

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 14, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "I Was There To Hear Your Boring Cry" Ylvisaker

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Lord, I Give You My Heart" Morgan

This is my desire, to honor You.

Lord, with all my heart I worship You.

All I have within me, I give You praise.

All that I adore is in You.

Chorus:

Lord, I give you my heart; I give you my soul.

I live for you alone.

Every breath that I take, every moment I'm awake,

Lord, have your way in me.

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* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In you, O God, every family on earth receives its name.

All: Fill our homes with the light of your love.

One: We gather to thank you for gifts of love we have received.

All: We celebrate with those who have shown us your love.

One: Mothers, fathers, teachers, pupils.

All: Saints, sinners, the mighty, the humble.

One: Come, worship God who teaches us to love through Jesus Christ.

All: Let us worship the Lord!

* HYMN 612

"We Praise You, O God"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you have created us to love and serve, but we have often failed you. You have commanded us to protect the widow, the orphan, and the stranger in our midst, but we have protected only our own interests. You have created us male and female, made equally in your own image, but we have too often treated women as lesser partners. You have blessed us with mothers but we have not honored them or taken their gifts seriously enough. Help us to remember what you have called us to do and whom you have made us to be. Help us to let our lives be a reflection of your image, in and through Jesus Christ, who has shown us the way. In his name we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are redeemed, renewed, and remembered.

All: Thanks be to God for life and life abundant. Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN "Giving Thanks to Mothers" Kelly

**Lord, we thank you for the mothers
By whose faith we come to Thee;
Who reflect Your grace and mercy
In their faces, You, we see.
Honor mothers, God commands us,
Show respect and loving care,
Instruments You made to guide us
Mothers who Christ's love doth share.**

**Through the ages, leading forward
Moms who serve to glorify.
Eve's firstborn starts all the races,
Child in pain sparks Hagar's cry.
Hannah's prayers and Mary's song
Tell acceptance of God's will.
King of grace and peace and patience
These the lessons mothers tell.**

**Lord, we thank you for the mothers
Who have brought us forth on earth.
Giving life that we may worship
Savior born of Virgin birth.
All created by Holy Maker
Workmanship beyond compare
For the gift of moms, we thank Thee
Praise to You, we do declare.**

SCRIPTURE LESSON 2 Timothy 1:1-7 (pg. 1084)

ANTHEM "God's Keeping" Berger

SERMON "Thanks, Mom!" Alex Bouk
Lauren Corriher
Chloe Patterson
Madison Reber
Luke Waller

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

CELEBRATING OUR GRADUATES

*Sara Milam, University of North Carolina Charlotte
Madisyn Patterson, University of North Carolina Wilmington*

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "The Gift Of Love" Hopson

* 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 #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

* 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 "Happy The Home When God Is There" Dykes

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

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 – Bill Hall
Next Sunday – Flora Calderón-Steck

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: Selena Bell, Ben Watts
Shushers: Flora Calderón-Steck, Alice Sloop

Next Sunday – Babies: Karen Townsend, Melissa Waller
Shushers: Jada Ware-Guy, Selena Bell

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first week in May we have met 29.8% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

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

- Ashley Wilkie, recovering from automobile accident
- 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
- Millard Goodnight, 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

MAY PRAYER FOCUS: Thyatira's Deacons
by Edward Everett Hale, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)

God of love and compassion, you poured out your life in service in your Son, Jesus Christ. By word and example he taught us to find fulfillment in giving ourselves, and greatness in servicing others. Bless those called to be deacons, who lead us in service and caring. Empower them by the grace of your Spirit, that your whole church may give its life for the sake of the world, in the name of Jesus Christ, who came not to be served, but to serve. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: May 16 – Linda McCorkle
 17 – Logan Stamper
 18 – McGuire Moore, Dewey Shaver
 19 – Bill Bergstrom

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.

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.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	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
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Meet
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts Bridging Ceremony
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
Saturday	9:00am	Presbyterian Women
	5:30pm	Youth Game Night
Next Sunday	9:00am	Christian Education Meeting
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir