

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 7, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Alleluia" Mozart

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Awesome God" #616

***Our God is an awesome God who reigns from heaven above
With wisdom, power, and love; our God is an awesome God!
(x3)***

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: The Lord is our Shepherd,

All: *We shall not want.*

One: He makes us lie down in green pastures.

All: *God leads us beside the still waters.*

One: The Lord restores our soul;

All: *God leads us in right paths for God's name's sake.*

One: Come, worship God, who gave us our Good Shepherd,

All: *Who calls each of us by name to follow Jesus Christ.*

* HYMN 664 "Morning Has Broken"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we are quick to judge, quick to point blame, quick to want our kind of justice. Slow us down. Clear our heads. Remind us that we are in need of healing, and others are in need of healing, too. Fill us with compassion. Call us to quiet down and to listen to You first, and then to listen to others, rather than jumping to conclusions. Hold us to Your commandments, to know that You are the true judge, the one who brings justice that is restorative rather than retributive. Help us to love one another as You have loved us, forgiving one another as You have forgiven us. Help us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! God loves you more than you can imagine. God knows you have gone astray and have made mistakes and God loves you exactly the way you are. God is calling you back to the path. Listen for your name. Listen for God's call. Listen, learn, and love, for God has loved you into being, and God will love you into abundant life. Amen.

All: ***Thanks be to God. Amen.***

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #451 "Open My Eyes That I May See"

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 2:43-47 (pg. 993)

ANTHEM "I'll Fly Away" Brumley

SERMON "Breaking Bread Together" Stacey Steck

* HYMN #525 "Let Us Break Bread Together"

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Savior, Thy Dying Love" Spong

* Doxology:

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise him, all creatures here below;
Praise him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.***

* Prayer

* HYMN #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Be Not Afraid" #243

***Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!
Christ is risen, alleluia!***

* POSTLUDE "Stand Up, Stand Up For Jesus" Ritter

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
and rev-o-lution.org

VISITORS: We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please call the church office at 704-636-1595.

LITURGIST: Today – Melissa Kluttz
Next Sunday – Bill Hall

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Babies: Klancy Deal, Nora Dellinger
Shushers: Linda Rogers, Dana Milam

Next Sunday – Babies: Ashley Wilkie, Ben Watts
Shushers: Flora Calderón-Steck, Alice Sloop

GENEROSITY UPDATE: We have exceeded our April goal! We finished out the month of April at 117%. Thank you for everything you do to help support Thyatira and the community.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner Rebecca Morrison
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal Carol King OC Shoaf Bill Feimster (recovering from surgery) Millicent Hoffner (recovering from knee surgery) Ronney Steele

- Maddie Patrick, 7-year-old from Port Orange, Florida has liver & bone cancer, friend of Sharon Deal
- Georgia McCorkle's sister, Nina Clark passed away May 3
- Alice Sloop's mother, Joanne Grunwald, recovering from a heart procedure
- Bo Deal, with ongoing medical issues
- Alice Sloop's friend Nancy, being treated for cancer
- A friend of Phares, Cindy Pope, being treated for some serious health issues
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer
- Jerri Seaboch's brother and former member, Millard Goodnight, is undergoing cancer treatment
- Dana Milam's friend, Stacia Henry in Jamaica
- Nell Fuller's niece, Mary Jo Wood, is undergoing cancer treatments.
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family are missionaries in Pakistan

MAY PRAYER FOCUS: Thyatira's Deacons

Servant God, thank you for calling our Deacons to share in leadership of our church. Give them strength for their labors, wisdom in their decisions, compassion in their care, and fulfillment in their service. In the name of Jesus Christ, the one who showed us how to serve, we pray. Amen.

HEALTH CABINET NEWS: May is "Exercise is Medicine" month. The goal is to focus on improving or increasing your physical activity. Begin with 5 minutes, 3 times a week for beginners with the goal of slowly increasing to 30 minutes per day, 5 days a week. See Nora or Georgia for tracking forms or more information.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: May 7 – Suzi Cocca, Robin Luther
8 – Jonathan Luther, Michael Parish, Lucia Steck
9 – Sandy Kern

FLAG RETIRING CEREMONY: Do you have an American Flag that is tattered, frayed, stained, or torn? Troop and Pack 476 will be conducting a Flag Retiring Ceremony on June 4 at 4:00 pm at the church and will accept flags from members of the congregation. Please bring your flags in need of retiring and give to Greg Hager, Phares Sechler, Norma Lauder, Pastor Stacey, or Jon McCachren.

MILL BRIDGE FELLOWSHIP/FRIENDSHIP CLUB: We will meet as usual on the second Tuesday of the month, Tuesday, May 9th @ 11:00am in the fellowship hall. Please bring a covered dish and a friend. If you have any questions please talk to Juanita Turner.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE SEEKING FEEDBACK: The Worship Committee is seeking feedback from the congregation as it decides if any changes or adjustments are needed to the Children's Sacred Space near the front of the Sanctuary, begun in January. In specific, it is seeking creative suggestions and ideas about how to make worship more engaging for our younger disciples who need to be in worship (but find sitting still to be a challenge!) while honoring the entire congregation's needs for a worshipful environment. If you would like to contribute to this conversation, please direct your thoughts in writing to Leigh Anne Wetmore, Chair of the Worship Committee, 940 Cline Road, Mt Ulla, NC 28125 or email lawetmore@yahoo.com by Monday, May 8. Thanks for helping make Thyatira a place where all may worship God!

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship/Communion
	12:00pm	New Member Gathering in Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Meet
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Mill Bridge Fellowship
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	7:30pm	Finance Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	5:00pm – Saturday 10:00am	Girl Scouts Sleepover
Next Sunday	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship followed by Mother's Day Luncheon
	6:30pm	Adult Choir