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

A SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN WORSHIP

SEPTEMBER 25, 2022

16TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

LITURGICAL COLOR: GREEN

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>"Fugato Uber Die Deutschlandhymne"</i>	ROBERT FUHRER
WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS		Ray Crouse
CALL TO WORSHIP¹		Ray Crouse
L: Who is like the Lord our God, high above the heavens in glory?		
C: Blessed be the name of the Lord.		
L: Who raises the poor from the dust and lifts up the needy from the ashes?		
C: Blessed be the name of the Lord.		
L: Who makes the lights shine in the darkness, gives joy in sorrow and brings life out of death?		
C: Blessed be the name of the Lord. Amen.		
OPENING PRAYER²		Ray Crouse
Merciful father, we have seen in the work of Jesus on the cross your determination to raise us up and mend our cracked cistern lives. Let your light shine through our mended cracks so that others may see the glory of the Lord in us and become disciples of Christ Jesus. Amen.		
PSALTER NO. 810	<i>"Psalm 91"</i>	Ray Crouse
*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881	<i>Apostle's Creed</i>	Ray Crouse
*GLORIA PATRI NO. 70		MEINKE
*HYMN NO. 731	<i>"Glorious Things Of Thee Are Spoken"</i>	AUSTRIA
MORNING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER		Pastor Debra
ANTHEM	<i>"The Potter's Hand"</i> Adult Choir	LLOYD LARSON
Beautiful Lord, wonderful Savior, I know for sure all of my days are held in your hand, crafted into your perfect plan. You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by your Holy Spirit Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes. I'm Captured by your holy calling. Set me apart I know you're drawing me to yourself lead me, Lord, I pray Take me, mold me use me, fill me I give my life to the Potter's hand. Call me, guide me,lead me walk be-side me, I give my life to the Potter's hand, the Potter's hand. You gently call me into your presence, guiding me by your Holy Spirit, Teach me, dear Lord, to live all of my life through your eyes. I'm captured by your holy calling, Set me apart I know you're drawing me to yourself Lead me, Lord, I pray, I pray. Take me, mold me use me, fill me I give my life to the Potter's hand. Call me, guide me,lead me walk be-side me, I give my life to the Potter's hand, the Potter's hand.		
OFFERTORY	<i>"Bunessan"</i>	J. WILLIAM GREENE
*DOXOLOGY NO. 95		OLD 100 th
*OFFERTORY PRAYER		Pastor Debra
*HYMN NO. 2248 (The Faith We Sing)	<i>"Baptized In Water"</i>	BUNESSAN
*SCRIPTURE READING	<i>Jeremiah 2: 4-13</i>	Pastor Debra

SERMON

"The Potter's Hand: Cracked Cisterns"

Pastor Debra

*HYMN NO. 539

"O Spirit Of The Living God"

FOREST GREENE

*BENEDICTION

Pastor Debra

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE³

"The Potter's Hand"

Take me, mold me, use me, fill me, I give my life to the Potter's hand. Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter's hand, the potter's hand. Take me, mold me, use me, fill me, I give my life to the Potter's hand. Call me, guide me, lead me, walk beside me, I give my life to the Potter's hand, the potter's hand. (Choir alone): The Potter's hand.

*POSTLUDE

"Improvisation on Austria"

**If you are able, please stand.*

¹Long Kimberly Bracken, editor, *Feasting on the Word Companion Year C Volume 2*, Westminster John Knox Press, Louisville, Kentucky, 2013, pg. 184.

²Written by Reverend Debra A. Armstrong

³Zschech, Darlene, composer, and Larson, Lloyd, arranger, *The Potter's Hand*, Hope Publishing, Carol Stream, Il., 2007, CCLI License #s 11429516 and 20826643

***The flowers today are to the glory of God and in loving memory of Elaine Motley
by Jenny and Dallas Keefe.***

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, Jim Bennett, Scott Tomberlin, Margaret Stanton, Mary Snookie Lomas, Shep Straughn, Betty Thraikill, Tony Thraikill, Gwen Sullivan, Bill Eutsler, Jr., Mary Burr, Dan Ellenburg (Patty Fisher's Brother-In-Law), Martha Starling, Shelton Rumph, Jody Reid, Gene Thompson (Becky Thompson's Brother-In-Law), Craig Norton, Erika Kollitz, Patricia Turner. **NOTE: Names are left on the prayer list for two weeks; after two weeks, they are removed unless the church office is notified.**



GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

Help and encouragement after the death of a loved one.

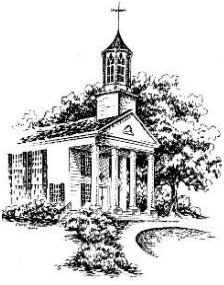
GriefShare is a special weekly seminar and support group designed to help you rebuild your life.

Wednesdays 10:30 am

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A few words from the pastor...

*Love divine all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down. Fix in us thy humble dwelling all thy faithful mercies crown.*¹

One of the most touching moments for me as I watched the funeral for Queen Elizabeth II occurred when the congregation of English royalty and dignitaries, and leaders from all over the world sang together Charles Wesley's hymn *Love Divine All Love Excelling*. The tune was different, but the lyrics were clear and my heart swelled with the joy hearing the familiar words calling God to come to earth and fill us with blessings of mercy, salvation, love, wonder, and praise. This hymn and the entire funeral service truly exemplified the life of a faithful servant of the Lord.

Times of profound grief and sorrow often bring us together for a time as it did with the death of England's iconic queen. Most of the people in the world stopped to grieve, reflect, and honor a woman who was truly a servant leader. There were the naysayers and the media tried to focus on other negative things. However, most of that was fiercely shut down by people who demanded respect for themselves, the queen, and the royal family.

As I watched and pondered these events, I realized that as Christians we can make the choice to shut down the negative, life-stealing, critical focus of the world around us. We can make a choice to not listen to gossip. We can choose not to make unkind judgements about our neighbors. We can choose not to focus on negative and sensationalized information. We can "fix our thoughts on what is true, and honorable, and right, and pure, and lovely, and admirable (and) think about things that are excellent and worthy of praise."²

How do we do this in a world that is constantly pulling us into a negative and hateful abyss? Bishop Michael Curry suggests we do this by making do and uses his grandmother's kitchen as an analogy to explain. His grandmother "made do" and created delicious food with what was available to her. She did not focus on what she did not have but what she did. Curry says he saw three things that helped her. They are tradition, imagination, and God. His grandmother did not have a stuffy attic type of tradition but leaned on her culinary traditions and skills to make good tasting food. She used her imagination to use different vegetables and meats and create new but tasty dishes. Curry's grandmother also had deep and abiding faith that allowed her to 'make do' in the kitchen and her life because of her faith and trust in God.³

My brothers and sisters in Christ, we can make do with God's grace fixing our thoughts as the Apostle Paul encourages us to do and choosing to live our lives demonstrating the love, grace, mercy, and compassion of our Lord. We do not have to be a queen or a Bishop's grandmother to do that. God has poured love into each one of us and empowered us as God's faithful servants to pour that love out upon our neighbors one gracious encounter at a time. That is how God will change our world!

Pastor Debra

¹ Wesley, Charles, *Love Divine All Loves Excelling*, The United Methodist Hymnal, The United Methodist Publishing House, Nashville, 1989, pg.384.

¹ Philippians 4:8, New Living Translation, www.biblegateway.com.

¹ Curry, Bishop Michael, *Love Is The Way: Holding on to hope in Troubling Times*, Penguin Random House, New York, 2020, pgs. 50-70.



Greetings church family! The month of October is pastor appreciation month! On October 16th, immediately following the service we will be having a covered dish luncheon to celebrate and honor our own pastor Debra Armstrong. Please plan to join us for this joyous occasion to fellowship with one another and honor Pastor Debra. Please bring your favorite covered dish and come and join us. The meat will be provided for everyone. If you would like to give Pastor Debra a card or a gift in celebration of pastor appreciation month please consider giving a donation to the pastor's discretionary fund instead. I look forward to seeing everyone on Sunday, October 16th as we celebrate Pastor Debra.
Thank you, Jenny Keefe, SPRC Chair

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.



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.

Katie Chapman (September 29)
201 Willow Road
Cheraw, SC 29520



Life Line Screening goes beyond regular checkups to look inside your arteries for signs of plaque build up. Five screenings for \$149, carotid artery disease, peripheral arterial disease, abdominal aortic aneurysm, atrial fibrillation and osteoporosis risk. On Tuesday, October 4 Life Line Screening will be at FUMC, if you would like to make an appointment please call, 1-800-679-5192, go online to LLSA.SOCAL/HS, text the word circle to 797979 or sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby. We also have a few coupons for this screening if you would like to use one of them, please call Angie in the church office, these will be for first come first serve.

Congratulations!

Congratulations to this year's Roy Smith Humanitarian Award recipient Sammy Quick.

MEMORIALS:

IN MEMORY OF JOHN MOORE

David & Judy Dixon

IN MEMORY OF THEODORE BURNS

Eric & Kelly Dusa, David & Judy Dixon, Patty Fisher

IN MEMORY OF JAMES BOONE

Rhett & Marcia Butler

IN MEMORY OF RON BUFFINGTON

David & Judy Dixon



There are still appointments available for the next blood drive here at FUMC on Tuesday, October 11, 2022, from 1:00pm-5:30pm in the fellowship hall. To schedule an appointment, call or email Angie at 843-537-7002 or fumcangiesmith@gmail.com, or go online to www.redcrossblood.org and use sponsor code FUMCcheraw.

Trick or treat yourself with a \$5 e-gift card to a merchant of choice when you come to give blood, platelets or plasma in October. Enjoy some buttery popcorn or a refreshing drink with your next jump scare on us.*

* <https://www.redcrossblood.org/local-homepage/events/october.html>

SERVING IN OCTOBER

GREETERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2 Jimmie & Kim Williamson
October 9 Jeff & Shannon Johnson
October 16 Renie Seel
October 23 Ray & Mary Crouse
October 30 Ruth Ann Jones

FLOWERS FOR OCTOBER

October 2 Jim Bennett
October 9 Gloria Williams
October 16 Flower Fund
October 23 OPEN
October 30 OPEN

NURSERY FOR OCTOBER

October 2 Christy & Charlie Ruffner
October 9 Farah Lewis & Michelle Rohde
October 16 Kelly Dusa and Michelle Rohde
October 23 Leslie Jean & Chase Watson
October 30 Allison & Sawyer Becker

LITURGIST FOR OCTOBER

October 2 Eric Dusa
October 9 Rhett Butler
October 16 Lib Norton
October 23 Mark Armstong
October 30 Shannon Johnson

HEAD USER FOR OCTOBER

Jed Reid

ACOLYTE FOR OCTOBER

Ruffners

BIRTHDAYS AND ANNIVERSARIES

BIRTHDAYS

October 1 Jerry Tucker
October 4 Sharon McKinnon
October 7 Amber Nicole Morgan
October 8 Mary Burr, Shannon Johnson
October 9 Brantley Butler Reams
October 10 Pal Moore
October 12 William Lee
October 13 Edith Quick
October 15 Rhett Butler, II
October 17 Lyle Coffy
October 20 Curtis Jones
October 21 Julia Tucker
October 22 Zach, Joel, & Seth Keefe
October 23 Doug Carabo
October 27 Betty Hurst, Andrew Lewis
October 28 Alex Lewis
October 30 Sara Sanderson
October 31 Tony Harris, III

ANNIVERSARIES

October 2 M&M David McLean
October 4 M&M Heath Ruffner
October 6 M&M Jap Roddy
October 8 M&M Jeffrey Furr
October 15 M&M Phillip Shepard
October 16 M&M Keith Stubbs
October 24 M&M Tom Rollings

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, September 25, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting
5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting

Monday, September 26, 2022

6:30pm Boy Scouts (NETC)

Tuesday, September 27, 2022

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

Wednesday, September 28, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
10:30am Grief Share
12:00pm Bulletin/Newsletter Deadline
7:00pm Choir Practice (Choir Room)

Thursday, September 29, 2022

8:30am-4:30pm Church Office Open
5:30pm SPRC Meeting (Fellowship Hall)

Sunday, October 2, 2022

10:00am Sunday School
11:00am Worship
5:30-7:00pm Fireflies Meeting
5:30-7:00pm Youth Meeting

Weekly amount needed for budget: \$5,769.24

Amount needed year to date: \$219,231.12

Sunday School Attendance September 18: 44

FUMC Food Pantry Item: Canned vegetables

Greeter: Angela Holliday

Acolyte: The Beckers

Nursery Worker: Christy & Charlie Ruffner

Soundsystem Operator: Holly Miles

Amount received for week of September 21: \$1,940.03

Received year to date: \$203,625.17

Worship Attendance September 18: 68

McArn Items: Breakfast bars

Head Usher: Todd Becker

Liturgist for next Sunday: Eric Dusa

Flowers next Sunday: Jim Bennett

Video Technicians: Bryson Hunter

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