

We Gather to Worship God

Sabbath-keeping is meant for the welfare of all. Yet human beings can turn even the most liberating religious practice into a life-destroying rule. Jesus does not reject Sabbath-keeping but defends its original life-enhancing meaning. Our worship and our religious way of life are to lead to the hungry being fed and the sick being healed.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Nimrod (from **Enigma Variations**)

Edward Elgar

INTROIT

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 400

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

Nettleton

* OPENING DIALOGUE

We've come to worship the God,
**who loved us before we were yet born,
who knows us even better than we know ourselves,
whose presence never leaves us,
and whose love for us never ceases.**
This is our God.
Let us worship together!

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth;
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead and buried,
the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

* THE GLORIA PATRI No. 70

Meineke

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Trusting in God's promise of forgiveness,
let us confess our sin against God and one another.
(silence is kept for reflection)
Eternal God our creator,
**in you we live and move and have our being.
Look upon us, your children,
the work of your hands.**

**Forgive us all our offenses,
and cleanse us from proud thoughts and empty desires.
By your grace draw us near to your,
our refuge and our strength;
through Jesus Chris our Lord. Amen.**

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.
God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit given to us.

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us.

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven!

In the name of Jesus Christ you are forgiven! Amen.

* THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.

And also with you.

**All may exchange signs of peace.*

RECOGNITION AND BLESSING OF GRADUATES

~ *WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD* ~

THE FIRST LESSON

I Samuel 3:1-20

Now the boy Samuel was ministering to the LORD under Eli. The word of the LORD was rare in those days; visions were not widespread. At that time Eli, whose eyesight had begun to grow dim so that he could not see, was lying down in his room; the lamp of God had not yet gone out, and Samuel was lying down in the temple of the LORD, where the ark of God was. Then the LORD called, 'Samuel! Samuel!' and he said, 'Here I am!' and ran to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call; lie down again.' So he went and lay down. The LORD called again, 'Samuel!' Samuel got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' But he said, 'I did not call, my son; lie down again.' Now Samuel did not yet know the LORD, and the word of the LORD had not yet been revealed to him. The LORD called Samuel again, a third time. And he got up and went to Eli, and said, 'Here I am, for you called me.' Then Eli perceived that the LORD was calling the boy. Therefore Eli said to Samuel, 'Go, lie down; and if he calls you, you shall say, "Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening."' So Samuel went and lay down in his place. Now the LORD came and stood there, calling as before, 'Samuel! Samuel!' And Samuel said, 'Speak, for your servant is listening.' Then the LORD said to Samuel, 'See, I am about to do something in Israel that will make both ears of anyone who hears of it tingle. On that day I will fulfil against Eli all that I have spoken concerning his house, from beginning to end. For I have told him that I am about to punish his house for ever, for the iniquity that he knew, because his sons were blaspheming God, and he did not restrain them. Therefore I swear to the house of Eli that the iniquity of Eli's house shall not be expiated by sacrifice or offering for ever.' Samuel lay there until morning; then he opened the doors of the house of the LORD. Samuel was afraid to tell the vision to Eli. But Eli called Samuel and said, 'Samuel, my son.' He said, 'Here I am.' Eli said, 'What was it that he told you? Do not hide it from me. May God do so to you and more also, if you hide anything from me of all that he told you.' So Samuel told him everything and hid nothing from him. Then he said, 'It is the LORD; let him do what seems good to him.' As Samuel grew up, the LORD was with him and let none of his words fall to the ground. And all Israel from Dan to Beer-sheba knew that Samuel was a trustworthy prophet of the LORD.. This is the word of God for the people of God
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

I've Got Peace Like a River
Cherub Choir

Traditional

THE SECOND LESSON

2 Corinthians 4:5-12

For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us. We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bodies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus' sake, so that the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us, but life in you.

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

* THE GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 2:23-3:6

One sabbath he was going through the cornfields; and as they made their way his disciples began to pluck heads of grain. The Pharisees said to him, 'Look, why are they doing what is not lawful on the sabbath?' And he said to them, 'Have you never read what David did when he and his companions were hungry and in need of food? He entered the house of God, when Abiathar was high priest, and ate the bread of the Presence, which it is not lawful for any but the priests to eat, and he gave some to his companions.' Then he said to them, 'The sabbath was made for humankind, and not humankind for the sabbath; so the Son of Man is lord even of the sabbath.' Again he entered the synagogue, and a man was there who had a withered hand. They watched him to see whether he would cure him on the sabbath, so that they might accuse him. And he said to the man who had the withered hand, 'Come forward.' Then he said to them, 'Is it lawful to do good or to do harm on the sabbath, to save life or to kill?' But they were silent. He looked around at them with anger; he was grieved at their hardness of heart and said to the man, 'Stretch out your hand.' He stretched it out, and his hand was restored. The Pharisees went out and immediately conspired with the Herodians against him, how to destroy him.

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Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

Mr. Josh

*Children ages three through first-grade may go to Children's Church in room 123.
Nurseries provided for infants through 3 years in rooms 118 & 120.*

SERMON

Keeping Your Focus

Rev. Kyle Randle

~ *WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD* ~

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

No. 38

OFFERTORY

Andante con moto (from **Sonata V**)

Felix Mendelssohn

* PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Doxology No. 95

- *Taking the Bread and Cup
- *The Great Thanksgiving
- The Lord's Prayer
- Giving the Bread and Cup

All are invited to the Lord's Table at the direction of the ushers. There will be three serving stations. Communion will be received by Intinction. The bread will be placed in your hand for you to dip into the Cup. You are invited to kneel and pray at the Chancel Rail after receiving the elements.

The offering received at the Chancel Rail during Communion will be given to Salkehatchie Summer Mission.

MUSIC AT COMMUNION

ANTHEM *Within These Walls* Peter Choplin
 HYMN No. 2254 (TFWS) *In Remembrance of Me* Red

~ **WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD** ~

* THE HYMN OF SENDING No. 2166 *Christ Beside Me* Bunessan

* BENEDECTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

* CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

* CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Allegro Molto (from Sonata VI)* Mendelssohn

* CONGREGATION STANDING

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God and in memory of Jennifer Clare Timbes (1968 -1988). Jeni's 50th birthday would have been celebrated June 6, 2018. Her legacy and spirit continue at Conway High School through the Jennifer Timbes Leadership Scholarship awarded annually for the past 29 years to a deserving senior. The Cadden Chapel and surrounding gardens, soon to be a new addition to the Clemson University campus, will contain dedicated memorials to students, including Jennifer, who lost their lives while attending Clemson University.

The rosebud on the altar is to celebrate the newest addition to the church family, Braxton Noah Bell! Congratulations to proud parents, Nick and Ashley & grandparents, Randy and Teresa Bell & great-grandfather, Frank Watts.

Rev. Kyle will be in Greenville Sunday afternoon, June 3 - Wednesday June 6 at the 2018 session of the South Carolina Annual Conference. Please keep Rev. Kyle, Janet Lawrence--our lay delegate, along with all the clergy and lay delegates across South Carolina in your prayers. Please contact the church office for any pastoral needs or Rev. Kyle's cell at 803-804-2208.

- Altar Guild:** Pam Frye, JoAnn Smith, Beth Wiley
- Acolytes and Crucifer:** Jade Edwards, Annie Cecil, Emma Chanaca
- Children's Church:** Daniel and Laura Hunnicutt
- Counting Committee:** Sallie Goldfinch, Lynn Hammond
- Bus Duty:** Hunter Jenkins
- Trustee Duty:** Tyler Thomas, Brian Stewart
- Sound Technicians:** Lee Hickman, Charles Hucks, Dave Carey
- Ushers:** Hunter Jenkins (Chairman), Randy Bell, Kelly Cooper, Zack Dusenbury, Kevin Hagen, Jimmy Hammond, Morgan Martin, Charles Myers, Bert Owen, Tyler Thomas, Ernie Turnes

This Week at FUMC

Sunday, June 3

- SC Annual Conference in Greenville
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 9:30 a.m. The Hut Bible Class / Broadcast WRNN 99.5 FM
- 10:30 a.m. Worship Service / Sanctuary

Monday, June 4

- SC Annual Conference in Greenville
- 11:00 a.m. Henry/Rogers Circle / FLC Senior Room
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts / FLC

Tuesday, June 5

- SC Annual Conference in Greenville
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC
- 7:00 p.m. Boy Scouts / FLC
- 8:00 p.m. AI-Anon Meeting / FLC Senior Room

Wednesday, June 6

- SC Annual Conference in Greenville
- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Room 105

Thursday, June 7

- 5:30 p.m. Vacation Bible School / Education Wing
- 6:00 p.m. Girl Scouts / FLC

Friday, June 8

- 7:00 p.m. CA Meeting / FLC



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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 3, 2018

10:30 a.m.

Graduating Class of 2018

William Marshall Bitting
 Son of Kent and Jan Bitting
 is graduating from Conway High School
 Will be attending Horry Georgetown Technical School
 Civil Engineering

Charles Collin Hucks, III
 Son of Charles and Kathy Hucks
 is graduating from Aynor High School
 Will be attending University of South Carolina



Matthew Daniel Carey
 Son of David and Kim Carey
 is graduating with a MA of Science/Environment
 Geology from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.
 Pursuing employment in the field of environmental
 water quality.

Emmelyn Edward Hood
 Daughter of Ashley Hood & Spivey and Sim Hood
 is graduating with a BA in Fine Arts from Coker College.
 Will continue to paint as she finds her way into the
 art community.