

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 21, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE “Amazing Grace” with “My Chains Are Gone” Page

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 a whisper, in the thunder,

**All: God is here, what great wonder!**

One: In the sunrise, in a child's eyes.

**All: God is here, O heaven's prize.**

One: In our prayers and in our silence

**All: God is here, let our hearts dance.**

One: In God's Word and in our praising,

**All: God is here, so amazing!**

\* HYMN #409

“God Is Here”

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, we confess that we have been too busy for You. We have to-do lists and chores and tasks that need completing. We have ordered our priorities so that busy-ness is rewarded instead of slowing down and spending time with others and with You.**

**Forgive us for falling into the ways of the world, and draw us into**

**Your rhythm of life. Help us to slow down, to meditate and contemplate, to pray and to listen, to what You have for us to learn and understand. In the name of Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ, we are we a new people.

The old is gone. The new is here. We are ambassadors of Christ and proclaimers of the life we have received in him.

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

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

COMMISSIONING TO SERVICE

*Ada Jo Sloop, Peace Corps Volunteer to Uganda*

\* HYMN #340

“This Is My Song”

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:16-34 (pg. 1010)

GOSPEL LESSON

John 14:15-21 (pg. 983)

ANTHEM

“Always By Our Side”

Burrows

SERMON

“Getting Groped for God”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory:

“Lamb of God”

Carter

\* 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 #697

“Take My Life”

\* 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

“There is Power in the Blood”

McMillen

\*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning’s service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)  
and [rev-o-lution.org](http://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 – Flora Calderón-Steck

Next Sunday – Phares Sechler

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 – Karen Townsend, Melissa Waller

Next Sunday – Beth Bates, Leigh Anne Wetmore

GENEROSITY UPDATE: In the first 2 weeks in May we have reached 45.6% of our monthly goal.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Rowan Medical Center:</u>	Ronney Steele
<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) Joyce Caldwell

- 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
- Bo Deal, with ongoing medical issues
- 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

Calling and claiming God, we pray that you will give our Deacons strength for their labors, wisdom for their decisions, compassion for their caring, and your grace for all their needs. May we care for them as they care for us. In Christ we pray. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: May 25 – Jakob Richmond  
26 – Madison Reber

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES-WEST: Our local food pantry is in need of donations to provide food for families in need. Please bring donations of canned goods and other imperishable food products to the church, or consider making a cash donation.

HAPPY PLACE VOLUNTEER: We need someone to volunteer to host Happy Place in the month of June. This is a fun time in the morning and a good place to meet the new members and old members. You don't have to do much, just bring something sweet (store bought is fine), some kind of fruit, juice, and make coffee. Please help us out. Contact Juanita Turner for more details.

MILLBRIDGE FELLOWSHIP: Millbridge Fellowship will be meeting at the IHOP in Salisbury on June 13 at 11:30 (note change in time). We have much to talk about so please come if you can. Contact Juanita Turner for more information.

FLAG RETIRING CEREMONY: The US Flag Code states that when the flag is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, it should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning. As a service to the congregation and the community, Thyatira's Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts will conduct a flag retiring ceremony on Sunday, June 4, at 4:00 pm at the church. If you would like us to help you properly retire your tattered or faded flag, please bring it to the church and give it to Greg Hager, Phares Sechler, Norma Lauder, 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	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
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts Meet
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts Awards Dinner
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	7:00pm	Vision Team Meeting
	7:00pm	Health Cabinet Meeting
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool – Last Day!
	9:00am	Preschool End of Year Program
Friday	7:15pm	Book Club
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