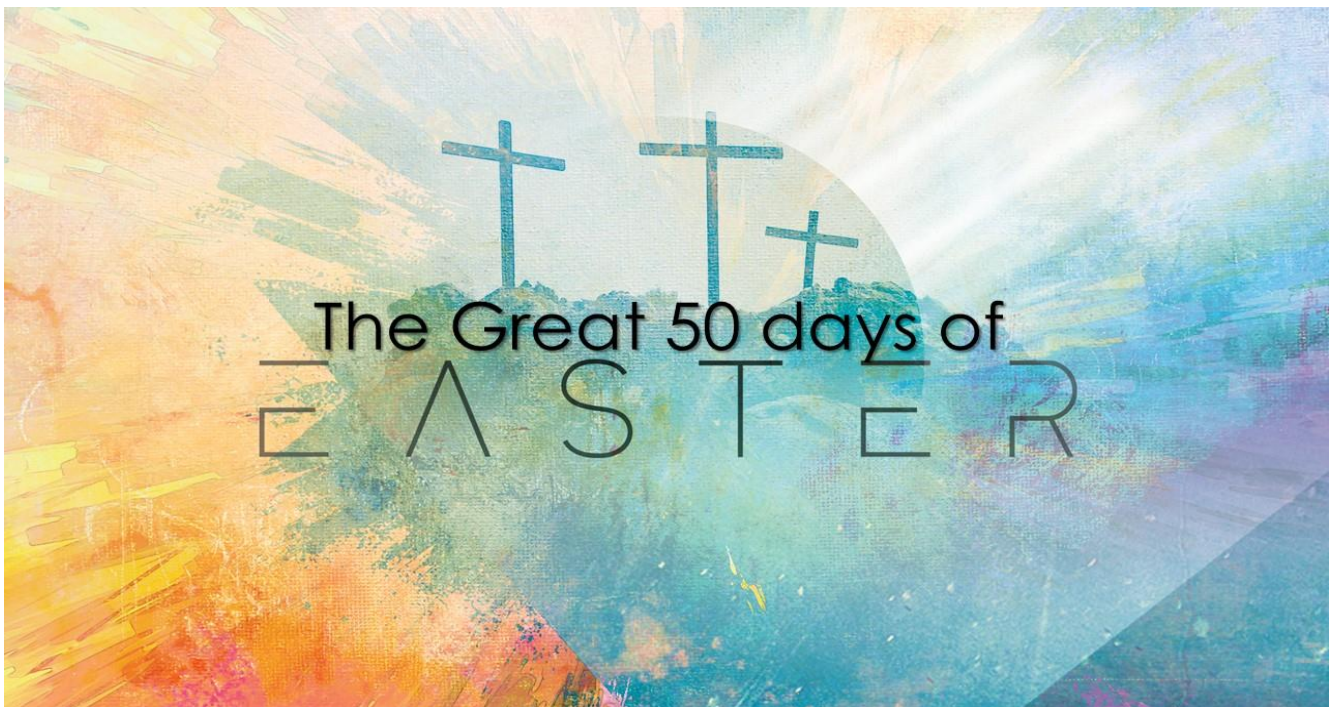


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A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

MAY 15, 2022

5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

Please sign the attendance pad and pass it to everyone on the pew. Once the last person has signed, please fold it in half and put in the offering plate.

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

Martha Starling

PRELUDE

“Voluntary X in D Minor”

Jim Glass

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rhett Butler

PRESENTATION OF SCHOLARSHIPS

John Wagnon & Debbie Elmore

CALL TO WORSHIP¹

Rhett Butler

L: Let praise to God resound in the heavens!

C: Let praise to God fill the earth!

L: Let all God’s angels offer praise and rejoicing!

C: Let all God’s creatures sing praise and joy!

L: Open your hearts and spirits today.

C: Let us praise the Lord today and always! AMEN.

OPENING PRAYER²

Rhett Butler

Gracious and Loving God, we are grateful that you have called us together this day, drawing us from darkness to the glory of your light. May our spirits rejoice at the good news you have for us today. Open our hearts to your healing love, for we ask this in Christ’s Name. AMEN.

PSALTER NO. 861-62

Psalm 148

Rhett Butler

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH³**

We trust in God, Spirit of life, Creator of all that is and all that is to come; who surrounds us and fills us; who speaks the Word of life in us, and so we listen.

We listen to Jesus, Revealer of God, our brother, our teacher, who lived in prayer and love. Listening to God’s voice and doing God’s will, he gave his life in love; but God raise him to life eternal; and so we follow him.

We follow in the power of the Holy Spirit, God alive in us, for the sake of the healing of the world. We trust in the power of forgiveness, the reality of resurrection, the gift of the universal Church as the body of Christ and the mystery of eternal life. Amen

***GLORIA PATRI NO. 70**

MEINKE

***HYMN NO. 62 (vss 1, 5,7)**

“All Creatures of Our God and King”

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE⁴ AND LORD’S PRAYER

P: Jesus suffered death and rose to glory for the life of the world. Let us lift up our hearts in thanks to God and pray for the cares of the world, saying, Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

C; Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

P: Holy God, your son humbled himself, even to death, to show us the power of loving service. Guide those holding positions of power, that their decisions give rise to the mutual flourishing of the world you so love.

C; Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

P: Healing God, your son is betrayed and crucified in our violent world each day. Raise us to a new and rightly ordered world through the reconciling love of Christ, where all victims of violence, persecution, shame, or terror may stand together with you in peace.

C: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

P: Forsaken God, as your son suffered his cruel death on the cross, darkness covered the whole land. Enlighten us to care for your creation, awaken us from our denial and abuse, and help us to alleviate its suffering.

C: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

P: Grieving God, your son consoled others in life and in death. We pray for all who are distressed, broken, or sorrowful, that together with Christ in his suffering we may be healed and raised in you.

C: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

P: Eternal God, your son was lovingly cared for as he was laid to rest in a tomb. We remember before you those who have died and pray for those who will die today, enfold them in your love, that they may rest and rise with Christ forever in his light.

C: Save us, O Lord, for your mercy is great.

P: We ask all this in the name of Jesus, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever as pray the prayer Jesus taught us saying,

C: Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

OFFERTORY	“Jesus Loves Me” Debussy/Bock/Glass	Choir
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 549 (vss. 1-3)	“Where Charity and Love Prevail”	ST. PETER
SCRIPTURE READING	Acts 11: 1-8	Pastor Debra
SERMON	“Outsiders and Insiders”	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 2158 (The Faith We Sing)	“Just a Closer Walk with Thee”	CLOSER WALK
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE	“He Is Lord”	HE IS LORD
He is Lord, He is Lord, he has risen from the dead and is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. He is Lord, He is Lord, he has risen from the dead and is Lord! Every knee shall bow, every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.		
*POSTLUDE	“Improvisation on LASST UNS ERFREUEN” Miles Martin	Jim Glass

**If you are able, please stand.*

The flowers in the sanctuary are to the glory of God and given with thanks by the Cheraw AARP Foundation Tax-Aide team.

¹<https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3775>

² Ibid.

³©Garnaas-Holmes, Steve, General Board of Discipleship of the United Methodist Church, 2008.

⁴Long, Kimberly Bracken, editor, *Feasting on the Word*, Year B, Volume 1, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville 2014, pgs. 128-129

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, Mabel Foster, Jim Bennett, Scott Tomberlin, Theodore Burns, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thrailkill, Tony Thrailkill, Brenda Rayfield Family, Gwen Sullivan, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher’s Brother-in-law). **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**

THANK YOU: Many thanks to First United Methodist Church for hosting our AARP Foundation Tax-Aide site again this year. Tax-Aide provides tax preparation help to anyone, free of charge, with a special focus on taxpayers who are over 50 and who have low to moderate income. Our team prepared returns this year for 125 area taxpayers whose average adjusted gross income was \$28,430. Seventy-six percent were over 50, with sixty-three percent over age 60. We know we helped them save substantial dollars in tax prep fees, and while not everyone received a refund, a little over \$150,000 in refunds came back into the local economy. Thanks again for supporting our program.
Van Pate, local coordinator.

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.

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.

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF BRENDA RAYFIELD

Keith and Sally Smith, Monday Hand and Foot Card Club, FUMC Kinsey Malloy Bible Class

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one. Grief Share is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life. Thursdays 10:30 am.

J.O.Y. CLUB: J.O.Y Club will meet Thursday, May 19 at noon in the Fellowship Hall. You may call Renie Seel at 843-344-1841 or respond to your caller to make your reservation by Monday at noon. Hope to see you then.

Covid Restrictions Lifted - Based upon recent and continually improving Covid-19 risk factors in the county reported by the SC Department of Health and consistent with CDC guidance, the Church Council voted unanimously this week to remove the remaining restrictions previously imposed on our activities and routines at First Methodist. Masking remains optional and we will continue to monitor the situation for changes that might warrant action in the future.



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...



Then eight days later, Thomas and all the others were in the house together. And even though all the doors were locked, Jesus suddenly stood before them! “Peace to you,” he said. Then, looking into Thomas’ eyes, he said, “Put your finger here in the wounds of my hands. Here—put your hand into my wounded side and see for yourself. Thomas, don’t give in to your doubts any longer, just believe!” Then the words spilled out of his heart, “You are my Lord, and you are my God!” Jesus responded, “Thomas, now that you’ve seen me, you believe. But there are those who have never seen me with their eyes but have believed in me with their hearts, and they will be blessed even more!”

John 20:26-29 TPT

One of wise sayings of my maternal grandmother, Grandma Sully, that I heard over and over again is “be careful what you ask for you just might get it!” I hear Grandma Sully every time I read this text. Thomas surely did get what he asked for eight days after he refused to believe the other disciples’ news that Jesus was alive.

Back in John 20:25 Thomas vehemently said he would only believe if he saw and put his finger on the marks in Jesus’s hands and put his hand in the wound in Jesus’s side. Just like he did the first time, Jesus showed up again unexpected and unannounced with a greeting and command of peace. Then he looked straight into the eyes of the unbeliever and said, “here you go, touch the marks on my hands and put your hand in my wound Thomas! Stop the doubting and start believing!” (Debra’s translation)

Thomas’s heart overflows with words of belief but Jesus was not finished with him yet. He wanted Thomas to understand that he was blessed because he saw and believed but others would be blessed even more because they would believe without ever seeing Jesus with their own eyes. Wow! Talk about getting what you asked for and even getting things you did not ask for from Jesus.

As we look at these scripture verses today, we tend to be critical of or deride Thomas. Jesus did not. Jesus showed up and lovingly gave Thomas what he needed to believe. And Jesus keeps doing that today. Jesus sends his disciples to tell us the old, old story of Jesus and his love. With holy spirit power, his spirit speaks to our spirit to let us know we are loved, gives us what we need to believe in him, and empowers us to be his disciples in the world. We are the ones Jesus told Thomas would not see with our eyes but would be blessed even more because we believe in Jesus. My friends, no more doubts. Only believing in the mighty power of Jesus. Let us receive the blessings and pass them on to someone else who needs to see Jesus in their life right now.

Pastor Debra

The Wesley Prayer Challenge



Join the Challenge

**May 18th, 25th,
and June 1st!**

The group will meet from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the Parlor for three weeks on Wednesday evenings beginning May 18, 2022. The book costs \$14.00. Order a book and sign up for the challenge by calling or emailing the church office at 843-537-7002 or fumcangiesmith@gmail.com



**ALL BLOOD
TYPES NEEDED**



**American
Red Cross**

Blood Drive **First United Methodist Church**

Fellowship Hall
117 Third Street
Cheraw, SC 29520

**Tuesday, June 7, 2022
1:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.**

To make an appointment call or email Angie at [843-537-7002](tel:843-537-7002)/fumcangiesmith@gmail.com or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

Wonderful Wednesdays

May 18, at 5:00 pm

Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday, May 17th to let us know how many meals your family will need so we can place an accurate order.

May 18, 2022, Menu

Marinated pork loin

Wild rice

Corn salad with Feta cheese

Roll

Strawberry tarts

Sweet Tea, Unsweet Tea, and Water

Hosted by Renie Seel and Ruth Ann Jones

**Meal Costs: Adults \$10, Children under 12 \$5,
Families of four or more maximum cost \$30**

5:00 – 6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal

6:00 – 7:00 p.m. Devotion, Worship and Presentation or Bible Study

7:00 – 8:00 p.m. Choir Practice

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR 2022 COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Lucy Brasington Scholarship – Pres Beard
Dr. Maxcy Medical Hook Scholarship – Kaelyn Brock
Hubert B. Norton Scholarship – Hollis Dusa
Charlie Scott Laney, Jr. Scholarship – Zach Carabo
Stephen Scott Burr Scholarship – Jack Johnson
Anne Watson Eutlser Scholarship – Devin Gillespie

Jean L. & C. Anthony Harris Scholarship – Briana Burch
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – April Wooten
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – Lily Melton
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – Stacey Jefferson
F. Garland Streete Scholarship – Mary Charlotte Dusa



Our Mission: Awareness and early detection of disease is powerful. That's why our purpose is to make you aware of unrecognized and potential health problems, and encourage follow-up care with your personal physician to strengthen their understanding of your total health.¹

FUMC will host a screening on Tuesday, June 14, 2022

To register for your appointment please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit

<https://llsa.social/HSC>, or sign up on the sheet in the lobby.

***The church office has several complimentary coupons if you are interested in getting one please contact Angie, these will be given on a first come basis until they are gone.

¹<https://www.lifelinescreening.com/about-us?sourcecd=WGBS101>

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 15, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship (Scholarship Sunday)
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies (Kids Nook & Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

Monday, May 16, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Wednesday, May 18, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
5:00pm Fellowship Meal (Fellowship Hall)
6:00pm Devotion, Worship, and
Presentation or Bible Study
(Fellowship Hall)
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, May 19, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:30am Grief Share (Parlor)
12:00pm JOY Club (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, May 22, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies (Kids Nook & Fellowship Hall)
5:30-7:00pm UMYF (Youth Hut & Fellowship Hall)

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24

Amount received for week of May 11: \$7,172.12

Sunday School Attendance May 8: 27

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Dry cereal

Greeter: Michell Rohde

Acolyte: Nancy Wagnon

Nursery Worker: Kelly & Hollis Dusa

Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

UMYF Meal for next week: Pal Moore & Susan Eschenfelder

Wonderful Wednesday Hostesses: Renie Seel & Ruth Ann Jones

Amount needed year to date: \$109,615.56

Received year to date: \$104,646.01

Worship Attendance May 8: 86

McArn Items: Chef Boyardee Bowls

Head Usher: Doug Carabo

Liturgist for next Sunday: Bonnie Cundiff

Flowers next Sunday: Dusa

Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter & Peyton Taylor

UMYF Leader for next week: Chase Watson

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Beth Maier – Interim Music Director