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**Create in me
a clean heart,
O God,
and put a new
and right
spirit
within me.**

Psalm 51:10

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MARCH 21, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

LITURGICAL COLOR: BURLAP

PRELUDE

“I Sing the Almighty Power of God”

Pre-recorded on Organ By Beth Maier

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING PRAYER

PSALTER

Psalm 51:1-12

P: Have mercy on me, God, according to your faithful love! Wipe away my wrongdoings according to your great compassion!

C: Wash me completely clean of my guilt; purify me from my sin!

P: Because I know my wrongdoings, my sin is always right in front of me.

C: I have sinned against you—you alone. I’ve committed evil in your sight. That is why you are justified when you render your verdict, completely correct when you issue your judgment.

P: Yes, I was born in guilt, in sin, from the moment my mother conceived me.

C: And yes, you want truth in the most hidden places; you teach me wisdom in the most secret space.

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me.

P: Purify me with hyssop and I will be clean; wash me and I will be whiter than snow. **C: Let me hear joy and celebration again; let the bones you crushed rejoice once more.**

P: Hide your face from my sins; wipe away all my guilty deeds!

C: Create a clean heart for me, God; put a new, faithful spirit deep inside me!

P: Please do not throw me out of your presence; please do not take your holy spirit away from me.

C: Return the joy of your salvation to me and sustain me with a willing spirit.

ALL: Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit in me. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Jeremiah 31: 31-34

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH - Apostles Creed

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

Pre-recorded on the organ by John Lineberger

MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

HYMN

"What Can Wash My Sins Away"

Words in Bulletin

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE READING

Hebrews 10: 12-18

Pastor Debra

SERMON

"Written on the Heart"

Pastor Debra

HYMN

"Lord, I Give You My Heart" By Michael W. Smith

Words in Bulletin

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"Victory in Jesus"

Pre-recorded on Organ By John Lineberger



What Can Wash My Sins Away

Robert Lowry

1 What can wash away my sin?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.
What can make me whole again?
Nothing but the blood of Jesus.

Refrain:

O precious is the flow
that makes me bright as snow;
no other fount I know;
nothing but the blood of Jesus.

2 For my pardon this I see:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
For my cleansing this my plea:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

3 Nothing can for sin atone:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
Naught of good that I have done:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

4 This is all my hope and peace:
nothing but the blood of Jesus.
This is all my righteousness:
nothing but the blood of Jesus. [Refrain]

Lord, I Give You My Heart

Michael W. Smith

This is my desire, to honour You
Lord with all my heart I worship You

All I have within me

I give You praise

All that I adore is in You

Lord I give You my heart

I give You my soul

I live for You alone

Every breath that I take

Every moment I'm awake

Lord have Your way in me

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THE CONNECTION

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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Words from the Pastor...

And they said to him, "Grant us to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your glory. Mark 10:37 NRSV

As they were walking to Jerusalem one day, Jesus told his disciples what he would face when they get there. Jesus would be handed over to the chief priests and scribes and would be condemned to death. Then he would be handed over to the Gentiles who would mock him, spit on him, flog him, and then kill him. (Mark 8:31-37, 9:30-32, 10:32-34)

Clearly the disciples did not expect or want to hear this horrible news. Unable to process this James and John ignore or only hear part of what Jesus said and ask questions about sharing in Jesus' glory after he dies. They told Jesus they wanted to be great by sitting one at Jesus' right hand and one at Jesus' left hand in heaven.

Having had more than our share of bad news this past year we can relate to James and John. However, Jesus used this as a teaching opportunity for them. Jesus told them that anyone who wanted to be great must be a slave to all. He continued by saying that anyone who wished to be first must do as Jesus did, for Jesus came into the world not to be served but to serve. (Matthew 20:20-28, Mark 10:43-45)

It may not be what we want to hear when Jesus tells us that rather than receiving honor as a believer that we must serve others who need our care. Or we may be willing to serve but not sure in our current environment how we can do that. This Lenten season we have been collecting funds for The Backpack Food Ministry that provides weekend food for students at Cheraw Intermediate School. We also have opportunities to serve by providing food for the FUMC Foodbank and the McArn Foodbank. Seemingly small acts of kindness can serve others in a big way. Making a phone call or sending a card to a shut in, watering a sick neighbor's flowers, or giving a gift certificate from a local restaurant to a grieving family all are opportunities to serve.

As we look forward to conquering this pandemic, let us hear Jesus' words to James and John and remember that like Jesus we are to serve others. Let us be on the lookout and seize the opportunities to serve our Lord Jesus by serving others.

Pastor Debra

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 Campbell, Jeff Foster, Mabel Foster, Betty Thrailkill, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Christy Moore (Sally Smith's friend), Becky Thompson, Judy Quick (Sally Smith's friend), Mary Lomas, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Syble Sanderson, Terry Cocker (Becky Thompson's friend), Bill Eutsler, Jr (Renie Seel's friend), Sam Eubanks, Betty Board, Margaret Stanton. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED: The UMW have started purchasing catered 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.

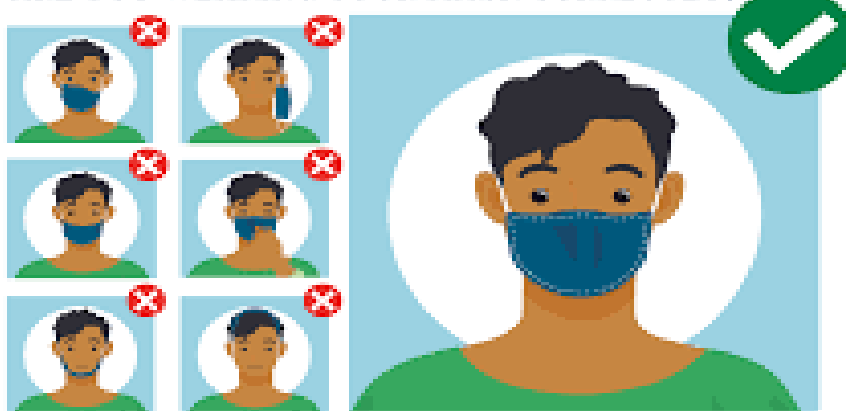
*Worship with Us During Holy Week and on Easter Sunday
March 28 – April 4th*

Holy week begins with the Palm Sunday worship service at 10:00 a.m. On April 1st we will have a Maundy Thursday Service at 6:00 p.m. Holy Communion will be provided using individual packets during this service.



There will be two services on Easter Sunday, April 4th. The Easter Sunrise service will be on the lawn at 6:30 p.m. Please bring a chair, wear a mask, and keep social distance. We will have the flowering of the cross after this service. Members are invited to bring flowers to put on the cross. The traditional Easter service will be at 10:00 a.m. in the sanctuary.

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



SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES TO RESUME All Sunday school classes will resume on Sunday, April 11, 2021 at 9:00 a.m. Please contact your Sunday school teacher to let them know you plan to attend. This will insure we have enough books and help us set up classrooms following our safety protocols.

ATTENTION PARENTS OF CHILDREN IN KINDERGARTEN – 5TH GRADE: With Sunday school scheduled to start on April 11 we are needing to know how many children in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be coming to Sunday school at this time.

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.

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.

Backpack Food Ministry Update

We have reached our first tier and second tier goals. We now have the funds to provide for two months of food for 50 students! Thank you to all who have contributed so far. We still need donations to reach the final goal of providing enough funds for three months of food for 50 students. You may donate by placing cash or checks in the backpack on the table in the lobby on Sunday mornings. Or you may mail or bring in your donation to the church office. Be sure to put meal backpack ministry in the memo section of your check and/or on your envelope.



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.



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.

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.



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.

AARP FOUNDATION TAX-AIDE TAXPAYER SURVEY: Tax-Aide is for older adults who are on a fixed income or low income, you do not have to be a member of AARP, if you would like to make an appointment or have any questions please call 843-638-3045.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Harold Lomas

Michael & Cathy Chapman, Highland Industries, Inc.

In Memory of Lorena Kelly

James Kelly

In Memory of Debbie Butler

M&M David McLean

In Memory of Margie Wannamaker

Salley S. Bradford

In Memory of M&M Jerry Therrell

Robert & Paulette Herres

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 21, 2021

10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
After worship Covid-19 Safety Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm UMYF

Monday, March 22, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, March 23, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
5:00pm Worship Ministry Team Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
6:30pm SPRC Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm March 28 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, March 25, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
4:30pm Online Lenten Bible Study

Sunday, March 28, 2021

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



We have some needs for our food pantry. It is helpful to have items that have pull-top lids. Food for the pantry may be dropped off at the church on Sundays or Tuesday – Thursday during office hours. Items needed at this time are:

- Canned meat
- Canned Meals—Beef Stew, Beenie Weenies, etc.
- Ramen Noodles
- Canned vegetables
- Canned fruit
- Spaghetti noodles and sauces
- Instant Grits
- Instant Oatmeal
- Low sugar nutritious cereal
- Individual packs of cookies, cheese crackers, peanut butter crackers, etc

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received week ending March 17: \$8,925.18
Attendance March 14: 54
Meal backpacks Total: \$1,105.00

Amount needed year to date: \$63,776.35
Received year to date: \$60,883.45
McArn Items: Crackers
Head Ushers: Keith Smith and Jeff Johnson

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