

An Order for the Christian Worship of God
June 24, 2018
Enter to Worship, Depart to Serve

5th Sunday after Pentecost

Liturgical Color: Red

Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude

*Call to Worship

Leader: Sing praises to God, all of you saints and give thanks to God in Christ's Holy name!

People: We exalt you, O God, for you always restore us to life!

Leader: We cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

People: You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

People: Our souls cannot be silent!

O God our Savior we will give thanks to you forever!

*Processional Hymn

"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

FWS # 2146

*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

"Be Still, My Soul"

UMH # 534

*Affirmation of Faith

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH # 881

*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."**

The Anthem

"In This Very Room"

The Chancel Choir

The Giving of Tithes & Offerings

Offertory

*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 Lesson

Mark 4: 35-41

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Message

"Soulful Questions"

Rev. Meg Wilkes

*Hymn of Commitment

"It Is Well with My Soul"

UMH # 377

*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

*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 today to the Glory of God,  
and in celebration of the 34<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary of Ken and Linda Lowman.  
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OUR JOYS AND PRAYER CONCERNS

Contact pastors or Shirley Davis @ 222-3496 or sdavis@cloverfumc.org to add to or remove joy and prayer concerns:

Recent Concerns: Sam Cain, Joe Killian, Sara Neil, Wiggie Featherman (Windy Bartee's friend), Deidre Hatchard (Daryl Pierzinski's sister), Sylvia Price, Sandy Chapman, Betsy Durrant, Josie Skinnell, Jane Stang, Fred Byers, Tom Meyer, Brad Robinson, Wayne Leroy, Rolfe Sukkert.

Notes of Sympathy: Christian sympathy is extended to Todd Hughes and family in the death of his sister, Kandy Hanzely.

Christian sympathy is extended to Tim Gallien and family in the death of his uncle, Bruce MacKenzie.

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

Forever Young & Friends Meeting & Lunch on June 28th.

The FY&F will meet at 10:30 in room 104 on Thursday, June 28th. After the meeting we will have taco salad with choice of chicken or beef, lots of toppings, and peach cobbler for dessert. Think **FIESTA!** as the theme.

The Men's Prayer Breakfast will not meet on Wednesday, July 4th.

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

The Newsletter deadline is June 25th. Please put your item in the church newsletter mailbox or you can email it to Ann.Shearer@clover.k12.sc.us.

Youth, Children and Tweens

Youth Fellowship: No meeting this week.

BIG/Tweens outing this week – Tuesday, June 26: Lake Wylie YMCA pool & Pelicans, Clover
There is no bus available so please meet at the YMCA @ 11am or at church to carpool @ 10:30. We will swim 11-1, then swing by Pelicans and return to church by 1:30pm. Bring towel, sunscreen, a lunch & drink, church will buy the snow cones.

No Tuesday trip July 3rd or 10th.

VBS Sunday, July 8-12. Please register online or on paper.

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

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 to 95577 for text reminders!!

Contact Jon Valentine for information about youth ministries at FUMC, jvalentine@cloverfumc.org

"A Sixth Century Reading"

A Reading from the 6th Century Church

Taken from Twenty Voices of Pentecost Celebration

I live in Nursia, Italy. I am the abbot of a monastery in the town. My name is Benedict. The world is in a sad state and I am convinced we must separate ourselves from the temptations of the world. It is not easy to live apart from the world and I have written some rules to help the monks live together. The hardest rules are for the man who is abbot and I have spent a great deal of time on this rule. "After he has been appointed, the abbot should always consider that he will have to answer for his stewardship. Let him know that he ought to serve his brothers rather than preside over them. He should be learned in Divine Law, so that he may know when to bring forth things both new and old. Let him always honor mercy above justice. Let him hate vice and always love the brothers." I am disturbed that people are beginning to call us Benedictine monks. I have not meant to start a new order of monks. I only want to live a more Godly life.

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.

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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Hope Long, Nursery

Windy Bartee, Lay Leader

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