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THE CHURCH WITH A HEART, IN THE HEART OF CHERAW.

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JANUARY 31, 2021

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

PRELUDE

“Angels We Have Heard on High”

Bryson Hunter

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYERⁱ

Un-stop our ears, O God, that we may hear your Word proclaimed this day. Open our minds and hearts to be changed. Free us from the unclean spirits of worry, fear, destruction, and pride. Teach us, Lord, that we may follow you more faithfully.

CALL TO WORSHIPⁱⁱ

P: Come to worship this day. Bring with you all your joys and sorrows.

C: Jesus will offer hope.

P: Come to worship this day believing in the power of God through Jesus Christ.

C: Jesus will bring us healing.

P: Come to worship this day feeling the presence of God.

C: Jesus will teach us new ways to live. AMEN.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son

is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in the one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. 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.

MORNING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN "Out of My Hands" by Jeremy Camp Words in Bulletin

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 1: 21-28

SERMON "What Have You to Do with Us?" Rev. Debra Armstrong

HYMN "Guide Me O Thy Great Jehovah"
Beth Meir, Organ Words in Bulletin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Amazing Grace" Bryson Hunter

ⁱLoving, Amy, UMC Discipleship Ministries and www.re-worship.blogspot.com

ⁱⁱ Townley, Nancy, Ministry Matters, Classic Worship © 2018



Out of My Hands

Jeremy Camp

Every day this never ending pressure
Tries to take its claim over my heart
I have tried to hold it all together
But time and time again, I fall apart

But that's where I find my life was never mine at all
You are the one inside always in control

So when it feels like all of this pain is never gonna end
Brought to my knees by all of these things I don't understand
Don't understand, I will let the weight of my fear fall like sand
Out of my hands and into Yours, out of my hands and into Yours

Letting go of worries I can't measure (Measure, measure)
Holding onto truth that's healing me (That's healing me)
Knowing I can trust You is a treasure
With eyes wide open now I finally see

I see that I find my life was never mine at all
You're still the one inside always in control

So when it feels like all of this pain is never gonna end
Brought to my knees by all of these things I don't understand
Don't understand, I will let the weight of my fear fall like sand
Out of my hands and into Yours, out of my hands and into Yours

Take this out of my hands, take this out of my hands (Take this out of my hands)
Take this out of my hands, it's out of my hands
There's nothing that You can't handle
God You are strong enough, only You can take this out of my hands
Out of my hands, You're greater than all of my sorrows
Worthy of all my trust
Thank You Lord this is out of my hands, out of my hands

So when it feels like all of this pain is never gonna end (Never gonna end)
Brought to my knees by all of these things I don't understand
Don't understand, I will let the weight of my fear fall like sand (Fall like sand)
Out of my hands and into Yours, out of my hands and into Yours

Take this out of my hands, take this out of my hands (Take this out of my hands)
Take this out of my hands, it's out of my hands
Take this out of my hands, take this out of my hands
Take this out of my hands, it's out of my hands

“Guide Me, O Thy Great Jehovah”

1. Guide me, O thou great Jehovah,
pilgrim through this barren land.
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed me till I want no more;
feed me till I want no more.

2. Open now the crystal fountain,
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fire and cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through.
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield;
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side.
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to thee;
I will ever give to thee.



THE CONNECTION

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The Mission of First United Methodist Church is to win and nurture souls for Jesus Christ by sharing and living the message of salvation.
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A Few Words from the Pastor...

But forget all that! It is nothing compared to what I am going to do. For I am about to do something new. See, I have already begun! Do you not see it? I will make a pathway through the wilderness. I will create rivers in the dry wasteland. Isaiah 43:18-19 NLT

Many of the challenges of 2020 have carried over into 2021. Because of the challenges and uncertainty, it has been difficult to be optimistic and hopeful. Planning and preparing for our daily lives and for the ministry is still filled with precautions and contingencies. Isaiah reminds us to forget about these things and open our eyes to see the pathways and rivers that the Lord is creating for us!

This reminder came to me in two devotionals last week that encouraged us to preserve and be hopeful in midst of trials. Later that day I read about the rover that is expected to land on mars next month and its twin. The name of the Mars rover is PERSEVERANCE. Its twin is an earthbound copy that will perform the same tasks on earth to help engineers analyze the work and fix any problems with PERSEVERANCE. The machine on earth is named OPTIMISM, which is an acronym for Operational Perseverance Twin for Integration of Mechanisms and Instruments Sent to Mars.¹

I have always been a space geek and this news brought a smile to my face. As I reflected about the words perseverance and optimism, I realized that those are character traits we need right now to see and travel the pathways and rivers to the new things God is doing in our family life and our church life. Let's keep our eyes wide open as we travel our spiritual journeys together with perseverance and optimism.

Pastor Debra

**No matter how heavy the challenges we face in our life, embrace optimism, perseverance, tenacity and courage. Never lose faith and hope and a generous heart who live and breathes with a timeless love.
~ Angelica Hopes**



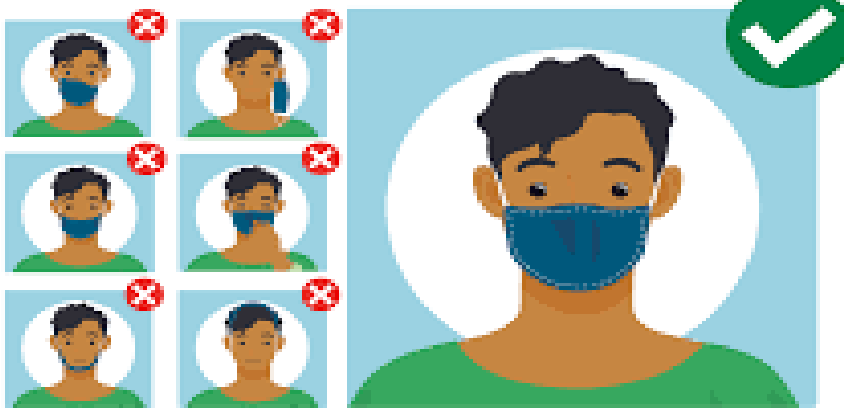
morefamousquotes.com

¹ Ashley Strickland, "Meet OPTIMISM, the Perseverance Rover's Twin on Earth," CNN, September 9, 2020.

OUR PRAYER LIST — Our President, our Congress, all Governors, Mayors, State, County, and Local employees, all health care workers, EMT's, all who defend our nation, all who make decisions for our nation, Jane Mayhew, Jane Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thrailkill, Jim Bennett, Margaret Stanton, Dare Marsh, Phillip Caulder, JoAnne Morgan, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Randy Butler, Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Sam Eubanks, Harold Lomas, Becky Thompson, Shannon Laney Family (Betty Hurst's friend), Kim and Austin Carnell (Martha Starling's daughter & son-in-law), Anne Bryan Family. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

A mask worn incorrectly is not safe or effective.

ARE YOU WEARING YOUR MASK CORRECTLY?



Make sure:

-  Your nose, mouth, and chin are covered
-  Your straps should hold your mask snugly around your face without any gaps.



Thank You For Your Cooperation With Our COVID-19 Safety Protocols!

Enter Through Office Lobby
 Temperature Checks
 Exit Through Sanctuary Front Doors after Worship as Directed by Ushers
 Maintain 6ft Distance
 No Singing
 Wear Masks Properly and the Entire Time You Are in the Church

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: The UMW have started purchasing cantered meals for bereavement meals due to the COVID-19 restrictions. If you would like to donate to this cause, please mark your check bereavement meals and mail it or drop it off at the church on Sunday morning.

FLOWER CALENDAR: The 2021 flower calendar has been placed in the lobby area. If you would like to sign up for a special Sunday, please sign up on the calendar on Sunday or call the church office and Angie will put your name on the calendar for you.

BIBLE STUDY AND SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: All Bible Study and Sunday School classes are postponed until further notice due to the high incidence of COVID-19 in our area.

BOOK AVAILABLE: Copies of the book titled "Resurrection, A Pastor's Reading of the Major New Testament Resurrection Passages" by Pastor Phil Thrailkill, are available in the church office. They are \$15.00 each and the money is being donated to FUMC.

J.O.Y CLUB: The J.O.Y Club will not be meeting until further notice. Mary and Renie will advise when the first meeting will be.



Nurture and Care Ministry Reaching Hearts

First United Methodist Church's Nurture and Care ministry works extremely hard to help shut-ins stay connected with our church especially during the covid-19 pandemic. Phone calls, cards, and gifts help those who cannot attend church at this time know we love them and are thinking about them. The transport ministry has provided rides for several individuals to doctor's appointments. If you would like to be contacted by one of our ministry volunteers, or if you need a ride to a doctor's appointment, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

MEMORIAL GIFTS: If you would like to give an "in memory" gift to FUMC, you may designate it to any area listed below: Contingency Fund, Endowment Fund, Memorial Fund, Music Fund, Adult Exercise Class, Salkehatchie Summer Service, Bus Fund, Youth Ministries, Children's Ministries, Building Upkeep Fund, Parsonage Upkeep Fund, Grounds Upkeep Fund, Pastor's Discretionary Fund, Flower Fund, Bereavement Meals, and named Scholarships. Call the church office for more information.



Join us for virtual worship when you cannot be here in person. Sunday Morning Worship Services are recorded each week in the sanctuary. The service is available by 2 p.m. on the Sunday it is recorded. To worship with us virtually go to [www.fumc.org](#). Click on the tab labeled "video sermon archive." Then click on the service you want to participate in and enjoy worshipping with your church family. The most recent sermon will always be at the top of the list



Your Help Needed!

We do not currently have a person on staff to provide music for worship. Volunteer musicians are providing the music for the prelude and postlude each Sunday. We are using recordings of hymns. If you can play the guitar, piano, organ we need your help to provide music for our worship service in this transition. Please contact Jenny Keefe at 843-601-2586 and offer to share your

God-given talents with our church.

ENDOWMENT FUND: Have you considered remembering the church in your will/bequests? The Endowment can grow through your special giving, if you would like to make a contribution to this fund, mark on the “for line” of your check Endowment Fund.

IN MEMORY OR HONOR

In Memory of Amy Smith

M&M Jack VanDeman, Mary Anderson, James & Linda Hartman

In Memory of Billy Wicker

M&M Jack VanDeman, Judy Dixon, M&M David Johnson, M&M Joe Witherspoon, Maryann Clark

In Memory of M&M Jerry Therrell

M&M Jack VanDeman, M&M Ronnie Cundiff

In Memory of Sarah Margaret Therrell

M&M Dorr Depew, M&M Paul Miles, M&M John Moore, Marvin & Gloria Lee

In Memory of Pete Baker

M&M Jack VanDeman, Judy Dixon, Betty Thraikill, M&M Paul Miles, M&M John Moore

In Memory of Henry Brasington

Betty Thraikill, M&M Paul Miles, M&M John Moore

In Memory of Frances Laney

Claywell F. Watson, Johnny & Claywell Allen

In Memory of Sam McCuen

M&M John Moore

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, January 31, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:00pm Finance Committee Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm UMYF
6:00pm Church Council Meeting
(Fellowship Hall)

Monday, February 1, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, February 2, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm February 7 Bulletin Deadline

Wednesday, February 3, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Thursday, February 4, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open

Sunday, February 7, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:30-7:00pm UMYF

Welcome Trenton Carlyle Smith

Born January 23, 2021 @ 12:51 a.m.

7 lbs. 1 oz. 21 inches

Parents: Michael and Janice Smith

Grandparents: Robert and Angie Smith
Rex and Tammy Walters

FUMC STAFF

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Angie Smith, Ministry Assistant (fumcangiesmith@gmail.com)

Holly Haire, Child Development Ministry Director (fccdm@yahoo.com)

Now Hiring! - Music Director

McArn Items: Cereals
Head Usher: Greg Sanderson
Attendance January 24: 50

Year to Date Received: \$17,889.00
Year to Date Expenses: \$24,292.50