

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

### 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.)*

**THE PRELUDE** Dr. Grant Knox

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN NO. 322** "Up from the Grave He Arose" CHRIST AROSE

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Jesus said, "I am the vine and you are the  
branches."

**People: We come to be connected to Christ.**

Leader: Jesus said, "Abide in me and I will abide in  
you."

**People: Lord, help us abide in Christ.**

Leader: Jesus said, "If you remain in me and I in you,  
you will bear much fruit."

**People: May we bear fruit for your Kingdom in  
worship and service.**

**\*THE APOSTLES' CREED NO. 881**

**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.** \*universal

**\*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.)*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION** Rev. Rosanna Anderson  
**Gracious God, you are the vine grower, and we  
belong to you. Thank you for carefully tending us,  
especially in difficult times. You provide what we  
need in order to grow as disciples of Jesus. Help us to  
abide in him, the true vine. May these offerings and  
our lives bear much fruit and bring glory to you. We  
pray in Jesus' name. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** (11:00 am only) by Robert Ray  
"He Never Failed Me Yet"

**\*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 ~

**SCRIPTURE READING** John 15:1-11 NT. 109  
<sup>1</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinedresser.

**THE MESSAGE** Rev. Alex Stevenson  
"The Jesus Connection"

#### ~ WE GIVE THANKS AND SHARE HOLY COMMUNION ~

**INVITATION** (All are welcome)

**CONFESSION AND PARDON NO. 12**

**THE GREAT THANKSGIVING NO. 17**

**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.**

**GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP**

If you are not able to come forward, the communion  
elements will be brought to you where you are seated.

**SOLO** (8:45 am only)

Danielle Knox

**CHORAL ANTHEM** (11:00 am only)

by Robert Ray

"He Never Failed Me Yet"

#### COMMUNION HYMNS

*(You are invited to sing these hymns  
as others are receiving communion.)*

314 "In the Garden"

303 "The Day of Resurrection"

304 "Easter People, Raise Your Voices"

306 "The Strife Is O'er, the Battle Won"

#### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, we thank you that you have fed us this  
Sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a  
foretaste of the heavenly banquet in your eternal  
kingdom. Send us in the power of your Spirit to live and  
work to your praise and glory, in Jesus' name. Amen.**

#### ~ WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD ~

**\*HYMN NO. 397** "I Need Thee Every Hour" NEED

**\*BENEDICTION**

Leader: At Aldersgate we are ...

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

**CHORAL BENEDICTION** (11:00 am only) by Lutkin  
"The Lord Bless You and Keep You"

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*THE POSTLUDE** Dr. Grant Knox

*\*Congregation will please stand as able.*

*Our service of worship has ended.*

*Let our worship through service begin.*

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE** glory of  
God and in memory of Rachel Hall Graves by her son and  
family: Steve, Kathy & Mary Madison Graves; Jennifer,  
Thomas & Lily Blackwell; Jordan, Thomas & Dalton Cash.

**THE PASCAL CANDLE** is the large candle beside the  
communion table. Sometimes the Pascal Candle is also called  
the Easter Candle or Christ Candle. It is lit during the 50 days  
of the Easter season. Jesus rose from the dead and appeared to  
his disciples for 40 days and then after his ascension the  
disciples waited 10 more days until the Holy Spirit came upon  
them at Pentecost. The flame of the Pascal Candle represents  
the living presence of the Risen Christ with his disciples  
between his resurrection and his ascension. It is also a reminder  
of the living presence of the Risen Christ with us.

The 2018 **SOUTH ANNUAL CONFERENCE** will be hosted by the Greenville District at the TD Center **Sunday, June 3** through **Wednesday, June 6**. As the Host District we need to provide Hospitality for the Annual Conference. This includes: Greeters and Ushers, Parking Help, Information tables, Registration Tables, Signage for breakout groups and events. Many of you volunteered last year and were wonderful hosts, but we need your help again! **To volunteer go to: <http://greenville.umcsc.org>**

### PRAAYER CONCERNS

**As of printing Thursday, April 26, 2018:**

**St. Francis Hospital:** Barbara Morrow  
**Home:** Alton Durham, Beth Rambo, Tom Barnhill, Freida Parker, Pete & Martha Hendrix, Peggy Miller, Frankie Boling, Nina Owens, Ann Armstrong, Annette McDuffee,  
**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 29, 2018:**

8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship  
 9:45 am Sunday School-Faith in Action in Parker Hall  
 5:00 pm Club 56  
 5:00 pm Youth @ The House

**Monday, April 30, 2018:**

9:00 am Garage Sale Clean Up  
 9:00 am Staff Meeting – Library  
 1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge – Parker Hall  
 6:30 pm Cub Scouts @ The House  
 6:30 pm FPU – Kingdom Class

**Tuesday, May 1, 2018:**

6:35 am Men of Integrity – Broadway Bagels  
 6:30 pm UMW Mother, Daughter, Sister, Friend Banquet  
 7:00 pm Boy Scouts @ The House

**Wednesday, May 2, 2018:**

5:00 am Men's Study—Mac Vinson Companions Class  
 10:00 am Pastor's Bible Study – Mac Vinson Companions Class  
 7:15 pm Choir Practice – Choir Room

### ATTENDANCE

**April 25, 2018**

**Sunday School – 140      Worship - 237**

### TITHES & OFFERINGS

*Worship the Lord through giving.*

2018 Average Weekly Budget	\$ 15,498.09
2018 Average Weekly Giving	\$ 14,309.75
Previous Weeks General Fund Giving	\$ 8,887.16
2018 Avg. General Fund Weekly Expenses	\$ 15,502.75

(expenses include payment for installation of 3 air condition units of approx. 29K)

**E-GIVING QR CODE**



### SERVING TODAY

**Communion Helpers:** 8:45 am Joe & Kay Sprott and Judy Anderson  
 11:00 am Sam & Lorraine Lee and Josh Consalvo  
**Greeters:** 8:45am Joe & Kay Sprott  
 11:00 am Hunt & Cathy Redfern  
**Acolytes:** 8:45 am William McCauley 11:00 am Brooks Schemm  
**Crucifer:** 11:00 am Julian Gettys  
**Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Brad Smoak      11:00 am Rick Lankford  
**Ushers:** 8:45 am Scott Bagley, Trevor King, Mark Wessel  
 11:00 am Doug Patrick, Coley Altman, Gray Walsh, Grant Lankford

### 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, Dir. 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*  
**ALDERSGATE**  
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**EASTER WORSHIP SERVICES**  
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**April 29, 2018**

**Established October 9, 1960**

**Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors**  
**The people of The United Methodist Church**

*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*