

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

JUNE 26, 2022

3RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: RED

*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	<i>"Toccata In G. Minor"</i>	Johann Pachelbel
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Greg Sanderson
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Greg Sanderson
L: Great is our God and greatly to be praised!		
C: The whole earth reflects God's power and might.		
L: When we recall the wonders of God's creation....		
C: We rejoice at the awesome complexity of it all.		
L: Lord, you have brought us up from fear to hope.		
C: Let us worship and praise God for all God's faithfulness. AMEN.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Greg Sanderson
Lord, we want to follow you whoever you lead. Reach out to us this day, stirring our souls and spirits with the winds of your power that we may faithfully be your disciples. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.		
PSALTER NO. 798	<i>Psalms 77</i>	Greg Sanderson
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Greg Sanderson
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 117 (vss. 1, 2, 4, and 6)	<i>"O God, Our Help In Ages Past"</i>	ST. ANNE
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
ANTHEM	<i>"Lord, You Have Come To The Lakeshore"</i> Cesareo Gabarain	Adult Choir
OFFERTORY	<i>"Adagio"</i>	Johann Pachelbel
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 398	<i>"Jesus Calls Us"</i>	GALILEE
*SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Luke 9: 51-61</i>	Pastor Debra
SERMON	<i>No Looking Back</i>	Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 396	<i>"O Jesus, I Have Promised"</i>	ANGEL'S STORY
*BENEDICTION		Pastor Debra
*BENEDICTION RESPONSE NO. 328	<i>"Surely the Presence of the Lord"</i>	WOLFE
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place; I can feel his mighty power and his grace. I can feel the brush of angels' wings, I see glory in each face, Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. (Sung Twice)		
*POSTLUDE	<i>"Improvisation On St. Anne"</i>	Paul Manz

**If you are able, please stand.*

¹ <https://www.ministrymatters.com/worship/entry/3973>

² Ibid.

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, Gwen Sullivan, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher's Brother-in-law), Emily Marsh, Mary Burr, Jackson Rushing. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



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...

A Covenant Prayer in the Wesleyan Tradition (UMH #607)

I am no longer my own, but thine. Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt. Put me to doing, put me to suffering. Let me be employed by thee or laid aside for thee, exalted for thee or brought low for thee. Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. And now, O Glorious and Blessed God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, thou art mine, and I am thine. So be it. And the covenant which I have made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven. Amen.

John Wesley wrote the Covenant Prayer above in the 1750s. Wesley used *A Vindiciae Pietatis* prayer by Richard Alleine as the framework for this prayer. The first recorded use of this prayer was in 1755 at a Covenant Service in London attended by 1,800 people.¹

This prayer is a means of grace and intended to renew our covenant with God to do his will and cooperate with his mission to restore the earth to wholeness of life by making disciples for Jesus. With this prayer we covenant to live for Christ when things are good and when they are not. The prayer acknowledges the sanctifying grace at work in us by the Holy Spirit empowering us and guiding us to live the Christian life.

In the book, *The Wesley Prayer Challenge*, author Chris Folsom divides this prayer into three sections: Surrender and Suffering, Honor and Humility, and Community and Covenant. The first section emphasizes that we must surrender all aspects of our life to God's will and God's control. Total surrender to God means we let God be in control when things go well for us or when we suffer. Folsom emphasizes that surrendering to God does not mean giving up but instead means giving way so that God can work in our lives.²

The second section's focus moves from what happens inside us to the external things and events outside and around us. As disciples deeply committed to service for the Lord we may receive honor or a dose of humility. We may lose rank or status in the eyes of some people. We may receive recognition or not for our work for God. We may be praised, or we may be scorned. We may feel full or empty. At the end of the day whether we are honored or humbled by our work for God it is worthwhile and does make a difference in God's restoration of God's creation.

The final section's emphasis is serving God within a community of believers who have the same mindset, interests, purposes, and ambitions.³ Our commitment to this covenant then is to God and to our community of faith. We share life together living out this prayer encouraging and supporting each other as we surrender and suffer, through times of honor and humility, committed as a community of faith serving God together no matter what.

Take some time and reflect on this prayer and your covenant to be a disciple for Jesus and a part of First United Methodist Church Cheraw. The Wesley Pray Challenge book by Chris Folsom is a wonderful guide to help with this. May we all grow together and be deeply devoted disciples for Jesus who serve our God no matter what!

Pastor Debra

¹ The United Methodist Book of Worship, The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, 1992. Pg. 288.

² Folsom, Chris, *The Wesley Prayer Challenge*, Abingdon Press, Nashville, pg. 22.

³ Ibid., 97.

SERVING IN JULY

GREETERS FOR JULY

July 3 Gini Eddins
July 10 Chase & Lesley Jean Watson
July 17 Henrietta Kollitz
July 24 Jack & Kay VanDeman
July 31 Ray & Mary Crouse

FLOWERS FOR JULY

July 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 OPEN

NURSERY FOR JULY

July 3 Kelly and Hollis Dusa
July 10 Christy and Charlie Ruffner
July 17 Open
July 24 Open
July 31 Leslie Jean and Chase Watson

LITURGIST FOR JULY

July 3 Jenny Keefe
July 10 Sammy Quick
July 17 Ray Crouse
July 24 Eric Dusa
July 31 Rhett Butler

HEAD USER FOR JULY

Eric Dusa/Rhett Butler

ACOLYTE FOR JULY

Zenda Rushing

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

July 1 Choles Roddy Reid	July 21 Erika Kollitz, Jenny Outen
July 3 Jakie Streater	July 25 Penny Quick
July 5 Landon Rogers	July 26 Ruth Ann Jones, Todd Becker, Pam Baker
July 7 Billy Wallace, Jr.	July 29 Christy Ruffner
July 9 Scott Eddins	
July 12 Dallas Keefe	
July 13 Walker Jones	
July 19 Jennifer Tomberlin	

ANNIVERSARIES

July 1 Mr. & Mrs. Thomas McKinnon
July 7 Mr. & Mrs. Rhett Butler
July 12 Mr. & Mrs. Ray Crouse
July 13 Mr. & Mrs. Billy Wallace, Jr.
July 14 Mr. & Mrs. Joey Mills
July 22 Mr. & Mrs. Roger Jones
July 31 Mr. & Mrs. Chase Watson

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 him the address is listed here.

Jakie Streater (July 3)
123 McIver Street
Cheraw, SC 29520



NURSERY HELPERS NEEDED

FUMC needs you! Would you like to help in the nursery during the worship service? This would not be an every week responsibility, just an as needed responsibility. Please contact Michelle Rohde at 843-337-6123 if you would like to volunteer.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, June 26, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:00pm Usher Training (Sanctuary)

Monday, June 27, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, June 28, 2022

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

Wednesday, June 29, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, June 30, 2022

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

Sunday, July 3, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned meats, stews

Greeters: Heath and Christy Ruffner

Acolyte: Norma Cobb

Nursery Worker: Nancy Wagnon and Michelle Rohde

Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

McArn Items: Peanut butter cups

Head Usher: Heath Ruffner

Liturgist for next Sunday: Jenny Keefe

Flowers next Sunday: OPEN

Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

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