

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
May 28, 2017
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

7th Sunday of Easter

Liturgical Color: White

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Jesus prayed for his disciples, giving them into God's eternal care.

People: Jesus prays for us, giving us into God's care.

Leader: Know that you have been blessed with the love of the Savior.

People: We live in that love and seek to serve God.

Leader: Open your hearts and spirits now to hear God's word.

People: May our lives be open to God's Spirit and reflect God's love. AMEN.

*Processional Hymn

"Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather"

UMH # 552

*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

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

UMH # 413

*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

UMH # 881

"I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen."

*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."*

New Testament Reading

Acts 1: 6-14

947

The Anthem

"We Shall Rise"

The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

"I'll Fly Away"

-B. Wolover

*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

*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 17: 1-11

941

Sermon

"So That We May Be One"

Rev. Lazarus

*Hymn of Commitment

"They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love"

FWS # 2223

*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

Invitation to Newcomers: Those desiring to unite with our congregation through Baptism, Profession 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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The flowers are placed in honor of my parents,  
Chief Master Sergeant Thomas Stallings and Patsy Stallings,  
both would have turned 79 years old today;  
and all the veterans in honor of Memorial Day. Karen Stallings.  
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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: Fred Strong, Starr Wray, Ann Stewart, Ruth Wilson, Janet Maslankowski, Rev. Tom Wilkes, Alan Abernathy, David & Starr Wray, The Shirfinski Family, Dean White, Estelle Camp, Sandy Chapman, Lacy Robinson, Betsy Mullis (Starr's sister), Eloise Mallen, Hugh Robinson, Rolfe Sukkert, Margaret Pendleton, Doris Shepard (Barb Millay's mother), Jimmy Dixon, Glenn Adams, Dave Stanton, Jr., Joe Killian, Randy Flora, Dave Jones, Naurice Smith.

Note of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Larry Beamguard and family in the death of his aunt, Alice McAfee.

Military: Lt. Col. Nicholas S. Hare, Senior Chief Martin Johnson, Major Blair Preston, 2nd Lt. Rion Cartin, LCPL Chris Propst, M.Gy. Sgt. Terry Kenneth Lowman, Jr.

Next Sunday is Pentecost Sunday. Please plan to wear red on June 4th.

Memorial Day Flags: Flags will be available on the table near the volunteer office to place at bricks in the Memorial Park to honor our veterans from May 21st to May 29th. We will collect the flags on May 31st so we can use them again.

We know that Memorial Day is not to be confused with Veterans Day; Memorial Day is a day of remembering the men and women who *died* while serving, while Veterans Day celebrates the service of all U. S. military veterans. However we would like to honor all veterans in the FUMC Memorial on this date.

Thank you for your help celebrating this important day. <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/MemorialDay>.

Men's Choir Rehearsal: All men in the church are invited to the Men's Choir Rehearsal on Wednesday, May 31st, at 6:30pm. We will be rehearsing the music that the men will share with the congregation at the Father's Day Service on June 18th. Any questions, please contact Dennis Cameron at 803-222-4868.

Farewell Reception for Rev. Brandon Lazarus

There will be a farewell reception for Brandon and Georgie on Sunday, June 11th, from 9:30—10:00am and from 12:00—12:30pm in the church lobby. Please take this opportunity to show your appreciation and Christian love for Brandon and all he has done for our church as he and Georgie move on to the next phase of his ministry. A basket will be provided to receive cards and love offerings. Light refreshments will be served. Bob Dowd, SPRC Chairperson

Salkehatchie

Each year we have dozens of members who attend Salkehatchie mission trips. Our most attended trips are to Bishopville (June 24- July1), Clover (July 15-22), and Shaw (July 22-29). For a full list of camps visit <http://www.salkehatchie.org>. **Please register ASAP online** and indicate the church will send in payment. The cost of the trip is \$230 but the church will cover half the cost (\$115) for each camper, youth or adult. The check will need to be given to Shirley in the church office and written out to FUMC Clover for \$ 115 with the camp name you will be attending. For more information contact Tommy at twilkes@cloverfumc.org

Youth, Children and Tweens

YOUTH ~ Today: No Youth Meetings today due to Memorial Day Holiday.

Sign up on the youth board or email Jon Valentine at jvalentine@cloverfumc.org ASAP for our **Surge Youth Weekend Retreat (June 18-21)** and Salkehatchie (online). Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC.

Sunday, June 11th the Youth are hosting a church wide family picnic! A Summer Kickoff! All church members, all ages, are invited and welcome to come enjoy good food and FUN in the SUN! All you need to bring is yourself and a lawn chair.

VBS is right around the corner! ROME: Paul and the Underground Church. Mark your calendars! July 9th – 13th from 5:30pm – 8:00pm. Be sure to check the lobby this week for registration!

Forever Young and Friends Upcoming Trip Payments JULY 13- FLATROCK PLAYHOUSE – DIXIE SWIM CLUB

Total Cost – Ticket \$37.90 and money for lunch

2ND PAYMENT - \$17.90 DUE – June 13

Plan to be at the church by 9:30

AUGUST 7- 10 – WISDOM & GRACE CONFERENCE, Lake Junaluska

Total Cost - \$345 & lunch money on Monday

2ND PAYMENT - \$175 DUE - June 27

SEPTEMBER 4-7 - FORT CASWELL & OAK ISLAND, NC

COST -\$205 & money for 3 lunches & 1 dinner

1ST PAYMENT - \$100 DUE - June 1

2ND PAYMENT - \$105 DUE - August 15

Includes 2 dinners, 3 breakfasts, 1 lunch, a double occupancy hotel room, & a tour of Southport.

YARD SALE WAS A SUCCESS: A **BIG THANKS** to all the people who donated, advertised, helped, and prepared food for our May Yard Sale. It was a BIG success.

A lot of people were helped because of your donations and help! During and after the sale we helped 26 Food Project families, gave away Bibles & devotional books, donated needed women & children clothing to the Women's Shelter, donated books to the detention center, and donated unsold items to the Kidney Foundation. We packed unsold coats to be given out at the Food Project. The broken glass on the kitchen table was replaced with Forever Young & Friends funds made from the yard sale. A special thanks to Starr and David Wray for their kind and generous donation. The profits (about \$ 5,800) will be used by Forever Young & Friends' missions, for church needs, and to keep our activities affordable.

Thank you: The 2017 Festival of Tables was a great success. Thank you to all who participated – table sponsors, all those who attended, the men who did a wonderful job of serving and all those who helped with the food. Your help made this a special day! Again, a big thanks to all.

The Food Project Ministry: Next week's 1st Sunday donations are the following items: Spaghetti and spaghetti sauce. Thank you for your continued support.

"Do all the good you can. By all the means you can. In all the ways you can. In all the places you can. At all the times you can. To all the people you can. As long as ever you can." ~ John Wesley

Please continue to remember the church in your giving as we continue this year of ministry together. Most of you give through the Sunday morning offerings but below are some other ways to give if you so choose.

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.

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