

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

May 28, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE AND LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

PRELUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" with "Holy Is The Lord" Page

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "O God, You Are My God" #743

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.*

*O God, you are my God, and I will ever praise you.*

*I will seek you in the morning,*

*and I will learn to walk in your ways.*

*And step by step you'll lead me,*

*and I will follow you all of my days.*

\* CALL TO WORSHIP From A Brief Statement of Faith

One: In life and death we belong to God.

**All: *Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.***

One: With believers in every time and place,

**All: *we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.***

One: We celebrate this good news once again this day.

**All: *Let us worship God!***

\* HYMN #403 "Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

***God of glory, we are so busy watching the skies for signs of your presence that we forget to look around to see those we can serve in your name. We are so intent on finding just the right way to tell off someone, that we forget the words of reconciliation you have taught to us. We are so convinced we can figure out your schedule that we forget to open ourselves to the presence of your Spirit within us. O Mighty One, forgive us for all that we have done to others. Fill us with the wisdom to resist evil in our lives and strengthen us in that faith which is given to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.***

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON from Psalm 103

One: Hear the good news! The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.

**All: *He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities.***

One: For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is God's love for those who fear him;

**All: *As far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. Thanks be to God!***

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #722 "Lord Speak to Me That I May Speak"

FIRST LESSON		Acts 1:6-14 (pg. 991)
GOSPEL LESSON		John 17:1-11 (pg. 985)
ANTHEM	"Because He Lives"	Gaither & Gaither
SERMON	"The Call to Inner Space"	Stacey Steck
* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH		From <i>A Brief Statement of Faith</i>

***In a broken and fearful world  
the Spirit gives us courage  
to pray without ceasing,  
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,  
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,  
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,  
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.  
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,  
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks  
and to live holy and joyful lives,  
even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth,  
praying, Come, Lord Jesus!***

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "More Love To Thee" Doran

\* 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 #756 "O God of Every Nation"

\* BENEEDICTION

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 "Spirit Song" Carter

\*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 – Phares Sechler  
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 – Beth Bates, Leigh Anne Wetmore  
Next Sunday – Beth Bates, Lydia Richmond

GENEROSITY UPDATE: In the first 3 weeks in May we have reached 64.7% of our monthly goal.

# JOYS AND CONCERNS

## THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Trinity Oaks Rehab 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

- Gary Hensley, friend of Charles Newsome, recovering from prostate cancer surgery
- Father of Michelle Patterson, Pete Adkins is undergoing treatment for Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma
- Ashley Wilkie, recovering from automobile accident
- Maddie Patrick, 7-year-old from Port Orange, Florida has liver & bone cancer, friend of Sharon Deal
- 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 30 - Ruth Albright

C2C WITH CHRIST YOUTH MINISTRY SUMMIT:

Anyone interested in making Thyatira's ministry to children and youth as strong as possible is encouraged to attend and informational meeting and conversation on Wednesday, June 14 from 6:00 – 8:00 p.m. A pizza dinner and childcare will be provided.

We will take a look at the challenges and opportunities facing us as we take seriously the baptismal vows we have made to our children and their parents. We'll look at what we want for our children's relationship with Jesus Christ from cradle to college/career (C2C), and how we might make it happen.

Please make every effort to attend, but if you will be unable to attend on June 14, but would like to be a part of this conversation, please contact Pastor Stacey at 704-245-8100.

ROWAN HELPING MINISTRIES-WEST: Our local food party 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            9:30am MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place  
                     10:00am Children & Adult Sunday School  
                     11:00am Worship  
                     12:15pm Adult Choir

Monday        Memorial Day – Office Closed

Wednesday   7:00pm Choir Director Committee

Next Sunday   9:30am MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place  
                     10:00am Children & Adult Sunday School  
                     11:00am Worship/Communion/Receive New Members