

ORDER OF WORSHIP
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 31, 2021

11:00 a.m.

Morning Worship Broadcast over WGOS-AM 1070 and on Facebook Live

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude Festival Prelude on NICEA Burkhardt & Westenkuehler

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Parish Notes

Reverend Rodney Denton

Call to Worship

Praise the Lord!
I will thank the Lord with all my heart
as I meet with God's gathered community.
How amazing are the deeds of our God!
Everything he does reveals his glory and majesty.
His righteousness never fails.
How gracious and merciful is our God.

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Song of Praise The Majesty and Glory of Your Name Tom Fetke
Priscilla Oldaker, soprano

When I gaze into the night skies
and see the work of your fingers;
The moon and stars suspended in space.
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

You have given man a crown of glory and honor,
And have made him a little lower than the angels.
You have put him in charge of all creation:
beasts of the field, The birds of the air,
The fish of the sea.
Oh, what is man?
Oh, what is man that you are mindful of him?

O Lord, our God the majesty and glory of your name
Transcends the earth and fills the heavens.
O Lord, our God; little children praise You perfectly,
And so would we; and so would we.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
The majesty and glory of Your name.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord:
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Moment with the Children

Reverend Lynda Hepler

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer

**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.**

Meditation

Mysterious Habitats

Dušan Bogdanović

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon

Keeping It Real!
Psalm 111

Reverend Danny Leonard

Response

SENDING FORTH

Your Love, Oh Lord

Third Day

Your love, oh Lord
Reaches to the heavens
Your faithfulness stretches to the sky
Your righteousness is like the mighty mountains

Your justice flows like the ocean's tide

I will lift my voice
To worship You, my King
I will find my strength
In the shadow of your wings

Benediction

Rev. Leonard

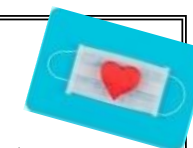
Postlude

Toccata on DUKE STREET
From all that dwell below the skies,
Let the Creator's praise arise;
Let the Redeemer's name be sung,
Through every land by every tongue.

David Cherwien

What to Expect at Indoor Worship

- Some pews are blocked to maintain social distancing.
- Face masks are required for everyone.
- Out of respect for others, please refrain from shaking hands or hugging.
- Offering plates are available at the entrance and exit of the sanctuary.
- At the end of the service, the congregation will be dismissed by section.
- No nursery staff are present, but the nursery space is available.



Today's Scripture

Psalm 111 (NRSV)

- ¹ Praise the Lord!
I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart,
in the company of the upright, in the congregation.
- ² Great are the works of the Lord,
studied by all who delight in them.
- ³ Full of honor and majesty is his work,
and his righteousness endures forever.
- ⁴ He has gained renown by his wonderful deeds;
the Lord is gracious and merciful.
- ⁵ He provides food for those who fear him;
he is ever mindful of his covenant.
- ⁶ He has shown his people the power of his works,
in giving them the heritage of the nations.
- ⁷ The works of his hands are faithful and just;
all his precepts are trustworthy.
- ⁸ They are established forever and ever,
to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.
- ⁹ He sent redemption to his people;
he has commanded his covenant forever.
Holy and awesome is his name.
- ¹⁰ The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;
all those who practice it have a good understanding.
His praise endures forever.

Announcements



EMPTY BOWLS DATE CHANGE

The Empty Bowls Committee would like to thank the 2020 Empty Bowls ticket holders for your patience and understanding in rescheduling this fundraiser. The committee has made the difficult decision to postpone the Empty Bowls dinner and Silent Auction until **March 18, 2022**. All 2020 tickets will be honored for the event in 2022 unless a refund is requested. You may contact Sandy McGhee at 336-870-4015 with any questions or action regarding tickets. Thank you.

NEWS FROM THE SEWING ROOM



The latest project the group completed, working under the COVID-19 Guidelines, was altering approximately 200 sets of sheets to fit twin beds for Furnish for Good, a non-profit organization in Charlotte, NC, that provides furnishings for those moving from homelessness to a first home. The project took about 9 months to complete. Many thanks go to those who helped with this huge undertaking that was led by Katie Conant. Take a minute to visit the Sewing Room, located on the third floor of the church. It is also the location of the Arts Academy Sewing Instruction classes.

COVID-19 VACCINE INFO



Many people are understandably skeptical about the COVID-19 virus and whether to receive the vaccine. The NC Dept. of Health and Human Services site provides facts and information to assist you in making an informed decision about the vaccine. The more our community understands about the vaccine, the better everyone will be able to determine their best next step. Please visit [YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov](https://www.nc.gov/YourSpotYourShot) to learn more.

Please help do your part to stop the spread of Covid-19 virus by wearing a mask when in public, washing your hands, and observing a 6-foot social distance.

COAT DRIVE REPORT



Thank you to all who donated items to make our recent **Coat Drive** a success. With your generosity, we collected 74 coats and several bags of winter accessories, such as scarves, hats, mittens, and gloves, which all have been taken to CCM for them to distribute.

STOCK THE SHELVES



Thank you for continuing to think of CCM when you are getting your groceries and planning your week. Current needs are:

- Meals of Grace teams to prepare/serve meals on Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday nights
- Pantry Items: Mac and Cheese, Spaghetti Sauce, Noodles, Peanut Butter, Rice, Large cans of soup, Crackers

MUMC GIRL SCOUTS



... are happy to help you with your cookie needs. To order, please contact Julie Tyson at (336) 687-5231 or julesaxton@aol.com, or visit the booth on Feb. 20, 4-8 p.m., at Lowes Home Improvement Center in Lexington

Cookies are \$5.00 per box this year.

Prayer List

If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. During the coming week, please pray for:

Kathy Smith McKinley
Angel Christ and Randy Jackson and family
Belinda Johnson and family
Abby Emerson and family
Evelyn Stevenson
Cornelius Greene
Bill Stine
Zeb Hanmer, Sr.
Ronnie Dancy
Britt Martin Williams
Peggy Graham
Jessie Collett

Our country and healing for all
Margie Collins
Carol Kaiser
Dean Sharpe-Austin
Finley Price family
Andrea Cain and family
Tim Priska
Chris Eddinger
Peace and justice in our nation,
state, and city
Our first responders, medical community,
and essential workers
All those affected by COVID-19
All military personnel
Our United Methodist missionaries
The United Methodist Church

We extend our prayers and sympathy to Richard Herman and family on the death of Richard's mother, Rachel Sipe Herman, on Thursday January 21, 2021. The obituary can be found at jgreenandsons.com.

Calendar

SUNDAY JANUARY 31

Fourth Sunday after the Epiphany
10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Stan Styers
11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
2-3:30 Youth

MONDAY FEBRUARY 1

10 10@10 Devotion

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 2

9-10 Men's Prayer Group (Contact: timlyons00@gmail.com)
9-11 Sewing Ministry
10 10@10 Devotion
5:30 Yoga

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 3

The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)
6 Youth Small Groups Online

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 4

10 10@10 Devotion

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 5

10 10@10 Devotion

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 7

Fifth Sunday after the Epiphany
10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Jim McGhee
11 Live Worship In-Person & Online
2-3:30 Youth

UPCOMING

February 13 UMW Gathering
February 18 Red Cross Blood Drive

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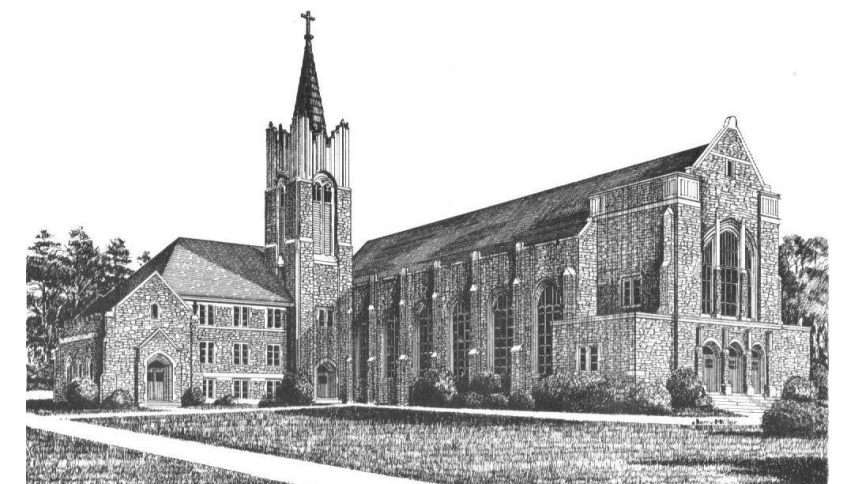
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**We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith,
Build Relationships, and Serve All People.**