

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Fifth Sunday of Easter

May 19, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We gather in the name of the living Christ to worship God.

All: Surely, God is in this place and calls us to worship in spirit and in truth.

One: God's love is for you and for all people everywhere.

All: That we may share God's love and life, may we be renewed in the refreshing Spirit of the living Christ.

One: The living Christ is with us.

All: Praise the Lord!

*HYMN #403

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION (*silently and personally, and then in unison*)

God of the clean and the unclean, we too easily think we can see from your point of view. We exclude, hold grudges and nurse contempt, all the while hiding ourselves for fear we too would be found wanting. We think we are justified because we are made holy by your love, and we assume holiness means more like us. We forget, or never really knew, that all you touch is holy, and that you created all that is. So when we exclude, we exclude you. When we hold grudges, we hate you. When we show contempt, we are contemptuous of those you love. Help us to be made holy in truth, loving as you love, clean and unclean alike. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news: We are washed in the righteousness of Jesus Christ, and made clean. We are a people forgiven by love.

All: Thanks be to God! We will love like people who know they are loved.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #744

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Revelation 21:1-16

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL LESSON

John 13:31-35

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM “Hymn of Promise”

Sleeth

SERMON “The Saints of the Middle of the Alphabet”

Stacey Steck

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from the Confession of 1967

We believe that the reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind. His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope when the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God's forgiveness to us, moves us to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience, and initiates the new life in Christ. We believe that this new life takes shape in a community in which we know that God loves and accepts us in spite of what we are. We therefore accept ourselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace. Amen.

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

Hymnal, #606

* Prayer

*HYMN #730

"I Sing a Song of the Saints of God"

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response (#243, vs. 1)

"Be Not Afraid"

Be not afraid. Sing out for joy. Christ is risen! Alleluia.

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*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service are adapted from
lectionaryliturges.blogspot.com and re-worship.blogspot.com

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WELCOME 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 contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

WELCOME RENEE: We welcome to Thyatira's piano once again Renee McCachren, our accompanist this morning. Thank you for helping us worship God.

USHERS: **May Team** – Melissa Waller (captain), Aaron Richmond, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam, Randall Patterson

LITURGIST: **Today** – Leigh Anne Wetmore
Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards

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

This Sunday – Jessica Swanson, Robin Luther

Next Sunday – Beth Bates, Karen Townsend

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first two weeks of May we reached 48% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts do so much toward making us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County! You can now also give conveniently online using the GivePlus+ app.

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers the Session, Deacons, and Staff of the Church, as well as all who faithfully serve one another and our community through the ministries of the church.

Mocksville Senior Living: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- Robert Wilkie, recovering from an accident
- Barbara Karriker, Joyce Caldwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Whitaker Raymer, being treated for leukemia
- Johnny Moore, being treated for a recurrence of cancer
- Georgia McCorkle recovering from surgery
- The Organist Search Committee
- Mike Hawkins, ongoing health issues
- Fred Stamper recovering from a heart attack
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Norma Lauder, facing health challenges
- Ted Deal
- Communities affected by California fires, and Hurricanes Florence and Michael
- Bill McLaughlin
- Edna Stamper
- Joyce and Danny Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN: If you, a family member, or friend would like to be added to our Phone Prayer Chain, please call Jim Albright at 704-279-3317. Thyatira's Phone Prayer Chain is different from being added to our electronic newsletter, mailed newsletter, and bulletin. We have 3 people that spread the word by calling approximately 25 prayer list members, who add your request to their daily prayers. Whatever your prayer need may be, finding peace of mind provides a foundation of strength to face any situation. Your request is a sacred trust and is kept confidential among our prayer list members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

May 19 Dewey Shaver
May 25 Jakob Richmond

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBER GATHERING: Join us this morning following worship for lunch and an opportunity to learn more about what it means to be a formal member of Thyatira. Please let us know if you are coming by calling the church office at 704-636-1595 by this Thursday.

PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION OPEN: Thyatira Preschool is accepting applications for the 4 year-old class (age as of 8/31/19) for the 2019-2020 school year. (2's and 3's classes have been filled.) Classes begin Tuesday, August 13. If you know someone who may be interested, they may contact the church office or go the church website for the registration form.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:30am	Session Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	12:00pm	Prospective New Members Gathering
	4:00pm	GriefShare
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy & Cub Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool – Last Day
	10:00am	Smart Start
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Organist Search Committee Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
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Eric Rouse
Juanita Turner

Class of 2020

Robin Luther
Doug Patterson
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Class of 2021

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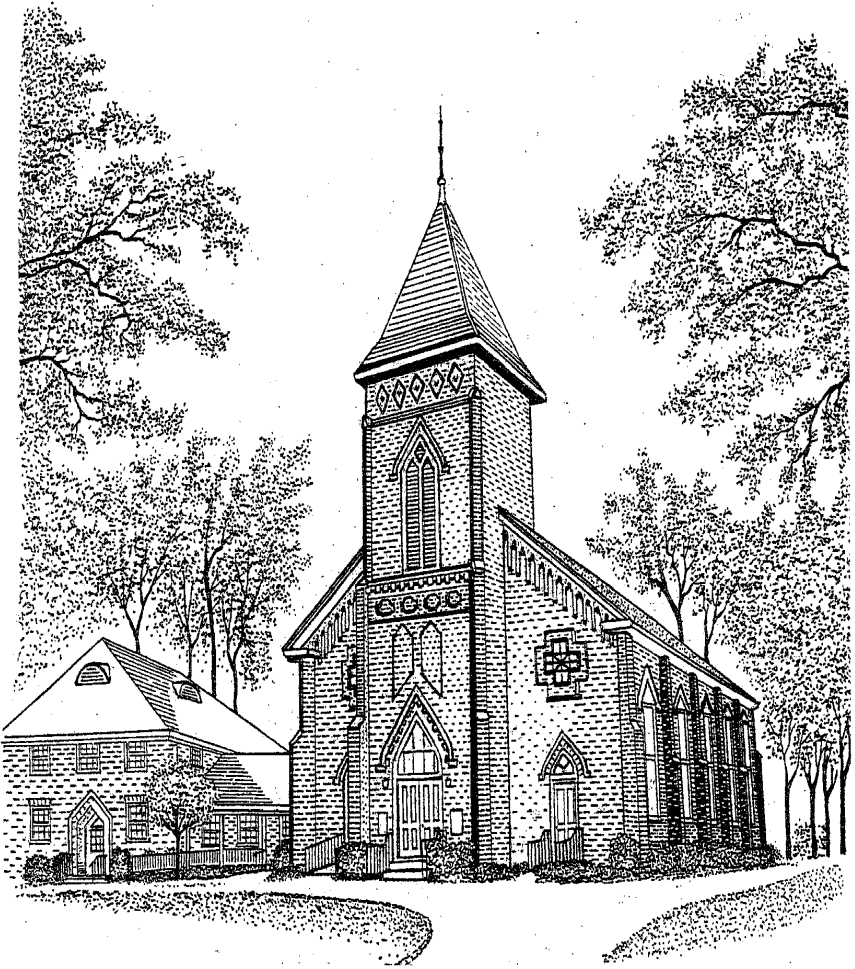
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WELCOME

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