

**FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**Mother's 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** "O Come, Let Us Sing Unto the Lord"  
by David Lantz

8:45 am Vocal Ensemble 11:00 am Chancel Choir

**\*THE CHIMING OF THE TRINITY**

**\*HYMN** "Faith of Our Mothers"

*Adapted from Arthur B. Patten and sung to the tune of "Faith of our Fathers"*

- 1. Faith of our mothers, loving faith, fount of our Christian trust and grace, oh, may thy dedication prove source of a church that seeks God's face; faith of our mothers, loving faith, we will be true to thee 'til death.**
- 2. Faith of our mothers, God's great power shall win all nations unto thee. And through the truth that comes from God we all shall then be truly free. Faith of our mothers, loving faith, we will be true to thee 'til death.**
- 3. Faith of our mothers, Christian faith, in truth beyond our stumbling creeds, still serve the home and save the church, and breath thy spirit through thy deeds; faith of our mothers, loving faith, we will be true to thee 'til death.**

**\*CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Today we honor the women you used to give us life: the ones who bore us, and raised us, who loved us with a love that can only be surpassed by your own.

**People: We give thanks to God for our mothers.**

Leader: Today we honor the women who nurtured us in the faith: the teachers, the wives, and the sisters, who by your grace became Christian mothers for each of us.

**People: We give thanks to God for our mothers.**

Leader: Today we honor the women of the ages who set examples for us: the Saints and Martyrs of your church who are our grandmothers in the faith.

**People: We give thanks to God for our mothers.**

Leader: Let us honor these women and acknowledge them as our Christian Mothers.

**People: We give thanks to God for what they have done in our lives.**

**\*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.**

**UNITED METHODIST WOMEN RECOGNITION**

*(11:00 am only)*

**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** "Look at the World" by John Rutter

8:45 am Vocal Ensemble 11:00 am Chancel Choir

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

Ken Sloan

**Holy God, as we give these tithes and offerings to you this morning, help us to be like the sheep that know the voice of their shepherd. Guide us where you**

**would have us go. Steer us to the work you would have us do. Unstop our ears to the pleas for justice, mercy, compassion, and hope that are all around us. Open our eyes to your vision for your kingdom here on earth! In the holy name of Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

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

**THE OFFERTORY** "I've Never Been Out of His Care"

Kim Beam & Tom Angster

**\*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. 381**

"Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us"

**THE CHILDREN'S TIME** Rev. Alex Stevenson

**OLD TESTAMENT READING NO. 754** Psalm 23

**NEW TESTAMENT 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

"God's Love and a Mother's Love"

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

**\*HYMN NO. 408** "The Gift of Love" GIFT OF LOVE

**\*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 now worship through service begins.*

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR ARE TO THE GLORY OF GOD** and in honor of all Mothers everywhere by the Mary Teasley Circle. **THE FLOWERS IN THE COMMONS** are in memory of Barbara Morrow by her family. *(See card at the table)*

**SUMMER SUPPERS BEGIN ON MAY 15** – Make sure you call Cameron in the church office to let us know if you are planning to eat. Always good food and fellowship. Meals begin at 5:30 pm and are \$6.00 for adults. 864-244-1820 ext. 206

**READERS NEEDED FOR PENTECOST-** On Pentecost Sunday, June 9, we will be reenacting the first Pentecost by having members of the congregation read aloud the Pentecost account while it is being read in English from the pulpit. If you are able to read another language, we invite you to be one of these readers. Please contact Pastor Alex (alex@aumcsc.org) and let him know what language you can read and what service you will be attending. If you do not have a copy of Acts 2:1-11 in that language, we should be able to obtain one for you.

**TODAY WE GIVE TO THE EPWORTH MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING!** Today our church will receive the Annual Epworth Mother's Day Offering to provide loving care for the children at Epworth Children's Home. Please find information about Epworth and the Mother's Day Offering on the bulletin insert. Epworth does not receive apportionments from the United Methodist Conference. This offering is our opportunity to support this vital ministry. Give generously with the envelope provided for you in the bulletin. For information about Epworth Children's Home, visit them online at [www.epworthchildrenshome.org](http://www.epworthchildrenshome.org) where you can also choose to make a secure credit card donation or enroll for monthly contributions.

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| <b>ATTENDANCE – May 5, 2019</b>                             |               |
| Sun. School - 115    Worship 8:45 am - 139 / 11:00 am - 181 |               |
| Total Worship = 320   |               |
| <b>OUR RECORD</b>   |               |
| General Fund Budget Needs (YTD)                             | \$ 258,945.88 |
| Total General Fund Receipts (YTD)                           | \$ 294,591.35 |
| Total General Fund Expenses (YTD)                           | \$ 245,947.19 |
| Surplus in Contributions to Expenses (YTD)                  | \$ 48,644.16  |
| Weekly General Fund Budget Needs                            | \$ 14,385.88  |
| Previous Weeks General Fund Giving                          | \$ 18,331.16  |
| <b>APRIL 2019 – MONTH END</b>                               |               |
| YTD General Fund Budget                                     | \$ 248,884.09 |
| YTD General Fund Giving                                     | \$ 276,942.58 |
| YTD General Fund Expenses                                   | \$ 245,493.65 |
| YTD General Fund Surplus                                    | \$ 31,448.93  |

**CALENDAR FOR MAY 2019**

- Sunday, May 12: Mother's Day**  
8:45 am & 11:00 am Worship  
9:45 am Sunday School
- Monday, May 13:**  
1:00 pm Prime Timers Bridge—Parker Hall  
6:30 pm Trustees Meeting – Mac Vinson Companions Class
- Tuesday, May 14:**  
6:30 pm UMW Mother/Daughter/Sister/Friend Banquet
- Wednesday, May 15:**  
5:30 pm Summer Suppers Begin—Make sure you are on the list

**PRAYER CONCERNS**

**As of printing Wednesday, May 8, 2019:**

- NHC-Greenville:** Fred Copeland
- Home:** Beth & Warren Rambo, Pete & Martha Hendrix, John & Mary Holmstrand, Ann Armstrong, Lillis Smith, Tom Barnhill, Rudy Rogers, Joan Sanford
- Oakview Park:** Joan Pawlus    **NHC Mauldin:** Atrice Hughey
- Memory Care of Simpsonville:** Jennie Ruth Waynick
- Myrtle Beach, SC:** Randy Hale    **The Woodlands:** Peggy Miller
- Cascades:** Patti Whelchel    **Mt. Pleasant, SC:** Florence Hale
- Haywood Estates:** Ann Linse    **Rock Hill/Daughter:** Bill Taylor
- Brookdale @ Hawthorne:** Nita Bearden
- Westminster Senior Living/Augusta Place:** Melba Poole
- Rolling Green:** Wayne Rowan, Ralph Bell

**SERVING TODAY**

- Lay Readers:** 8:45 am Wendy Davis    11:00 am Tom Angster
- Greeters:** 8:45 am Joe & Kay Sprott  
11:00 am Nancy Angster
- Acolytes:** 8:45 am Bobby Keith  
11:00 am Anna Hoffman
- Crucifer:** 11:00 am Rebekah MacGregor
- Usher Captains:** 8:45 am Jack Cornell  
11:00 am Hunt Redfern
- Ushers:** 8:45 am Jim Dansby, Danny Dobbs, Suzanne Haney,  
Jordan Truesdale
- Ushers:** 11:00 am Steve Graves, Bruce Royal, Terry Tallon,  
Joel Vanderwood

**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

**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**



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**WORSHIP SERVICES**  
8:45 am & 11:00 am

May 12, 2019  
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Open hearts...Open minds...Open doors  
The people of The United Methodist Church  
*A Stephen Ministry Congregation*