

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Festival of God's Creation**  
**MORNING WORSHIP ~ 8:45 & 11:00 A.M.**

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**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.)*

**THE PRELUDE** "I Surrender All"  
Ryland Brown & Rick Lankford

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN NO. 122** ROEDER  
"God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale"

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Hear the proclamation of faith: Christ is risen from the dead! The Spirit is poured out. Lives are transformed.

**People: God is active in our world. God brings hope and healing.**

Leader: Hear the call of God: The Spirit of God invites us into community. We are called to see beyond ourselves, and to join in loving care for all those around us.

**People: We accept God's call, and we rejoice in the gift of community.**

Leader: Hear a challenge for today: The Earth is stressed by the heavy impact of human use. The whole of God's creation is groaning, crying out in pain.

**People: We name the Earth as part of our community. We extend our love to all of God's creation.**

Leader: People of faith, gather now to worship God the creator and redeemer of the world. Gather now to be transformed by God's compassionate love.

**People: We praise with joy the world's creator, God of justice, love and peace!**

**\*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** "I Shall Not Want" by Assad and Brown  
The Praise Band

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Ken Sloan

**Great God of the harvest, you give growth to the gifts we offer to you in gratitude and praise. You invite us to be coworkers with you in building a Kingdom on earth that will bring justice, compassion, mercy and hope to all your creation. Help us, in all we say, in all we do, in all we give, to keep our eyes focused on you. Bless our tithes and offerings for the work of your church. Help us to be a part of what you grow in our midst. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.**

**THE GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS**

**THE OFFERTORY** *(Pg. 138 in Hymnal)* "King of Love"  
by Baker, Smith, Garrard, Hein, Palmer and Kulla  
The Praise Band

**\*THE DOXOLOGY NO. 94** ASST 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 TFWS 2146** SPARROW  
"His Eye Is on the Sparrow"

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Josh Consolvo

**PSALTER 754** *(Response 2)* Psalm 23

**GOSPEL READING** John 10:11-18 NT. 103

<sup>11</sup>I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson  
"I Shall Not Want"

**~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~**

**\*HYMN NO. 133** SHOWALTER  
"Leaning on the Everlasting Arms"

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

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

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE POSTLUDE** Ryland Brown  
*\*Congregation will please stand as able.  
Our service of worship has ended.  
Let our worship through service begin.*

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**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE** glory of God and in honor and memory of all members of the Christian Fellowship Class.

**UMW GARAGE SALE IS THIS WEEK!** Please get your items to the church beginning tomorrow morning! We will also need your help to price and sort items. Just come anytime the doors are open in the gym. Mon. & Tues. from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Wednesday from 8:00 am until 4:00 pm. *(No donations after 4:00 pm on Wednesday)* Thursday is get ready day!! Friday & Saturday are sale dates: 8:00 am–2:30 pm. Come join in!

**THE UMW WILL HOLD THEIR MOTHER-DAUGHTER-SISTER-FRIEND BANQUET on Tuesday, May 1** in Parker Hall, beginning at **6:30 pm**. The meal will cost \$9.00 per person. If you did not give your name to your Circle, please drop an envelope in the big wooden box in the front office. It must have your name, how many you are paying for, and cash or a check made payable to AUMW. (You do not have to be in a Circle to attend though.) The deadline is April 24. The charity for this event will be Bethlehem Center, Spartanburg. They are one of our five special SCCUMW Missions. Items to collect will be non-perishable food, paper products and cleaning items. This deadline is also April 24.

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**As of printing Thursday, April 19, 2018:**

**Home:** Alton Durham, Beth Rambo, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Barbara Morrow, Patti Garrison, Peggy Miller, Frankie Boling, Nina Owens, Ann Armstrong, Annette McDuffee, Mary Ann Repaire, Eddie Beam, Neil McWhite, Tom Barnhill  
**Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden  
**Cascades:** Patti Whelchel  
**Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale **Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale  
**Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey  
**Waterstone:** Phil & Jennie Ruth Waynick  
**Westminster Senior Living at Augusta Place:** Melba Poole  
**Rock Hill /Daughter:** Bill Taylor  
**Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Wilma Tiedeman  
**Mt. Home Health/Rehab, NC:** Nancy Reitz

**CALENDAR**

**Sunday, April 22, 2018:**

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School  
 4:00 pm Church Council Meeting - Sanctuary  
 5:00 pm Club 56 & Youth

**Monday, April 23, 2018:**

8:00 am-8:00 pm Garage Sale Receiving-Gym  
 9:00 am Staff Meeting – Library  
 4:00 pm Mosaic – Parker Hall (all week)  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House  
 6:30 pm Trustees - Library

**Tuesday, April 24, 2018:**

6:35 am Men of Integrity–Broadway Bagels @ Hudson Corners  
 8:00 am-8:00 pm Garage Sale Receiving-Gym  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

**Wednesday, April 25, 2018:**

8:00 am – 4:00 pm Garage Sale Receiving - Gym  
 10:00 am Pastor’s Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions Class  
 7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room

**ATTENDANCE-2018**

**April 15** Sunday School - 133  
 Worship - 255

**TITHES & OFFERINGS**

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2018 Average Weekly Budget \$ 15,498.09  
 2018 Average Weekly Giving \$ 14,671.26  
 Previous Weeks General Fund Giving \$ 9,111.18  
 2018 Avg. General Fund Weekly Expenses \$ 15,170.41  
 (expenses include payment for installation of 3 air condition units of approx. 29K)

**SERVING TODAY**

**Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Jan Redfern 11:00 am Ruth McAllister  
**Greeters:** 8:45am Dee & Gray Walsh  
 11:00 am Cheryl LePorte/Ann Ayer  
**Acolytes:** 8:45 am Brooks Davis 11:00 am Anna Kate Schemm  
**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Reid Schemm  
**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Austin Watts 11:00 am David Rose  
**Ushers:** 8:45 am Doug Jordan, Phil Martin, Waldo Watts  
 11:00 am Clay Garrison, David Ayer, Cody Owens

**MINISTRY STAFF**

The Rev. Alex Stevenson, Pastor (ext. 207)  
 Johannah Myers, Director of Christian Formation (ext. 211)  
 Ruth Hughes, Director of Children’s & Leisure Min. (ext. 204)  
 Dr. Grant Knox, Director of Music (ext. 208)  
 Ryland Brown, Musician  
 Jennifer Nelson, Director, Child Development Center (ext. 202)  
 Josh Consalvo, Director of Youth (ext. 212)  
 Susan Hamilton, Office Manager/Communications (ext. 210)  
 Cameron Vaughn, Financial Secretary (ext. 206)

**MINISTERS – THE CONGREGATION**

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS**

Monday-Thursday: 8:30 a.m.-4:00 p.m. Friday: 9:00-Noon  
 Phone: 864/244-1820 Fax: 864/244-9701  
 Child Development Center...864/268-5028  
 Website: [www.aumcsc.org](http://www.aumcsc.org) <http://facebook.com/aumcsc>

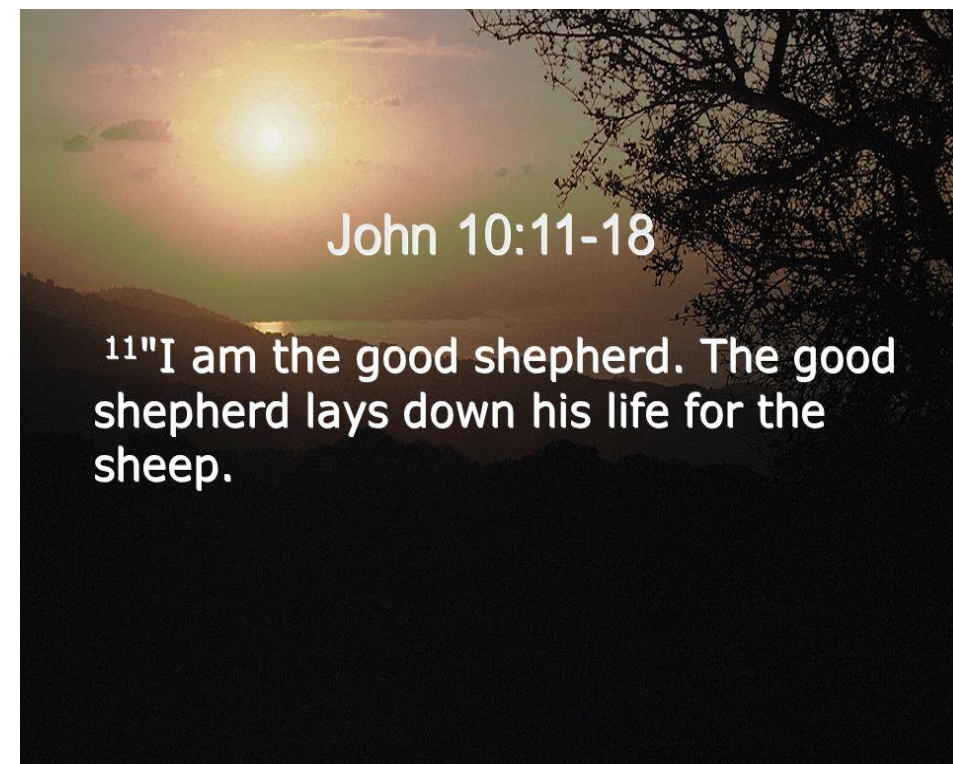
**MISSION STATEMENT**

... 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*  
**ALDRSGATE**  
**UNITED METHODIST**  
**CHURCH**



**The Rev. Alex Stevenson**  
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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
 8:45 am & 11:00 am  
 April 22, 2018  
 Established October 9, 1960  
 Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors  
 The people of The United Methodist Church  
*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*