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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

OCTOBER 3, 2021

19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST, WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

CHIMING OF THE HOUR		Michael Williams
PRELUDE	“Let Us Break Bread Together”	LET US BREAK BREAD
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Greg Sanderson
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Greg Sanderson
<p>L: Praise be to God who has called us together. C: We come here seeking healing and hope. L: Open your hearts to God’s redeeming love. C: Help us to hear your words, O Lord, and follow your ways. All: AMEN.</p>		
OPENING PRAYER²		Greg Sanderson
<p>Lord, we come to you today with so many things on our hearts. You call us to be in relationship of trust and love with you and you offer healing to us for those portions of our lives that are broken and injured. Help us to be open to your mercy and healing love. For we ask this in Jesus’ Name. AMEN.</p>		
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885		Greg Sanderson
*GLORIA PATRI		GREATOREX
*OPENING HYMN NO. 613	“O Thou Who This Mysterious Bread”	LAND OF REST
MORNING PRAYER AND LORD’S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 2: 14-21	
SERMON	“Do You Have <i>The</i> FEVER?”	Rev. Telley L. Gadson
REFLECTIVE HYMN	“You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” (found UMH 629)	GIFT OF FINEST WHEAT
SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION (SEE PRINT OUT IN BULLETIN)		
*BENEDICTION		Pastor T.
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 159	“Lift High the Cross” CRUCIFER	Congregation
<p>Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name. Come, Christians, follow this triumphant sing. The hosts of God in unity combine. Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim till all the world adore His sacred name.</p>		
*POSTLUDE	“Blessed Assurance”	arr. by Dean McIntyre
<i>*If you are able, please stand.</i>		

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3112>

²ibid.

The flowers in the sanctuary are given to the glory of God and in memory of Margie M. Bennett by Jim Bennett.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION¹

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin, and who seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE OF PARDON²

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful Lord, you know that we are stubborn and willful. We believe that we know the right way to do everything and to heal all the troubles of the world. We resort to extraordinary means to provide healing only to find that we have not placed our trust in your redeeming love. Our efforts fall far short of the goal of reconciliation. Forgive us our stubbornness and arrogance. Heal our wounded souls and restore hope and compassion to our relationships with you and with each other. Lift us up and cause us to serve you by serving others in this world. AMEN.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

P: God's love and restoring mercy are poured out for us. Receive these blessings, for we are loved by God and granted forgiveness and mercy. In the name of Christ Jesus, you are forgiven!

C: In the name of Christ Jesus, you are forgiven!

All: Glory to God! Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING³

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. You have made from one every nation and people to live on all the face of the earth. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. He commissioned us to be his witnesses to the ends of the earth and to make disciples of all nations, and today his family in all the world is joining at his holy table.

¹ The Book of Worship, The Methodist Publishing House; Copyright © 1980, 1985, 1989, 1992 UMPH; page 35 Copyright © 1972

² <https://www.ministrymatters.com/all/entry/3112>

³ "The Great Thanksgiving for World Communion Sunday," The Methodist Publishing House; Copyright © 1972, 1980, 1985, 1989, 1992 UMPH. Used by permission.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you.
Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood. Renew our communion with your Church throughout the world, and strengthen it in every nation and among every people to witness faithfully in your name. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God now and forever. **Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD⁴

Because there is one loaf, we, who are many, are one body, for we all partake of the one loaf. The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

The cup over which we give thanks is a sharing in the blood of Christ.

GIVING OF THE BREAD AND CUP⁵

The body of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **Amen**

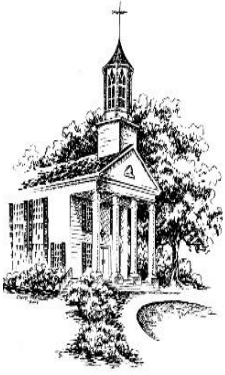
PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING⁶

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Receive us a little children open to the wonder of your love. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

⁴ O'Donnell, Michael J, OSL, Lift Up Your Hearts Year B, OSL Publications, Akron, Ohio, 1999, pg.124.

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Ibid.



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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SUNDAY MORNING REFLECTION

Sunday September 26, 2021

Reverend Telley L. Gadson, Hartville District Superintendent
and Chief Mission Strategist

These words are flowing from my heart this morning,

"How can I say thanks for the things God has done for me (us), things so undeserved, yet God proved His love for me (us); the voices of a million angels could not express my (our) gratitude, but everything I (we) am (are) and could ever hope to be, I (we) owe it all to Thee! To God be the glory...for the things God has done!"

I pray that you and your kindred are doing exceptionally well on this Lord's Day, and that you are READY and SET on GO to give your absolute best to the work you have been called for this day! There is a resounding chorus in my spirit to give thanks to God for all that God has done, is doing, and will do. I hope that this same sound is resonating with you for such a time as this!

As the summer takes its recess, we are reminded that God has planned everything to be made beautiful in God's own time. The crisp presence of autumn, leaves descending, colors changing in nature, the cooling of the wind, and the celestial smell of all-things-pumpkin-spice collectively represent fall's clarion call. This seasonal transition reminds us that everything here on earth must and will change. The simultaneous blessing and burden for us is the consistency of change. Process and procedures change. Protocols change. Perspectives change. People change. Yet, there is the blessed assurance that God is the same yesterday, today, and forevermore.

Yes, here is another reminder of the plight of humanity and the power of God's divinity! So, what shall we say to these things? How do we respond to transition? What is our response to the call of change? Our response is two-fold: reflect and reset, both steered by the winds of thanksgiving to God, Who does all things well!

Reflection is good for us. It empowers us to review the past without getting stuck there. It reveals the lessons of the journey - good, bad, and otherwise. It releases us to let go of what we can not change, and let God give us the courage to change what we can. Through it, we can see our truth in an escape from denial. From it, we make the choice of better or bitter for the facing of our days.

Reset is fueled by exercising the lessons of reflections. The resulting life-endorphins set us on a path moving forward. The trajectory we seek is manifested by intentional efforts to be better today than yesterday with bright hopes for tomorrow. It doesn't happen by wishing for magic or osmosis from the sky, but it does happen day-by-day, and experience-by-experience. The reset is a blessing because we graduate from the guilt of our mistakes and the grief of our shortcomings!

So, let us receive the inspiration of the autumn that has fallen upon us to reflect and reset. Despite the constant of change, there is the absolute consistency of God's grace and mercy for the facing of each and every day! For these things and so many others blessings, I decree and declare, *"To God be the Glory!"*

Remember, I love you and there is nothing you can do about it! Have an amazing day and an awesome week!

Steadfast in Prayer and Faith...

Much LOVE and GRACE (MLAG),

Pastor T

SAFETY PROTOCOLS UPDATED

COVID-19

The Covid-19 Safety Team met Sunday, September 12, 2021 and updated the safety protocols for First United Methodist Church. These three changes will begin on Sunday, September 19th. The purpose of these changes is to help keep safe the most vulnerable among us. They are needed because of the current high case count and high-risk levels for getting this virus in Chesterfield County. Once the count and risk levels decrease to safer numbers, we will return to our current protocols. Please help us love our neighbors and care for the least of these!

Choir not to practice or sing.

Maintain social distance.

The pews have been marked with yarn to help us know where to sit. Please sit in a pew that has not been marked.

Nursery not provided.

Wear a mask inside.

If you do not have a mask or forget yours, masks are available at the entrances to the church.

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, Jim Bennett, Phillip Caulder, Taylor Novinger (Dr. Novinger's son), Judy Quick, Scott Tomberlin, Charlotte Crosby, Jimmy Duffy, Tony Thrailkill, Theodore Burns, Mondell Brasington (Debbie Adams' mother), Margaret Stanton, Nicole Johnson (Joey Mill's acquaintance), Joey & Trina Mills. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

UMW MEETING

The UMW will meet on Sunday, October 3 at 3:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. The agenda for this meeting will include meeting schedule, service projects, programs, and budget. All women of the church are invited. (Mask and social distancing will be observed)

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Need Help?

If you have a further questions that we didn't answer, please feel free to email fumcangiesmith@gmail.com or call the church office at 843-537-7002.



Looking For a Few Good Techs

First Methodist is seeking to train a small staff of two or three individuals to assist with the weekly video recording of Sunday worship services and other church activities. No prior experience with video equipment is required although basic computer skills would be useful. The time required would be about one Sunday per month from 10:45 am to 1:30 pm following three Sundays of training (total of six hours) and close supervision until you are comfortable with the equipment and tasks. If you are at least 14 years of age and would like to serve your church while learning interesting and technical life-skills, contact Angie at 537-7002 to get your name on the list.

WORSHIP ONLINE: Not able to be here for in-person worship? Then join us online! To worship online, go to our website www.cherawfirstumc.org. Click on the tab at the top of the page that says video sermon archive. The most recent worship service will be the first service listed. Worship services are available on our website by 2:00 p.m. on Sundays.

TRANSPORTATION MINISTRY AT FUMC: Our Nurture and Care team at First United Methodist Church will provide rides to individuals to doctor's or other medical appointments. If you need a ride, please contact the church office at 843-537-7002.

TURNING 90 OR ABOVE: We have a church member who will turn 90 or above this month. If you would like to send a card to this individual the address is listed below.

Edith Quick (October 13)
11 Hamden Circle
Cheraw, SC 29520

FALL BAR-B-QUE

Saturday, October 16, 2021

Drive-thru only

11:00am-2:00pm

Pork or Chicken

Donation \$10.00

See Rhett Butler for tickets

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, October 3, 2021

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary
Charge Conference in
Sanctuary immediately following
worship
3:00pm UMW Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Monday, October 4, 2021

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, October 5, 2021

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

Wednesday, October 6, 2021

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm October 10 Bulletin Deadline

Thursday, October 7, 2021

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

Sunday, October 10, 2021

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship in Sanctuary

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,797.85
Amount received for week of September 29: \$8,840.98
Sunday School Attendance, September 26: 44
FUMC Food Pantry Item: Peanut butter
Greeters: David & Jean McLean
Acolyte: Zenda Rushing
Flowers next Sunday: Henrietta Kollitz

Amount needed year to date: \$226,116.15
Received year to date: \$229,329.28
Worship Attendance, September 26: 49
McArn Items: Rice crispy treats
Head Usher: Jed Reid
Liturgist for next Sunday: Bonnie Cundiff

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