THE WORSHIP OF GOD May 19, 2019 FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

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

Prelude in A Minor, BWV 551/i

Johann Sebastian Bach (1685-1750)

* OPENING PRAYER (IN UNISON)

God of majesty and power, how awesome you are to us! The mountains tremble, the seas roar at the sound of your name! Open our hearts and our spirits, Lord, to hear your word, and having heard, to act in hope and peace. These things we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 181

Ye Servants of God

HANOVER

CALL TO CONFESSION

The proof of God's amazing love is this: while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Because we have faith in Christ, we dare to approach God with confidence. Let us admit our sins before God.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

Lord, we come to you, hiding in the shadows of our own fears and terrors. We want you to give us peace and hope in our hearts. We want to know that everything will be all right; that the world will cease to be a place of terror and war. Yet, we forget to find our calm and hope in you. Saturate us with your light and wisdom, and give us your peace. Amen.

PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: God's love is poured out for you through the person of Jesus Christ. In Him alone is your peace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are foraiven!

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

Sung ResponseAlleluia Verse

William Bradley Roberts
(b. 1947)



* 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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Living God, as we turn to your word, don't let our desire for information dominate our need for transformation. Lead us to a new place, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Psalm 148 OT Page 582

THE ANTHEMResonances and Alleluias Cathy Moklebust Epworth Ringers (b. 1958)

* Gospel Lesson Luke 7:36-50 NT Page 66

SERMON "It's About a Love Story" 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

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. If you would prefer to make your contribution via Text-to-Give, just text your offering amount to FSUMC's dedicated number, 336-489-GIVE (4483).

† OFFERTORY Resonances and Alleluias Cathy Moklebust Epworth Ringers

†† OFFERTORY O Sing Unto the Lord a New Song Peter Aston Chancel Choir (1938-2013)

O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song: O sing unto the Lord, all the earth. O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. Declare his glory among the heathen, declare his wonders among all the people. For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised. O sing unto the Lord a new song...

-Psalm 96:1-4

* 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)

Holy Lord, the whole earth is full of your glory! We are in awe of your majesty. You give us gifts, and invite us to go into the world to tell your good news. Help us to respond in faith, and go where you lead us each day. We dedicate these tithes and gifts, so that our community will draw closer to you. Amen.

* HYMN No. 384 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling BEECHER

* PRONOUNCEMENT OF BLESSING

POSTLUDE Fugue in A Minor, BWV 551/ii

Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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

8:45

11:00

Lay Reader: Nancy Bell I

Acolytes: Savannah Sanders

David Hamby Sarah & Turner Hargrove

Crucifer: Grayson Presley Will Stadler

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in memory of Karen Thomas Latta, daughter of Betty and Avery Thomas, by Betty and Avery Thomas.

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 members Lynn Collins and Becky Johnson, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

Christian Service Scholarship Sunday

We will celebrate our Christian Service Scholarship Fund on Sunday, May 26. Front Street has provided more than \$139,000 of support for candidates seeking advanced degrees for fulltime Christian service. Audrey Wilder, a former recipient of the scholarship, will deliver the message. Audrey Wilder is a full time "resident disciple maker," working with her husband, Jack, to raise their 5 and 2 year old sons, while also preparing for a new family member expected to arrive in October. Audrey graduated from Duke Divinity School in 2008 with a Masters in Divinity and a certificate in Christian Education.

BURLINGTON BOYS CHOIR

Boy choristers under the direction of Dr. Bill Allred will be our resident choir on **Sunday, May 26** 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.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed **Monday**, **May 27** in observance of Memorial Day.

GRADUATES

If you have a loved one who is a new college graduate, please visit www.frontstreetumc.org to complete an online graduate form or call the church office by **Tuesday**, **May 28**. We will include the list of 2019 graduates in the June newsletter.

OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE

We are searching for someone to assume the duties of head collector at the 11 a.m. Sunday service for the months of May, September, and January. This person needs to be in the narthex between 10:45 a.m. and 10:50 a.m. on the aforementioned Sundays to sign up collectors as they enter the church. The task is not difficult. Please call Phil Minton at 336-584-1722 for more information.

SEE BACK OF BULLETIN FOR MORE ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Date	8:45	Aldersgate	11:00	Online	Total	
4/21	50	107	368	12	537	
4/28	56	51	167	13	287	
5/5	42	55	177	10	284	
5/12	51	55	201	11	318	

CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 19, 2019

Sunday, May 19

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
11:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF End of Year Party	1058 Crestwell Dr.

Tuesday, May 21

9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Room 305

Wednesday, May 22

7:30 Youth Breakfast Club	Dr. Cecil's Office 1711 Sykes St.
6:00 Aldersgate Praise Band	Aldersgate Hall
7:00 Women's Bible Study	Room 401

Sunday, May 26

8:45	Worship Service	Sanctuary
8:45	Contemporary Worship Service	Aldersgate Hal
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
1:00	Worship Service	Sanctuary

BLESSING BAGS

Recently, Front Street youth assembled Blessing Bags. These bags contain a pair of socks, small hygiene items, a bottle of water, and snacks. They can be kept in your car, and distributed when you come into contact with a home-insecure individual in the community. Please take as many as you can use. The Blessing Bags are in tubs in the Welcome Center.

SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL

Calling all kids Kindergarten - 5th grade! Beginning **Sunday**, **June 2**, join us during the Sunday School hour and learn how we are all UNDER CONSTRUCTION! Construction sites are exciting places, filled with interesting, heavy machinery and abuzz with noise and activity. When we follow Jesus, God begins a good work in us. We become the construction site where God is building something amazing.

ΙΝΥΙΤΑΤΙΟ

The Corridor District Committee on Superintendency invites you to celebrate the ministry of Rev. Carol Goehring and Rev. Jessie Larkins on **June 2**, 2019, 4-6 p.m. at Orange UMC, 1220 MLK Jr. Blvd., Chapel Hill, NC.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **June 30 and September 1, 8, and 29.** Please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 or kpaul5@triad.rr.com for details or to sign up.

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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Our Mission:

Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ



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Rev. Ross Carter Rev. Patrick Murphy

Youth Minister Chris Huneycutt

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