

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Earth Day

MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.

THE ORDER OF WORSHIP

*The service of worship begins with the music.
Through its power and brilliance may you feel the majesty of
God, in its quietness, God's peace.*

~ WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD ~

**WELCOME, REGISTRATION, ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please sign the attendance sheet and pass
it to the end of the pew for usher pickup.)*

INTROIT "Make A Joyful Noise" by Benjamin Harlan

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*HYMN NO. 145 "Morning Has Broken" BUNESSAN

*CALL TO WORSHIP: Prayer of St. Basil the Great

Leader: O God, enlarge within us the sense of
fellowship with all living things,

**People: our brothers, the animals, to whom thou
gave the earth as their home in common with
us.**

Leader: We remember with shame that in the past we
have exercised the high dominion of man with
ruthless cruelty,

**People: so that the voice of the earth, which should
have gone up to thee in song, has been a
groan of travail.**

Leader: May we realize that they live not for us alone

**People: but for themselves and for thee and that they
love the sweetness of life.**

All: Amen.

*A STATEMENT OF FAITH OF THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

We are not alone, we live in God's world.

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who
has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile
and make new, who works in us and others by the
Spirit.**

We trust in God.

**We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's
presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and**

**serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to
proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and
our hope.**

In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.

We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

*THE GLORIA PATRI NO. 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy
Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall
be, world without end. Amen. Amen.**

THE MORNING PRAYER

(Leader: Lord, in your mercy.

People Respond: Hear our prayer.)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (prayed together)

**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.**

ANTHEM "For the Beauty of the Earth" arr. John Rutter

The Chancel Choir

*For the beauty of the earth;
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

*For the beauty of each hour
of the day and of the night,*

*Hill and vale and tree and flower,
Sun and moon and stars of light:*

Lord of all, to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

*For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent, child,
friends of earth, and friends above,
for all gentle thoughts and mild:*

Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

*For each perfect gift of thine
to our race so freely given,
Graces human and divine,*

Flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n:

Lord of all to thee we raise this our joyful hymn of praise.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

THE OFFERTORY

*THE DOXOLOGY NO 94 LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

praise God, all creatures here below;

Alleluia! Alleluia!

praise God, the source of all our gifts;

praise Jesus Christ, whose power up-lifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

~ WE HEAR GOD'S WORD ~

*HYMN OF PREPARATION NO. 122 ROEDER

"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

THE CHILDREN'S TIME

Johannah Myers

*11:00 am (After Children's Time, we invite children, K4-2nd grade, to
Children in Worship. Parents should pick their children up after the
worship service upstairs in the Faith Depot.)*

SCRIPTURE READING

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Genesis 1:26-31, 2:4-8, 15

²⁸God blessed them and said to them, "Be fruitful and
increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule
over the fish of the sea and the birds of the air and
over every living creature that moves on the ground."

THE MESSAGE

Rev. Alex Stevenson

"Environmental Stewardship 101"

~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

*THE HYMN NO. 144

TERRA BEATA

"This Is My Father's World"

*BENEDICTION

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

**People: Hearts on Fire ... Seeking, Sharing,
Serving ... For God!**

*CHORAL RESPONSE

*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

*THE POSTLUDE

**Congregation will please stand as able. Our service of
worship has ended. Let our worship through service begin.*

THE FLOWERS ON ALTAR ARE GIVEN TO THE GLORY OF GOD and in honor of Harry Hardin's birthday by Maxine and their children.

THE ROSEBUD ON THE ALTAR is in honor of Sean Barret Mundt. Baby Sean is the newborn son to Joel and Valerie Mundt. Grandparents are Sharise & David Mundt and Great Grandparents are Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick.

BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS! Join us **TODAY**, beginning at 3:30 pm on the ball field at AUMC, for a great afternoon! Messy Church then Blessing of the Animals. Bring your pets (on a leash, please!) as we celebrate creation!

PRAYER CONCERNS

As of printing Thursday, April 21, 2016:

- St Francis-D'town:** Alton & Mary Ruth Durham
- Greenville Hosp. (Grove Rd.):** Charles Kellett
- Home:** Dolores Epperly, Doyle Clark, Phil Waynick, Wally Harris, Lynette Ruff
- Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale
- NHC-Boiling Springs:** Fred Copeland
- NHC-Cola:** Vera Chrismon **NHC-Mauldin:** June Powell
- Haywood Estates:** Phyllis Smith, Joan Pawlus
- Brookdale:** Harold Stallcup **The Cottages:** Betty Lee
- The Palmettos:** Atrice Hughey, Dora Gault
- The Cascades:** Patty Andersen, Patti Whelchel
- Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale c/o daughter
- Rolling Green:** Margaret Britton, Bill & Jan Ellington, Wilma Tiedeman, Audrey & Wayne Rowan
- Mt. Home Health & Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz
- Brookdale @ Cleveland Park:** Janie Hunt, Ruth Gunter

SERVING ALDERSGATE TODAY

- Acolytes:** 8:45 am Brooks Davis
11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor
- Crucifer:** 11:00 am Mary Beth MacGregor
- Greeters:** 8:45 am Bruce & Kathie Schug
11:00 am Julia & Kevin Schemm
- Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Austin Watts 11:00 am David Rose
- Ushers:** 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts, Suzanne Haney
11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens

TITHES & OFFERINGS

E-Giving QR Code

Worship the Lord through giving.

2016 General Budget Needs	747,096.00
Budget Needs (YTD)	229,875.68
Receipts Week #16 (4/17)	12,879.72
Receipts YTD	232,384.96
Total Expenses (YTD)	199,268.01



ATTENDANCE
April 17 - Worship 304 / Sunday School 152

CALENDAR

Sunday, April 24, 2016

- 8:45 & 11:00 am Worship Services
- 9:45 am Sunday School
- 3:30 pm Messy Church & Blessing of the Animals
- 5:00 pm Youth @ The House & Club 56 - Loft

Monday, April 25, 2016

- 8:45 am Mom's Prayer Group – WHHS – Kingdom Classroom
- 1:00 pm Prime Timer Bridge – Parker Hall
- 6:30 pm Financial Peace University—Kingdom Class
- 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House
- 7:00 pm Reading The Bible in 21st Century- Mac Vinson Comp.

Tuesday, April 26, 2016:

- 6:30 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels
- 5:45 pm Zumba – Gym
- 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

Wednesday, April 27, 2016:

- 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions
- 5:30 pm Connect – Parker Hall (*Last one until Fall*)
- 6:30 pm Classes
- 7:15 pm Choir Practice

Thursday, April 28, 2016:

- CDC Spring Fling – Set up and event
- 7:00 pm Praise Band Practice

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon
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MINISTRY STAFF

- The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (**ext. 207**)
- Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (**ext. 211**)
- Ruth Hughes, Director of Children's & Leisure Ministries (**ext. 204**)
- Luke Browder, Director of Music (**ext. 208**)
- Ryland Brown, Musician
- Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (**ext. 202**)
- Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (**ext. 210**)
- Norma Dempsey, Financial Secretary (**ext. 206**)
- John McElrath, Custodian

MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION

MISSION STATEMENT

... We are called to make disciples by embracing all people with God's love in Christ and equipping each other for service to God and His world.

VISION STATEMENT

Hearts on Fire...Seeking, Sharing, Serving...For God

Welcome to

**ALDERSGATE
UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH**



*God saw everything that he had made, and indeed, it was very good.
Genesis 1:31*

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