

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
May 13, 2018
SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
ASCENSION OF THE LORD
MOTHER'S DAY

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 **Salem Sonta** Dan Locklair
I. "...to thee our cordial thankfulness..." (b. 1949)

*** CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made!
People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!
Leader: Oh, give thanks to the Lord, for He is good!
People: For His mercy endures forever.

*** PROCESSIONAL HYMN NO. 312**

Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise **LLANFAIR**

CALL TO CONFESSION

Lord, you are full of compassion and mercy; slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. As your children, we come to you with humble hearts. Listen, Lord, hear our cry.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

Heavenly Father, we proclaim your presence with us, and then we behave in ways which run counter to your word. We get caught up in our own needs and whine about the injustices we feel in our lives. Help us to place our trust in your mercy and your compassionate love. Forgive us when we stray from your ways and wander into paths of self-pity and self-destruction. Lift us from the mire and put us back on track. Give us confidence in your presence and your direction for our lives, for we ask these things in Jesus' name. Amen.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

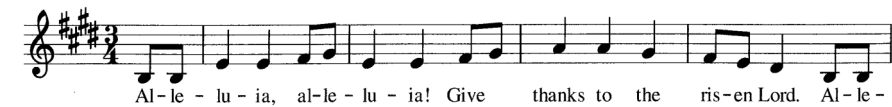
Leader: Though we try, we cannot stray from God's love. Rejoice! This is the good news for all of us! In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.
All: Glory to God. Amen.

SUNG RESPONSE

Alleluia, Alleluia

Donald Fishel
(b. 1950)



*** PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

†† **THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM**

Eva Elizabeth Cross

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†† **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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Living God, help us so to hear your holy Word that we may truly understand; that, understanding, we may believe, and, believing, we may follow in all faithfulness and obedience, seeking your honor and glory in all that we do; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:1-11

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†† **ANTHEM**

At the Name of Jesus R. Vaughan Williams
Chancel Choir (1872-1958)

At the Name of Jesus every knee shall bow, every tongue confess him King of glory now; 'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord, who from the beginning was the mighty Word. At his voice creation sprang at once to sight, all the Angel faces, all the hosts of light, thrones and dominations, stars upon their way, all the heavenly orders, in their great array. Humbled for a season, to receive a name from the lips of sinners unto whom he came, faithfully he bore it spotless to the last, brought it back victorious when from death he passed: bore it up triumphant with its human light, through all ranks of creatures, to the central height, to the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast; filled it with the glory of that perfect rest. Name him, brothers, name him, with love as strong as death, but with awe and wonder, and with bated breath; he is God the Savior, he is Christ the Lord, ever to be worshipped, trusted, and adored. In your hearts enthrone him; there let him subdue all that is not holy, all that is not true: crown him as your captain in temptation's hour; let his will enfold you in its light and power. Brothers, this Lord Jesus shall return again, with his Father's glory, with his Angel train; for all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow, and our hearts confess him King of glory now.

*** GOSPEL LESSON**

John 13:31-35

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SERMON

"Our Mothering God"

Rev. Ross Carter

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

Jesus, My All, to Heaven Is Gone

Jennifer Wells, soprano Traditional Spiritual
setting by K. Lee Scott
(b. 1950)

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more; he whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never turn back no more. No more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more. His path I see, and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more; the narrow way, fill him I view, I'll never turn back no more. No more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more. Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more.

*** 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! Alleluia!
UMH No. 94

*** PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (IN UNISON)**

God, our Heavenly King, we rejoice that you invite everyone to a place of purpose in your kingdom. Through Christ, your Son, you give us a vision of the world where your people can contribute the gifts you have given them. Give us strength by your Spirit to live joyfully as generous servants of your realm. We present your fifths and our offerings with thanks and praise in Jesus' name. Amen.

*** HYMN No. 173**

Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies

RATISBON

*** PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING**

*** POSTLUDE**

Prélude (from the Te Deum)

Marc-Antoine Charpentier
(1643-1704)
arr. Christopher Morris
(1922-2015)

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. and Mrs. Stacy Peterson.

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

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| | 8:45 | 11:00 |
| Liturgist: | Steve Cecil | |
| Lay Reader: | Julian Mims | Shannon McGowan |
| Acolyte: | Thomas Joyner | Sarah & Turner Hargrove |
| Crucifer: | William Joyner | Stephen Andress |

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Nancy B. Lewis, Mr. & Mrs. Walter E. Bain, and Mr. & Mrs. James E. Lewis, Sr. by John Lewis.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in May are Marianna Harris, Margaret Blackwell, Teresa Chandler, Nancy Hamby, and Susan Taylor.

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 member Vicky Glassford, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

YOUTH OUTREACH PROJECT

The third Sunday of each month is designated as Youth Outreach Project Sunday. A list of items we are collecting for this project is available on the church website or from the Welcome Center. Please bring items on **Sunday, May 20**, and deposit them on the table in the Welcome Center. Thank you for your continuous support of this youth project.

EVENSONG

Join us on Pentecost **Sunday, May 20, 2018 at 6:00 p.m.** for Evensong: An Evening Worship Service of Prayer and Song. This service will be supported by Front Street's children's and youth choirs, as well as the Chancel Choir. A nursery will be provided for children under 5.

BURLINGTON BOYS CHOIR

Boy choristers under the direction of Dr. Bill Allred will be our resident choir on **Sunday, May 27** at our **11 a.m.** worship service. The Burlington Boys' Choir was founded in 1959 in Burlington, North Carolina, and serves as a performing choir and a training group for boys in the Burlington area.

GRADUATES

This is a wonderful time of the year as we celebrate students who have graduated from high school and college. We would like to recognize your graduate. If you have a loved one who is a new college graduate, please visit www.frontstreetumc.org and complete an online Graduate form or call the church office by **Tuesday, May 29**. We will include the list of 2018 graduates in the June newsletter.

MUSIC AND MISSIONS SUMMER CAMP | JUNE 18-22, 2018 | 8:30 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Join us for a week of fun, learning, and serving at our 2018 Music and Missions Camp: God's Forever Forgiveness. Campers will have the opportunity to learn new skills in music, dance, puppetry, or art, as well as grow in their faith through Bible stories and serving others. Class sizes are limited and filling up fast, so register now to avoid disappointment. Visit www.frontstreetumc.org for details and to register.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL | JULY 30- AUGUST 2 | PRESCHOOL—5TH GRADE

SHIPWRECKED: RESCUED BY JESUS

Get ready for an adventure to an uncharted island where kids are rescued by Jesus! Join us for an exciting adventure and register early by visiting www.frontstreetumc.org.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 13, 2018

Sunday, May 13

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| 8:45 | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 | Contemporary Worship Service | Aldersgate Hall |
| 9:45 | Sunday School | Classrooms |
| 11:00 | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 4:00 | Children's Choir | Sanctuary |
| 4:00 | Youth Choir | Choir Room |
| 5:00 | Wesley Ringers | Room 307 |
| 5:00 | Youth Bells | Bell Room |
| 6:00 | UMYF | Ministry Center |

Monday, May 14

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| 7:00 | Christian Formation & Discipleship Team Meeting | John Wesley Room |
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Tuesday, May 15

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| 9:30 | Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study | Room 305 |
| 6:15 | Epworth Ringers | Bell Room |

Wednesday, May 16

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| 7:30 | UMYF Breakfast Club | Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St. |
| 11:00 | Funeral Service for Ruby Meredith | Chapel |
| 1:00 | GriefShare | John Wesley Room |
| 7:00 | Chancel Choir | Choir Room |

Thursday, May 17

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| 9:30 | Prayer and Meditation | Prayer Room |
| 10:00 | Prayer Shawl Ministry Meeting | Room 303 |
| 7:00 | Missions Committee Meeting | John Wesley Room |

Sunday, May 20

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| 8:45 | Worship Service | Sanctuary |
| 9:00 | Contemporary Worship Service | Aldersgate Hall |
| 9:45 | Sunday School | Classrooms |
| 11:00 | Worship Service/Confirmation Sunday | Sanctuary |
| 1:30 | UMYF/End of Year Party | Huneycutt Home |
| 4:00 | Children's, Youth & Chancel Choirs Rehearsal | Sanctuary |
| 6:00 | Evensong | Sanctuary |

PLAYSCHOOL SUMMER CAMPS

Our playschool will be offering two camps this summer. These camps are designed for preschoolers who will be turning 3, 4, or 5 by August 31, 2018. For more information, or to get a registration form, please contact Barbara Long by email at playschoolfs@gmail.com or by calling 336-227-6603. Please visit www.frontstreetumc.org/features for a printable registration form.

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.

FRONT STREET

Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



Pastors

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Rev. Patrick Murphy

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Dave Bollen

Organist/Director of Music

Dr. Matt Brittain

Choirmaster

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