

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
March 18, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

5th Sunday in Lent

Liturgical Color: Purple

Pre Service Music

“Lamb of God”

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: O Lord, let my soul rise up to meet you

People: as the day rises to meet the sun. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.

Leader: Come, let us bow down and bend the knee:

**People: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker in Worship and Praise.
Today ~ we wish to see Jesus!**

*Processional Hymn

“Precious Lord Take My Hand”

UMH # 474

*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 and the Lord’s Prayer

Mission Moment ~ Clover Area Assistance Center

\$2,400.00 given to CAAC yearly through Missions

Sandy Eaton

The Anthem

“Jesus Shall Reign” Soloist: Robin Wallace Flute: Katie Bono *Chancel Choir*

The congregation is invited to sing with us on verse 3:

**“People and realms of every tongue
Dwell on His love with sweetest song
And infant voices shall proclaim
Their early blessings on His name”**

Special Music

“Have You Seen Jesus My Lord”

Tommy & Meg Wilkes

*Gospel Lesson

Luke 18: 35-43

912

*Affirmation of Faith

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH # 881

*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 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

*Offertory Prayer

*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.

New Testament Reading

John 12: 20-33

936

Sermon

“Sir, We Wish to See Jesus”

Rev. Tommy Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment

“Give Me Jesus”

W&S # 3140

*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

*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession of Faith or Rededication 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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Flowers are placed on the altar today to the Glory of God  
given by the Cato Family.  
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Stewardship ~ Ways to Give

Regular Tithes and Offerings through the **Sunday Morning Offering.**

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.



Reverend Tommy Wilkes, Senior Pastor – twilkes@cloverfumc.org

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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

Ray Reavis, Bob Grindle, Renee Gallien, Conference Lay Members



Wonderful Wednesday Dinner, March 21

Menu: Potato & Salad Bar w/fixings & Dessert Sponsored by: Becky Lyda Sunday School Class

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: Dave Jones, Tom Meyer, Caleigh Dover, Anne Adams, Brad Robinson, Dave Edwards, Betsy Durant (Windy Bartee's friend), Hugh Robinson, Fred Byers, Tommy Crawford, Marshall Caldwell, Carolyn Grigg, Sandy Chapman, Wayne Leroy, Rhett Hurst, Josie Skinnell, Dave Blanton, Rolfe Sukkert.

Military: Captain Thad Wilson, Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

"AN AFTERNOON OF MUSIC"

Concert and Fundraiser

Featuring: John Austin King ~ Solo Piano

Sunday, March 18th at 3:00pm

First United Methodist Church, Clover, SC

Reception following

THE SPRING YARD SALE IS APRIL 8—14: Please bring your donations Sunday, April 6 through Thursday, April 12. WE WOULD LOVE YOUR HELP! Any amount of time you can help is greatly appreciated. We have all kinds of things and activity levels for people to do.

Times: Sunday 1:00—5:00, Monday—Tuesday 9:00—5:00, Wednesday at Men's Prayer Breakfast, Wednesday Night Supper & 9:00—5:00, Thursday 9:00—5:00, Friday 8:00—6:00 (busiest day), Saturday 9:00—12:00. As always, our church family is able to shop any day during the week.

HAMRICK'S / GAFFNEY PREMIUM OUTLETS TRIP ON MARCH 20, 2018:

Come join the fun when Forever Young & Friends go shopping, eating, and hanging out together in Gaffney, SC. We will leave the church at 8:15am on Tuesday, March 20 on our way to Hamrick's. Tuesday is Senior Discount Day. About 11:00 we will go to the Clocks Restaurant for lunch. After lunch it is on to the Premium Outlets. We hope to be back in Clover about 4:00. Look for the sign up sheet in our usual place (the "sign-up" table).

Forever Young & Friends Will Meet on March 22 at 10:30 in room 104. We will be discussing the yard sale and other upcoming activities and projects. After the meeting, we will have a house warming party for Cat in the Missions Center. Please bring a "pick-up" food, salad or dessert to share. A list of needed items will be in the Older Adult Mail box in the workroom (It is the room with the copier).

Everyone is welcome.

GREEN RIVER PLANTATION TRIP – THURSDAY, MAY 3RD

INCLUDED – Lunch, tour of historical plantation house & visit a winery or two

COST - \$ 25.00. **Payment is due before or on April 10th.**

Make checks out to FUMC – Forever Young. On the for / memo line write, Green River trip. Checks to the church office or in the offering plate in an envelope.

LIST – Names will be added to the list when payment is received.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 4TH Sunday donation is Soup. Thank you for your continued support

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth: Jr. High ~ 6:00 Sr. High ~ 7:00

Our Wednesday night programs: BIG (children) and Tweens at 6:30pm / Youth Fellowship at 6:30.

Be on the lookout for emails, posters, and Instagram posts for full details.

If you haven't already, text [1clovermyf to 95577](tel:95577) for text reminders!!

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

THANK YOU: During this time of sorrow we learn how much our friends mean to us. Your kindness, support, sympathy, and many expressions of love will always be remembered. Thank you for comforting us during this difficult time of bereavement. We will be forever grateful. May God bless you and keep you.

The family of Chuck Jackson ~ Tracie Kite, Bonnie Coleman & Ed Jackson

SCRIPTURE READERS! As we begin all of our committee meetings for 2018 we are excited about this new year in ministry together. Recently the Worship Committee met and decided we would like to invite some of our younger and newer congregation members to join us in the rotations for Scripture reading during worship! If you enjoy reading aloud and would like to serve God and church in this way, give Rev. Meg a call. 803-622-1315. We are inviting all young adults and youth, as well as all other ages, to participate.

2018 Festival of Tables: United Methodist Women will host the fifth annual "Festival of Tables" ladies luncheon on Saturday, May 19th, 2018. You can reserve a table for \$ 5.00 and decorate in your chosen theme, using your tableware and decorations. Guest tickets are \$ 8.00 each. Last year over one hundred women attended to preview the decorated tables and enjoy a delicious lunch. To reserve a table or if you want further information contact Linda Abernathy (222-7591) or Grace White (222-7528). Please plan to join us!

Optimist International Oratorical Contest

This contest is open to any student under the age of 18 as of October 1st, 2018. Participants must write on the official topic "Where Are My Roots of Optimism." Applications can be picked up from the High School, Clover or Oakridge Middle School, Ninth Grade Academy or from Jon Valentine. Any questions, call Josie Skinnell at 803-684-2008 or email sknnll@aol.com. Please see flyer on the bulletin board for additional information.

First UMC is reinstating an old custom of placing Easter lilies in the church on Easter morning.

If you would like to provide a lily in memory of or in honor of someone, the cost is \$14.00 per lily. A list of the donated lilies will be in the bulletin on Easter Sunday, April 1st. Orders will be taken through Monday, March 26th. Please fill out the form below, attached your payment and place in the offering plate or you may bring it to the church office. You may take home your lily following the services on Easter Sunday.

In Honor of _____

In Memory of _____

Name _____

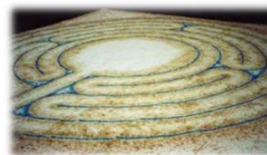
Passover Meal: Remember we will be celebrating a Passover Meal with Chosen People Ministries tomorrow evening at 6:30pm in the Missions and Fellowship Center. If you have registered to attend this meal we look forward to seeing you there.

GOOD FRIDAY

If you are willing to participate in the Good Friday dramatization about the Passion of Christ, either as an "actor" (*no memorization or movement necessary, costumed still poses only*) or as a Narrator, please contact Rev. Meg Wilkes asap. First rehearsal is Sunday, March 25th at 4:00pm. We need between 10 and 15 costumed "actors" and 10 Narrators. Email Rev. Meg at mwilkes@cloverfumc.org or call 803-622-1315.

For your contemplative life this Lenten season....

The Labyrinth



The Labyrinth ~ a walking path for prayer and spiritual meditation ~ will be available during the daytime, and also on Sunday, Tuesday and Wednesday evenings until 9:00pm in the Missions and Fellowship Center from March 4 – Easter Monday. We will have a comfortable waiting space set up for you, including reading materials and information about the Labyrinth as an ancient and contemporary spiritual practice. This year our path is smaller –

18 feet – so we may practice waiting (*how appropriate for Lent*) while others complete their time on the path. Please consider taking this opportunity that has been intentionally and carefully prepared for you by your pastoral and worship staff.

Contemplative Prayer and Worship

We will meet for the last time this evening from **5:00 -6:00** in the Missions and Fellowship Center. (child care provided) During this **time set apart** from our busy lives, we will participate in the sacred & ancient Christian practices of Lectio Divina, Centering Prayer, Intentional Silence, Guided Meditation, and others. **"Be Still and Know that I am God."** Psalm 46:10



NURTURE NEWS: We still need more people to serve as nurture friends to our shut-ins. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes mwilkes@cloverfumc.org, 803-622-1315

Remember Asbury Hills! Register now. Pick up your flyer to choose your camp date. Several have already contacted Rev. Meg. Maybe you are one of those who would also like to go. Contact Rev. Meg Wilkes 803-222-3496

The Newsletter deadline is March 25th. Please put your items in the church newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k212.sc.us.