

ORDER OF WORSHIP

MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

February 7, 2021

11:00 a.m.

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

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude

Variations on AURELIA

Janet Linker

The church’s one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the Word.
From heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one o’er all the earth;
her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

Though with a scornful wonder we see her sore oppressed,
by schisms rent asunder, by heresies distressed,
yet saints their watch are keeping; their cry goes up, “How long?”
And soon the night of weeping shall be the morn of song.

Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till, with the vision glorious, her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth hath union with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we
like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Parish Notes

Reverend Rodney Denton

Call to Worship

In times of trouble and distress, God is always present with us.
When we call out, God hears us.
The name of the Lord brings comfort to heavy hearts.
In God’s name alone do we put our trust.
Some take pride in their might and accomplishments.
We will boast in God alone.
Let us worship God who is faithful, merciful, and just!

PRAISE AND THANKSGIVING

Song of Praise

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; as Thou hast been, Thou forever wilt be.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above
join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

*Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!
Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed Thy hand hath provided; great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

The Apostles’ Creed

Reverend Lynda Hepler

**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

Prayers of the People

Rev. Denton

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.**

Preparation

Everlasting God

Brenton Brown & Ken Riley

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
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Our God You reign forever
Our Hope our strong Deliv’rer

You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won’t grow weary
You’re the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Sermon

No News Is Good News

Reverend Danny Leonard

Isaiah 40:28-31

SENDING FORTH

Response

This Is My Father’s World

Sondra Tucker

This is my Father’s world. O let me ne’er forget
that though the wrong seems oft so strong, God is the ruler yet.
This is my Father’s world: why should my heart be sad?
The Lord is King; let the heavens ring!
God reigns; let the earth be glad!

Benediction

Rev. Leonard

Postlude

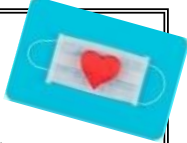
Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah

Paul Manz

Guide us, O Thou Great Jehovah,
pilgrims through this barren land.
We are weak, but Thou art mighty;
hold us with Thy powerful hand.
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,
feed us till we want no more;
feed us till we want no more.

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

Isaiah 40:28-31 (NRSV)

²⁸ Have you not known? Have you not heard?
The Lord is the everlasting God,
the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary;
his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹ He gives power to the faint,
and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰ Even youths will faint and be weary,
and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹ but those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary,
they shall walk and not faint.

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.


21-DAY RACIAL EQUITY HABIT BUILDING CHALLENGE

 The Missions Committee is hosting a 21-Day Racial Equity Challenge that will start on February 8 and go to the end of the month. Visit the link below to sign up to receive the information on how to participate in the challenge. If you would like information mailed to you, please call the church. Spread the word! This is for Memorial UMC and beyond! The link for signup is: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/4090A44AAAC22ABFF2-21day>


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. To learn more, please visit **YourSpotYourShot.nc.gov**. *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.*

STOCK THE SHELVES

 Thank you for continuing to think of CCM while shopping and when 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

STAFF TRANSITION - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

 Susan Frye will be leaving our staff to become the Parish Administrator and Communications Coordinator at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church in Greensboro. While we are excited for Susan, we will certainly miss her at Memorial. Susan's last day in the office will be Monday, February 8.

We have been blessed by Susan's work among us for the past three years. Her positive attitude and her willingness to be of assistance to all who have asked has made a difference in the ministry of the church. We are grateful for her gentle spirit and the kindness she has shared as she has handled the multiple tasks of that position.

WE'RE HIRING!

We appreciate Susan's efforts to leave things in good order for the person who follows her. The Staff-Parish Relations Committee has begun the process for filling that position. The job description is on our website and has been posted at other places. If you know of someone who may have an interest in applying, please direct them to our website, or they may contact Christine Herrick at caherrick5@gmail.com.

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:

Milton Riley
Harold and Carol Vannoy
Richard Herman and family
Kathy Smith McKinley
Angel Christ, Randy Jackson, and family
Belinda Johnson and family
Abby Emerson and family
Evelyn Stevenson
Cornelius Greene
Bill Stine
Zeb Hanner, 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 Rev. Jim Westmoreland and family on the death of Jim's wife Barbara on Thursday January 28, 2021. The obituary can be found at [obituaries.timesenterpriser.com](https://www.timesenterpriser.com)

Calendar

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

MONDAY FEBRUARY 8
10 10@10 Devotion

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 9
9-10 Men's Fellowship Group (Contact: Tim Lyons, tlyons00@gmail.com)
9-11 Sewing Ministry
10 10@10 Devotion
5:30 Yoga

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 10
The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)
6 Youth Small Groups Online

THURSDAY FEBRUARY 11
10 10@10 Devotion

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 12
10 10@10 Devotion

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13
12 UMW Zoom Gathering

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 14
Transfiguration Sunday
10 R.L. Pope Class Online: Allen Brown
11 Live Worship In-Person & Online 2-3:30 Youth

UPCOMING
February 17 Ash Wednesday
February 18 Red Cross Blood Drive

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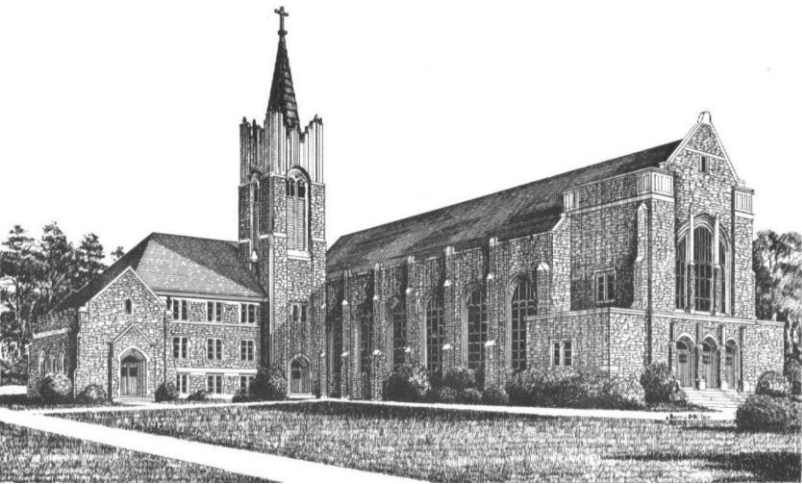
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We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith, Build Relationships, and Serve All People.