

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

APRIL 4, 2021

EASTER SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Jackson and Zenda Rushing

PRELUDE

“Allegra” By Wolfgang Amedeus Mozart

Peyton Taylor & Jessica Elvington

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GREETING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Christ is Risen!

C: Christ is Risen Indeed!

CALL TO WORSHIPⁱ

P: Our long journey through the darkness is over!

C: We are dancing into the light of Jesus’ resurrection!

P: No more do we need to fear!

C: No more will we feel that we are alone and lost!

P: Jesus lives in our hearts and our spirits!

C: Jesus calls us to be a source of hope and joy for others!

L: Alleluia!

C: Alleluia! Amen!

HYMN NO 302

“Christ the Lord Is Risen Today” (verses 1-4)

Beth Maier, Organist

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 25: 8-9

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885

GLORIA PATRI

John Lineberger, Organist

MORNING PRAYER & LORD’S PRAYER

ANTHEM

“In the Garden”

Mary Crouse, Beth Maier, Jackson Rushing

NEW TESTAMENT SCRIPTURE

John 20:1-18

Pastor Debra

SERMON

“Dare to Dance in the Garden”

Pastor Debra

HYMN NO. 310

“He Lives”

Beth Maier, Organist

BENEDICTION

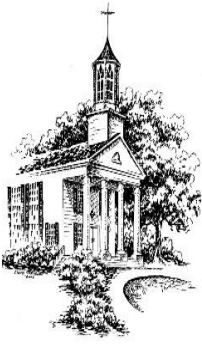
POSTLUDE

“Jupiter” by Gustav Holtz

Peyton Taylor and Jessica Elvington

¹ Townley, Nancy, www.ministrymatters.com, Worship Easter 2021
All music was pre-recorded.

***The lilies are placed in the sanctuary today by the Ezer Sunday School class to the Glory of God in celebration of Easter and in recognition of their eleventh year together.*



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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A Few Words from the Pastor...

IT'S THE GREAT 50 DAYS OF EASTER! DARE TO DANCE AGAIN!

It is easy sometimes to view life as a progression of stages; it is also too simple. Life rarely progresses smoothly through stages—instead, we alternate between triumphs and tears, advances and setbacks. In the movie, *Singing in the Rain*, Gene Kelly famously danced on sidewalks, curbs and in the street reminding us to sing and dance in the rain just as we would on a sunny day. Our journey with our Lord Jesus teaches us that God accompanies us through all of it—our best shining moments and our darkest rainy failures. The celebration and praise of Easter marks the victory of God over our greatest enemy—death. It is a reason for us to celebrate and dare to dance again even as we continue to deal with a pandemic!

Resurrection day, the day we call Easter, proclaims that we can dare to dance every day because God loved the world so much Jesus died and rose again for it! There is no more profound proclamation. Each Sunday, we gather to tell the story again and again, of how we are claimed, and marked, and carried, through this life and beyond, as God's people. We are at our best when we are together as God's people, reminding each other and ourselves who we are called to be, and how much we are blessed. During the Easter season the sermon series will focus on Jesus' post resurrection appearances and how they encouraged his followers then and now to dare to dance again. I pray you will be part of the gathering each Sunday, as we celebrate the great fifty days of the Easter season here at First United Methodist Church, and that you will encourage others to join us on the journey.

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, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Syble Sanderson, Bill Eutsler, Jr (Renie Seel's friend), Sam Eubanks, Betty Board, Margaret Stanton, Emily Marsh. **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.

REVISED FUMC COVID-19 SAFETY PROTOCOLS



- ❖ Please enter through the Fellowship Hall Entrance for Sunday School and Worship
- ❖ Ushers will direct people to the pews.
- ❖ Families may sit together in the same pew.
- ❖ Friends who have had vaccines may sit in the same pew.
- ❖ Properly wear a mask when you are in the church buildings.
- ❖ Maintain social distance in the classrooms, hallways, and sanctuary.
- ❖ Keep traffic flowing smoothly by visiting with others outside buildings.
- ❖ Exit Sunday School classrooms at the direction of the Sunday School leaders.
- ❖ Exit worship through the doors at the back of the sanctuary at the direction of the ushers.



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

Thanks for Your Generosity!!!!

We have exceeded our goal and are able to provide food for weekend food backpacks for more than three months to children in need at Cheraw Intermediate School. Easter Sunday will be the final Sunday we will collect donations for this mission project. Thanks to all who participated in this Lenten Mission project.





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.



Flowering of the Easter Cross

Flowers may be put on the cross any time on Easter Sunday.

The cross is just outside the entrance to the fellowship hall and office.

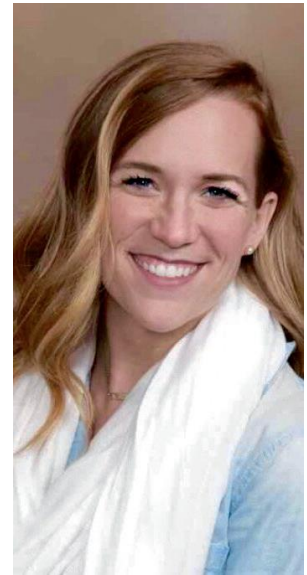
Thanks to everyone who contributed to this wonderful display to help us remember of the beauty of Resurrection Day!

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.

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.

GIVING THE RELIGIOUS LEADERS OF TOMORROW A HELPING HAND TODAY.

5th Annual Religious Scholars Program
\$62,500 awarded for the 2021-22 academic year



CM CARES

Church Mutual Insurance Company Foundation

CM CARES believes helping today's vibrant and dedicated religious scholars will ensure strong faith-based communities of tomorrow. That's why, for the fifth year in a row, we're offering 25 scholarships totaling \$62,500 for the 2021-22 academic year.

**ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION & APPLICATION DETAILS:
Churchmutual.com/cmcares-scholars**

THANK YOU: Thank you so very much for your prayers, telephone calls, visits, and food during Harold's knee surgery, recovery, and death. Thanks also for the donations made to FUMC in his memory. He loved his church and his church friends. Sincerely, Mary (Snookie) Lomas and Family.

MEMORIALS

In Memory of Harold Lomas

M&M Doug Marsh, Bob & Kathy Swartz, M&M Sammy Turner

In Memory of Sarah Margaret Therrell

JoAnne Morgan

In Memory of Billy Wicker

JoAnne Morgan

In Memory of Jane Mayhew

JoAnne Morgan

In Memory of Anne Bryan

JoAnne Morgan

In Memory of Pete Baker

JoAnne Morgan

In Memory of Shannon Laney

JoAnne Morgan

In Memory of Debbie Butler

M&M Doug Marsh, M&M Rhett Butler

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 4, 2021

6:30am Sunrise Service (Church Lawn)
10:00am Worship in Sanctuary
5:30-7:00pm **NO** UMYF

Monday, April 5, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, April 6, 2021

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

Wednesday, April 7, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm April 11 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, April 8, 2021

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

Sunday, April 11, 2021

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

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received week ending March 31: \$9,750.00
Attendance March 28: 59
Meal backpacks Total: \$2,044.00
Greeter: Jim and Marianne Crawford

Amount needed year to date: \$75,372.05
Received year to date: \$70,633.45
McArn Items: Peanut butter and jelly
Head Ushers: Jeff Johnson

FUMC STAFF

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