

An Order for the Christian Worship of God

May 27, 2018

Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Thine is a Glory" -G. Handel

\*Call to Worship

Leader: Brothers and sisters, we are gathered here to proclaim a vision;

**People: A vision of a world formed by God and transformed by Jesus' love.**

Leader: We are disciples who are called to embody lives of grace,

**People: sharing the good news of the gospel in our words and our actions.**

Leader: May the Holy Spirit open our hearts and open our eyes

**People: that we may live into God's vision for our lives, our denomination and our world.**

**All: Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*Processional Hymn "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty" UMH # 64

\*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

\*Hymn of Preparation "Lift High the Cross" UMH # 159

\*Psalter Psalm 29 UMH # 761

Twenty Voices of Pentecost Celebration 2<sup>nd</sup> Reading, Second Century

The Anthem "Holy is the Lord" *The Chancel Choir*

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory "Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee" -P. Taylor

\*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.**

\*Gospel Reading John 3: 1-17 NT #88

Message "A New Life" Ray Reavis

\*Hymn of Commitment "There's a Spirit in the Air" UMH # 192

\*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

"Lift High the Cross"

-arr. F. Bock

\*indicates worshippers are invited to stand, if able

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation of First UMC in 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 and your presence here in church.

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The flowers are placed on the altar this morning to the Glory of God  
in honor of all veterans for Memorial Day,  
and my parents Thomas and Patricia's 80<sup>th</sup> birthdays on May 28<sup>th</sup>,  
given by Karen Stallings.  
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**Salkehatchie Registration:** It is time to sign up for camp! If you desire, the church missions committee will pay one half. You will need to register yourself on line, mark the camp you wish to attend and mark that the payment will be made by the church. Please make a check payable to FUMC for \$ 115.00 and mark for Salkehatchie. The full payment will be sent in by the church. If you have questions please see Jon Valentine, Jeannette Stabler or Rev. Tommy Wilkes.

**The Food Project Ministry:** Next week's 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday donation is spaghetti sauce and spaghetti. Thank you for your continued support.

**The Newsletter deadline** is May 25<sup>th</sup>. Please put your item in the church Newsletter mailbox or you can email it to [Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us](mailto:Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us).

#### **Donation of a Piano**

David Bodie has an upright piano he would like to give to someone who will give it a home. His telephone number is 704-650-3262.

#### **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](http://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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Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

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

#### **OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS**

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or [sdavis@cloverfumc.org](mailto:sdavis@cloverfumc.org) to add to joy and prayer concerns:

**Recent Concerns:** Dick James, Barb Millay, Lee Killian, Sandy Chapman, Betsy Durrant, Rose Knight, Sue Young, Kandy Hanzely (Todd Hughes' sister), Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Brad Robinson, Tommy Crawford, Wayne Leroy, Rolfe Sukkert.

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

#### **Memorial Day Flags**

We would like to honor all veterans who died while serving our country on this Memorial Day, May 28, 2018. Flags will be available on the table near the volunteer office. As you place your flags at the bricks in the Memorial Park, remember your loved one and their service and sacrifice for us all. We will collect the flags on May 31<sup>st</sup> for future use. Thank you for your help celebrating this national holiday.

**Calling All Men:** The men will be singing for Father's Day again this year and we invite you to join us! We will be singing something familiar and rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 6:30 beginning May 30<sup>th</sup> thru June 13<sup>th</sup>.

#### **Annual Fishing Derby**

The United Methodist Men will host their annual fishing derby on June 2<sup>nd</sup>, from 8am to 12 noon at Lewis Killian's farm located at 2700 N. Highway 161, York. 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!!

**Needed:** Someone to water the plants at the church. See Shirley or Rev. Wilkes.

#### **Youth, Children and Tweens**

**Youth:** No youth meetings this week.

**Remember: NO BIG or Tweens this Wednesday or Wednesdays till September.**

**TWEENS:** Overnight Zoo trip is Saturday, July 7. We need your permission slip & money (\$50) by this Wednesday, May 30. Please talk with Jon or Cathy with questions.

**Upcoming BIG/Tweens dates:** Join us Tuesday, **June 5<sup>th</sup>** for our summer kickoff with a trip to the Kid Senses Science Museum in Rutherfordton, NC. Meet at the church by 9:00am to take bus and return to church by 2:00pm. Bring your lunch, drink and \$6 admission. Please let Jon, Cathy, or church office know by Sunday, June 3 so we can plan accordingly.

Join us **June 12** for Martha Rivers Park and Pelicans snow cones trip. Meet at church by 9:45am and return by 1:00pm. Bring your lunch and drink. Please let Jon, Cathy, or church office know by Sunday, June 10 to expect you.

**Summer VBS –Sunday-Thursday, July 8-12.** Travel to Babylon! See Daniel's Courage in Captivity! 5:00- 8:00pm. See announcement on Children's Board in hallway.

**If you haven't already, text [1clovermyf](https://www.cloverfumc.org) to [95577](https://www.cloverfumc.org) for text reminders!!**

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, [jvalentine@cloverfumc.org](mailto:jvalentine@cloverfumc.org)