harmony class, has covered over half of the cost for these two youth to serve Christ in the world! YOU are a generous and loving people of God! These girls are so blessed to call First United Methodist Church Clover their church home.

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Jr. High will meet on Wednesday at 6:30pm.
Sr. High will meet on Wednesday at 7:30pm.

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.org

VBS: It is getting close for us to travel back in time to Ancient Rome to visit Paul and his underground church! It is going to be an amazing week of fellowship while we learn about God's love for us and how we are to share it with everyone around us! Be sure to register at the table in the hallway or online at this website: <https://vbspro.events/p/events/clovervbsfumc>

The dates are **July 9th through July 13th from 5:30pm to 8pm!** Dinner will be provided for all **children** who attend! Bring friends! Brothers! Sisters! Cousins! Anyone who wants to go on an adventure to learn about the wonderful Creator of the universe!

VBS Church Donation Wish List

Muslin for togas
Tissue paper (red, orange, and yellow)
1 in. Ribbon
Empty toilet and paper towel rolls
Craft glue
Light and Dark green construction paper

Salkehatchie

If you haven't sign up yet there are still a few camps open so you need to register as soon as possible at <http://www.salkehatchie.org>, 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 1st Sunday donation is spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your continued support.

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

Financial Stewardship

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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