

“FRONT PORCH WORSHIP”

**First United Methodist Church, Cheraw, SC
Sunday, July 12, 2020**

Bring your chairs.

Wear a mask.

Love with Social Distance

ENTRANCE

Gathering of the People in Front of the Church

**Welcome and Greeting. Phil Thraillkill, Interim Pastor
Silence Before the Lord**

+Trinitarian Greeting. Mark 12:29-31, Matthew 28:16-20

As the friends of God, let us bless the Lord!

Blessed be God the Father,

God the Son, and God the Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

What is the Great Commandment?

**To love the Lord our God with all our heart, all our soul,
all our mind, and all our strength,
and to love our neighbor as ourselves.**

And what is the Great Commission?

**That we, the church,
are to go among all the peoples of the world
and make disciples,
welcoming them into the body of Christ through baptism,
teaching them to do all that Jesus commanded us,
knowing that the risen Lord is with us until the end of time.**

+Mutual Blessing and Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray....

Testimonies to God’s Grace All Have A Voice!

I know that Jesus is alive because....

What The U.M. Church Teaches on Jesus’ Resurrection

(U.M. Articles of Religion, Article III)

“Christ did *truly* rise again from the dead,

and *took again his body*,

with all things appertaining to the perfection of man’s nature,

wherewith he ascended into heaven,

and there sitteth

until he return to judge all men/women at the last day.”

Sermon Lesson. I Corinthians 15:1-11

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon: “Digging Down To Bedrock”

A Prayer of Surrender

“Lord Jesus Christ, I believe that you are fully alive in the resurrection. Reign over me, and may I follow you all my days. Thank you for the forgiveness of sins and the gift of your Spirit. Amen”

+Prayers of the People

Lord, in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Today I pray for _____

+Dismissal with Blessing

I CORINTHIANS 15:1-11 "DIGGING DOWN TO BEDROCK"

1) w.1-2 INTRODUCTION: IMPLICATIONS OF THE GOSPEL: PRESENT & FUTURE. 3:1 Chiasm

General Resurrection Still Future; Jesus' Resurrection = Preview //12:3, Paul's Objective: Church Needs Reminders; Now I would remind you brethren (i.e. brothers and sisters), in what terms I PREACHED to you, "the gospel" (good news), 2:2, Event, Not Advice, Recalls Founding, Basics News Through Persons, //Formula Of 11:23-25 Acts 18:1-23, At Conversion/Baptism Positive Assessment By Paul Ultimate Kingdom Condition: If Persevere Risk & Warning //vv.58, If A Sham//vv.12-19 Without careful thought, Common Ground, Full Of Possibility, Peril

2) w.3-9 TRADITION/CREED ON JESUS' DEATH, RESURRECTION, APPEARANCES. vv.3b-5 Originally In Aramaic? What Is The Good News? Jesus' History? a) v.3a Jewish Rabbinic Formula For The Passing On Important Oral Traditions Exactly. Within 1-3 Years Of Jesus' Death (30-33AD), Common In Early Church Gospel Has Content & Context, Faithfully Passed On //11:23 Nothing More Important! How Paul Evaluated This Creed Faithful Appeal To Tradition, Received From Eye-Witnesses, Early 30's Not Something Paul Created; Values Faithfulness, Not Novelty b) w.3b-9 Early Creed: The Tradition Concerning Christ. FOUR ACTION VERBS 2 Long (1/1/1), 3 parts; 2 Short 9//2, 1 part, Islam Rejects The Death Innocent, Tacitus, (1) DIED (Atonement) Is. 53:5-6, 8-9, 11-12 (LXX), Zech. 12:10, Buried (Judges 8:32, Acts 2:29) p.v., Tomb Was Filled With A Body, Then Emptied! (2) WAS BURIED Rom. 4:24-25, Was Raised And Continues = Perfect Passive, Not Soul's Immortality and that he was raised/ on the third day/ according to the Scriptures, (3) WAS RAISED (Father By Spirit) Hos. 6:2(LXX), Jonah 1:7, Dan. 2:12, Mk. 8:31, Rom. 1:1-4, Ps. 16:9b-10, Acts 2:26b-27 and that he appeared to Cephas (Aramaic for Peter); Mk. 16:7, Lk. 24:34,36 (4a) APPEARED (List 1) Lk. 24:36-43, Jn. 21:19, Now Only Eleven, (Mt. 28:9-10, 16ff) then he appeared to more than five hundred brethren at one time, Not In Gospels (most of whom are alive, v.6b, vv.8-9 = Paul's Footnote, Check It Out! though some have fallen asleep [i.e. died]). Seeing Risen Lord Not Prevent Death p.v., Appeared = Was Allowed To Be Seen, Period Of Time, Sequence Then he appeared to James (i.e. Jesus' brother); Unbelief: Jn.7:2-9 (4b) APPEARED (List 2) Gal. 1:19, Commissioned Ambassadors, Mt. 28:16-20, Acts 1:6-11 (Last of all, as to "the one untimely born," he appeared to me, Stillborn, Aborted For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, Eph. 3:8, Testimony because I persecuted the church of God." Phil. 3:4-5, Acts 8:1-3, Gal. 1:11-19 3 Individuals/3 Groups, Paul's Is Equivalent, Gal. 1:18-2:10

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1) THE WHAT: Christ (Israel's Messiah) died Resurrection At End Solves Theodicy Problem Not Immortality Of Soul But Resurrection Of The Dead THE WHY: For our sins, in our place THE WHO: In accordance with the Scriptures (i.e. God's revealed will, not an accident) HOW DO WE KNOW HE DIED? He was buried. THE WHAT: He was raised (Passive Tense = by the Father and thru the Holy Spirit) THE WHEN: On the third day the empty tomb was discovered and the appearances began THE WHO: In accordance with the Scriptures (i.e. God's revealed will, not an accident) HOW DO WE KNOW HE WAS RAISED? He appeared; the empty tomb is implied and assumed.

SUMMARY OF THE EARLY CHRISTIAN CREED (w.3b-9). Resurrection, His And Ours, Is Not Optional But Central

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