



July 1, 2018

11:00 a.m.

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Please silence your phone as we prepare our hearts for worship.

✠ *We invite you to stand as you are able*

Chiming of the Hour

Welcome

Opening Voluntary

God of Our Fathers

arr. C. Wilson

✠ **Hymn of Praise No. 697**

America (My Country, 'Tis of Thee)

Smith

Concerns of the Congregation

Pastoral Prayer

Anthem

For Spacious Skies

David Brunner

Chancel Choir

O beautiful for spacious skies, for amber waves of grain;
for purple mountain majesties above the fruited plain!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

O beautiful for pilgrim feet, whose stern, impassioned stress
a thoroughfare for freedom beat across the wilderness!
America! America! God mend thine every flaw,
confirm thy soul in self-control, thy liberty in law.

O beautiful for heroes proved in liberating strife,
who more than self their country loved, and mercy more than life!
America! America! May God thy gold refine,
till all success be nobleness, and every gain divine.

O beautiful for patriot dream that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam, undimmed by human tears!
America! America! God shed his grace on thee,
and crown thy good with brotherhood from sea to shining sea.

We Worship with our Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

Medley: America

Whitworth

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.*

Scripture

John 18:36-38

NT Page 113

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Jude verses 1-16

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Sermon

War for the Truth

Rev. Doug Rowe

The Great Thanksgiving

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Almighty God, Creator of the universe, ruler of all nations, judge of all flesh, you have placed us, your people, in this land made rich with rivers, forests, mountains, and creatures great and small. Here, you set before the founders and pioneers of this nation an opportunity beyond measure to build a realm of justice, peace, and freedom. Here you continue to call your people, freed from the law and baptized into Christ Jesus, to be a sign of your reign in all the world. For such a place, such a vision and such a calling we give you thanks, praying we may ever join afresh the dreams you set before us as we join with your people in every land on earth and with all the company of heaven in your unceasing praise:

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Leader: Above all we give you thanks for the gift of your Son Jesus Christ, who sends us into the world to declare the good news of your kingdom to every creature: Justice to all peoples, good news to the poor, release for prisoners, sight for the blind, and freedom for the oppressed.

On the night before he was arrested and sentenced to death by the authorities of his own nation, he took bread, gave thanks, broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you."

When supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks, gave it to his disciples, and said, "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the covenant poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins." And so we remember and proclaim the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Leader: We pour ourselves out before you in praise and thanksgiving, a holy and living sacrifice in union with Christ's offering for us. So pour out your Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make Christ known to us in the breaking of this bread, and the sharing of this cup. Renew our fellowship in him, that we may be for the world his body poured out for the world at this time in this nation, and at that great banquet in the fullness of your new creation where justice flows like rivers, righteousness like an ever-flowing stream, where none shall hunger or thirst, neither shall they learn war anymore.

People: By Him, with Him, and in Him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, almighty God, now and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Giving the Bread and Cup

† **Hymn of Response**

God Bless America

Berlin

God bless America, land that I love.

Stand beside her and guide her thru the night with a light from above.

From the mountains, to the prairies, to the oceans white with foam.

God bless America, my home, sweet home.

God bless America, my home, sweet home.

† **Benediction and Blessing**

† **Postlude**

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† **Chiming of the Trinity**

Today's Greeters:

Joyce Inabinett
Edna Morris
Martha Williams

Chief Ushers: Richard Foust, Jimmy Everhart

Captain: Rick Samuels **Co-Captain:**

Mark Berrier, Bradley Hedrick, Loyd Leonard, Adrian Neal and Maywood Wilkerson. **Security:** West Lamoureaux

Flowers

The flowers are placed in the narthex today to the glory of God and in honor of Rev. Jamie Armstrong for his dedication to our congregation over the past four years and to Rev. Elizabeth Graves for the grace she has shown on her journey. Given by Larry and Terri Beck.

Birth Announcement

A single rose is placed on the altar today to the glory of God and in honor of the birth of William Spencer Cagle on May 2, 2018. Congratulations to parents Julianna and Spencer Cagle of Atlanta, GA. Twin big brothers are Carter & Davis Cagle. Grandparents are Nancy & Frank Cagle and Melinda & Jon Rue. A white New Testament is presented to the baby from United Methodist Women Group 12.

Thank You Note

Taffy and I are deeply grateful for the loving support we received from the entire Lexington congregation over the last three months. Your generous hospitality made us feel completely at home in your congregation. The beautiful Timberlake painting we received now hangs by my den chair as a daily reminder of our time together. Please know that you will remain in our prayers as you welcome Roger Weisner as your new pastor. --- Fred & Taffy Jordan

Announcements

Remember to visit our website www.fumclex.org to stay connected with our church calendar, ministries, activities and events.

*You are cordially invited to a reception in honor of
Rev. Jamie Armstrong
immediately following the 11:00 a.m. service in the fellowship hall*

Member Care Birthday Card Ministry

Let us joyfully unite to remember the birthdays of our shut-ins and nursing home residents. Collection baskets are located near the 4th Avenue entrance and the main hallway near the workroom. Pastor Doug will personally deliver the cards to these dear folks.

July 6—John Scarff
July 11—Dot Kinsey
July 13—Nancy Wilkinson
July 23—Peggy Trollinger



Mission Opportunities (Drop off items in the hallway near the work room.)

Open Hands Ministry: Clean & Gently Used Towels and Washcloths

Pastor's Pantry: Canned Tuna/Chicken, Canned Green Beans, Canned Soups and Stews

United Methodist Women: Campbell's Soup bar codes

Gentle Reminder: We no longer collect used postage stamps.

PLEASE CONTACT THE CHURCH OFFICE TO ADD OR REMOVE A NAME FROM THE PRAYER LIST.

Prayer Requests

Buddy Taylor
Sue Corn
Kathy Baragona
Doug Clayton
June Craver
Linda Fisher
John & Judy Hensch
Earl Hester
Martha Highsmith
Joyce Inabinett
Miheepa Jones
Susan Terry Jones
Adrian Neal
Karen Pearson
Jim Ragan
John Scarff
Dare Wilson

Shut-Ins

Dot Kinsey
Caroline McCree
Evelyn Sink

Piedmont Crossing

Health Care

Margaret McCrary Carver
Barbara Proctor
Margaret Ragan
Nancy Wilkinson

Residents

Jo Doris Beck
Herman & Naoma Crabtree
Richard & Camille Lawrence
Madeline Palmer
Jim Ragan

Alston-Brook

Isabelle Trimpey

Bethany Woods (Albemarle)

Alvin Pope

Brookdale

Opal Bloome
Betty Darr

Brookstone

Albert Gobble

Genesis House (Salisbury)

Julee Smith

Lexington Health Care

Hilda Brower

Rolling Green Village

(Greenville, SC)

Peggy Trollinger

Spring Arbor (Albemarle)

Bonnie Cates

Wood Haven (Albemarle)

Louise Pope

Extended Family & Friends

Lynn Younts
JoAnn Poston Hill
Helen Hall
Tutterrow Family
Norma S. Trotter
Jimmy McDermott
Rev. Jamie Armstrong
Rev. Elizabeth Graves
Shannon & Steve Ford
Sherry & Roger Smith
Rae Leonard
Jayne James
Arlena Edwards
Sandy Balsler
Mike Daniel
Craig Thompson
Lynn Mack & family
Jennifer Bagby
Katrina Hunt
Bailey Christensen
Rev. Russell Brownworth
Gary Leonard
Lillian Shearin
Tami Robinson
Kelli Jones
Tom Sigmon
Chris Hunt
Spencer Davis
Faye Graham
Gracie Joy Hedrick
Kendall Conner

David Ogle
Tempie Almstead
Kelly Michael
Kristin Harris
Claire Dowling
David Stafford
Cameron & Pete Dunlap
Linda & Tom Dunlap
Carol & Steve Harris
Peggy Sisk
Anna Smathers
Pat Wilson
Jack Smith
Gene Oldham
Nakajah Vaughan
Brenda Hipp
Jane King
Breanna Wilson
Ethan Reavis
Jason & Stacy Heitman
Jenny Rains
Jimmy Davis
Bentley Leonard
John Bruce Davis
Eric Leonard
Robert, Doris, & Keith Hunt
Martha Daniel
Debra Ann Leonard
Betty Jean Whitaker
Len & Dottie Harris
Jack & Susan Phillips
Jordan Beswick
Susan Fritts
Regina Chrest
Bruce Thornton
Serving in the Armed Forces
SGT John Hall
Capt. Jarrad Thorley
SMS Jason Brownworth
SGT Alan Ingram



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WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, July 1

- 7:00 a.m. Venture Crew Breakfast, Fellowship Hall
8:30 a.m. Early Worship, Sanctuary
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
12:00 p.m. Reception for Rev. Jamie Armstrong, Fellowship Hall

Monday, July 2

Tuesday, July 3

- 7:00 p.m. Theology Pub, Sophie's Cork & Ale

Wednesday, July 4

Church Office Closed

- 7:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast, Cagney's

Thursday, July 5

- 7:45 a.m. Men's Devotion & Fellowship, Biscuit King on S. Main Street

Friday, July 6

Saturday, July 7

Sunday, July 8

- 8:30 a.m. Early Worship, Fellowship Hall
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship, Sanctuary
5:30 p.m. Endowment, Parlor
7:00 p.m. Trustees, Parlor

Upcoming Events

PASSPORT Youth Mission Trip

July 1— July 6 at UNCG

Belize Youth Mission Trip

July 14 — July 24

United Methodist Women Mission U

July 19 — July 22 at Pfeiffer University

The Way Forward

Bishop Kenneth Carter, one of the episcopal moderators of the Commission on the Way Forward, addressed the recent Annual Conference session at Lake Junaluska. The commission's proposal will be submitted to a called session of the General Conference in February 2019 and may determine the future of our denomination. You can hear his remarks online by going to the Western NC Conference website www.wnccumc.org and click ***Catch up on the latest AC News***—scroll down and click on Bishop Carter's address.

Our Stewardship for God's Work This stewardship report is given so you may follow our financial progress throughout the year. Each Sunday, please review and thoughtfully pray over this report. Everyone is a part of God's stewardship.

Report for Sunday, June 24, 2018:

Early Worship: 37 Morning Worship: 124 Total: 161
Weekly Offerings: \$9,166.00
Weekly Needed: \$10,632.90
Total Received to Date: \$246,444.62
Needed to Date: \$265,822.50



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