THE WORSHIP OF GOD June 10, 2018 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION SUNDAY

Welcome: It's time to celebrate, we are in the presence of God. We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day.

Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. We'd like to keep you informed of what we are doing, so please give us your email, too.

*Please stand as you are able. † 8:45 Worship Only †† 11:00 Worship Only

EIGHT FORTY-FIVE

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS

VOLUNTARY Amazing Grace! How Sweet the Sound

George Shearing (1919-2011)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Worship the Lord in holy splendor. **People: Tremble before God, all the earth.**

Leader: Highest heavens,

People: be glad. Leader: Widest earth, People: rejoice!

Leader: Mighty waters,

People: shout your praise!

Leader: Forest and fields,

People: sing for joy!

Leader: The Lord is coming to judge the earth, **People: with equity and strength, with righteousness**

and truth.

Leader: The Lord is coming to judge the earth. **People: The Lord is coming to reign in glory.**

* Processional Hymn No. 127

Guide Me. O Thou Great Jehovah CWM RHONDDA

†† SPECIAL PRESENTATION

CALL TO CONFESSION

By the grace of Jesus Christ, we are beloved children of God, members of God's own family. With the confidence of beloved children, let us confess our sin.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

O Lord, our God, we confess to you our unfaithfulness, our divided loyalties, our dancing around the truth. We look for human approval instead of seeking to serve you. We answer to human authority instead of listening for your Word. Turn our hearts back to you. Consume our sin with holy fire, and set us free to sing your praise. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

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Leader: This is the gospel, the good news we have received: that our Lord Jesus Christ loves us and gave his life to set us free from our sins. Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God!



- * PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST
- †† TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to gather at the chancel steps. Children ages 4 – first grade may then depart for Children's Church in Room 304.

- †† Naming our High School Graduates
- **†† A BLESSING FOR OUR GRADUATES (IN UNISON)**

Father, thank you for the gifts and graces given each graduate.

We see their opportunity to change the world and build your Kingdom.

Strengthen their faith, so that when they face darkness they will see your light.

Encourage their hope,

that your vision might become their vision.

Build up their love,

that they might deepen their relationship with you and their neighbors.

Bless them with riches that neither rust nor moth can consume.

This we pray in your holy name. Amen.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

O Lord, by the gift of your Holy Spirit, let us hear the good news of the gospel, words not of human origin, but a message of grace revealed to us through Jesus Christ, your Word made flesh. Amen.

* GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 14:22-33

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†† ANTHEM Out of the Depths I Cry to Thee arr. K. Lee Scott Chancel Choir (b. 1950)

Out of the depths I cry to thee, Lord, my sins bewailing! Bow down thy gracious ear to me, make thou my prayer availing. Mark not my misdeeds in Thy book, gracious Lord, most holy; on my sins in mercy look; who can stand before thee? Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication. Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul's deliverance. With thee there is forgiveness, Lord, love and grace abounding. The greatest thought or deed or word were else but empty sounding. All who in Thy sight appear come in sinful measure; all before thee bow in fear seeking thy good pleasure. Hear my prayer, hear my cry, hear my supplication. Thou my hope, thou my light, thou my soul's deliverance. Amen.

SERMON † Rev. Ross Carter + "Senior Reflections" Grace Gilgo

CALL TO PRAYER

Minister: The Lord be with you. **People: And also with you.**Minister: Let us pray.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERTORY Be Thou Faithful unto Death from St. Paul

Sean Lucier, tenor Felix Mendelssohn

(1809-1847)

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give to thee a crown of life. Be not afraid, my help is nigh.

* DOXOLOGY LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All Singing: Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! UMH No. 94

* PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)

O Lord, our God, there is no one like you in heaven above or on the earth below. You are faithful to your promises, showing steadfast love to your people. Receive this offering of our lives as a sacrifice of thanksgiving and praise. Let our lives show forth to all the world the glory of your holy name. Amen.

* HYMN No. 399 Take My Life, and Let It Be

MESSIAH

* Pronouncement of Blessing

POSTLUDE Lobe den Herren Johann G. Walther ("Praise to the Lord") (1684-1748)

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

8:45

Kennedy Joyce

Liturgist: JoAnn Barbour

Acolyte:

Lay Reader: John Charles Steele

Crucifer: Stephen Andress Alex Pardue

Luke Andress

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following the 11:00 service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Mr. & Mrs. Tom Burke.

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Pat Moser by Buell Moser and Family.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in June are Jane Bazemore, Gaile Bowling, June Fogleman, Sally Fox, Stephanie Huffstetler, Margaret Mitchell, and Margaret Pardue.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members Mike and Margaret Mitchell, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

NORTH CAROLINA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

Our pastors and lay delegates will be attending the Annual Conference, **June 14-16** at the Greenville Convention Center, Greenville, NC. Let's surround our pastors, delegates, and bishop with prayer as they discern God's will and order for the ministries of the NC Annual Conference.

FIRST-TIME VISITOR FOLLOW-UP

We are launching a first-time visitor follow-up ministry to provide greater hospitality to our guests and visitors on Sunday mornings. If you have already signed up to be a part of this ministry, or are interested in participating, there will be a brief orientation and training during the Sunday School hour (10:00-10:45 a.m.) on **Sunday**, **June 17** in the Reading Area. For more information, please contact Pastor Ross at ross@frontstreetumc.org or Betsy Huneycutt, First-Time Visitor Follow-Up Coordinator, at betsyshuneycutt@gmail.com.

MIDDLE SCHOOL SUMMER MISSION TRIP | JUNE 17 - 22

If you would like to send mail to our middle school youth mission team this summer, you may do so at the following address:

Hinton Center P. O. Box 27 Hayesville, NC 28904

Please keep in mind that it is important to send any mail early in the week to guarantee delivery.

Please keep the youth, adult leaders, and the people they will be serving in your prayers.

"LISTENING FOR GOD" BOOK STUDY

"Listening for God" is a resource intended to help readers investigate how life and faith merge in surprising ways and places through a study of modern literature.

If you would be interested in participating in this study, please contact one of the following **by June 20**:

> Hazel Andress 336-266-6144 Salley Bradford 336-584-7401 Barbara Long 336-226-4937

We envision this as being a once a month meeting on Wednesdays, beginning in September.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF JUNE 10, 2018

Sunday, June 10

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:00	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
10:00	Senior Brunch	Ministry Center
11:00	Worship Service/Senior Sunday	Sanctuary

Tuesday, June 12

7:00 Staff Parish Relations Committee Meeting John Wesley Room

Wednesday, June 13

1:00 GriefShare John Wesley Room

Thursday, June 14 - Saturday, June 16

NC Annual Conference Greenville, NC

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WALK FOR WATER

Music & Missions Camp participants will take part in a sponsored walk to raise money for a well in Kenya. Participants will be grouped into teams, with one member of each team walking at any one time.

Everyone is encouraged to sponsor a team! A bulletin board is in the Welcome Center with the team names. Choose a team, make a donation, and help build a well in Kenya! To make a donation, please make checks payable to FSUMC with Walk for Water and the team name you wish to sponsor in the memo line.

The Walk for Water event will take place at 11:30 a.m. on **Thursday**, **June 21** at the Front Street parking lot. Come out and support the teams as they Walk for Water for a village in Kenya!

AZALEA

Everyone is welcome to join us on **Saturday**, **June 23** (2:00 – 4:00 p.m.) at Azalea MHP for an afternoon of activities and fellowship with our neighbors. Please gather at the church at 1:15 p.m. to carpool. Contact Betty Huneycutt for details.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL JULY 30- AUGUST 2

Registration for Shipwrecked VBS for Preschool - 5th grade is now open! Register today and receive a free music CD! Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for details. Interested in volunteering? Please contact Marcy McAdams at marcy@frontstreetumc.org.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	8:45	9:00	11:00	Online	Total
5/13	46	41	219	4	310
5/20	57	39	292	10	398
5/27	31	35	200	13	279
6/3	41	46	189	8	284

LIVE-STREAMING ON FACEBOOK

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the Sanctuary a non-video zone. The balcony is also available for non-video seating. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

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