



ORDER OF SERVICE

October 25, 2020

Twenty-first Sunday after Pentecost

11:00 AM Facebook Live Worship Service

GATHERING

TRINITY CHIMES

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

I Am Thine, O Lord

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WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

GREETING

(1 Thessalonians 1:1)

The Lord be with you.

And Also with you.

Lift up your hearts!

We lift them up to the Lord.

OPENING HYMN

Come, Christians Join to Sing

UMH 158 (music on page 4)

Come, Christians, join to sing: Alleluia! Amen!

loud praise to Christ our King: Alleluia! Amen!

Let all, with heart and voice, before his throne rejoice,
praise is his gracious choice. Alleluia! Amen!

Come, lift your hearts on high: Alleluia! Amen!

Let praises fill the sky: Alleluia! Amen!

He is our guide and friend; to us he'll condescend;
his love shall never end: Alleluia! Amen!

Praise yet the Lord again: Alleluia! Amen!
Life shall not end the strain: Alleluia! Amen!
On heaven's blissful shore his goodness we'll adore,
singing forevermore: Alleluia! Amen!

OPENING PRAYER

Lord of light and hope, be with us this day as we have gathered to hear your word. Help us open our hearts to the commandments to love, even when loving is difficult. Give us the courage to be people who will commit their whole lives in your service. For we ask this in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 22:34–46

SERMON

Practice Makes Perfect

The Reverend Kelly Lyn Logue

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

THE PEACE

OFFERING

CLOSING HYMN

Pass It On

UMH 572 (music on page 5)

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around can warm up in its glowing.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you spread his love to everyone; you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring, when all the trees are budding;
the birds begin to sing, the flowers start their blooming.
That's how it is with God's love once you've experienced it;
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring, you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend, this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on him, it matters not where you're bound.
I'll shout it from the mountaintop; I want my world to know;
the Lord of love has come to me, I want to pass it on.

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DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

Jesus Shall Reign

Hatton/arr. Berry

PRAYER CONCERNS

We encourage our church family to pray for the people on this prayer list. Names will appear for three consecutive weeks unless otherwise specified.

Gwen Baskett, Erma and Jim Bond, Doris Brady, Jackie Caviness, Bill and June Davies, Leonard and Sarah Dean, Donnie and Richard Ducharme, Marie Edwards, Kay Ellis, Jimmy Ennis, Bruce Goodwin, Ken Guettler, John and Pat Held, Don Hillman, Daryl Humphrey, The Reverend Tracy Maness, Judy Mock, Elaine Motley, Peggy Reynolds, Bob Spencer, Jean Stewart, Penny Tate, all service men and women, all healthcare workers

Would you like to receive calls/notices from our prayer chain for urgent prayer requests? If so, please contact Terry Simpson at cterryz@bellsouth.net or (919) 215-5819.

ALTAR FLOWERS

The altar flowers are given by Ginny Wise in honor of Megan and Adam's anniversary.

STAFF

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WORDS: Christian Henry Bateman, 1843

MUSIC: Trad. melody; arr. by Benjamin Carr, 1824; harm. by Austin C. Lovelace, 1963

SPANISH HYMN

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Pass It On

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Unison

1. It on - ly takes a spark to get a fire
 2. What a won - drous time is spring, when all the trees are
 3. I wish for you, my friend, this hap - pi-ness that

go - ing, and soon all those a - round can
 bud - ding; the birds be-gin to sing, the
 I've found; you can de-pend on him, it

warm up in its glow-ing. That's how it is with
 flow - ers start their bloom-ing. That's how it is with
 mat - ters not where you're bound. I'll shout it from the

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WORDS: Kurt Kaiser, 1969
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PASS IT ON
 Irr.

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CLERGY APPRECIATION MONTH

Did you know that October is national Clergy Appreciation Month? We have pastors that provide Benson Memorial with outstanding leadership. During these difficult and stressful days, it is a comfort to know we can count on our Lord and our church staff to lead us through.

—George Lee
Chairman of Staff Parish Committee

INVITATION TO DAILY CORPORATE PRAYER

You are invited to pray the following simple prayer each day until the election results are finalized:

Lord, please guide our country through a peaceful and responsible election process. Amen.

Other prayer resources for these times from *The United Methodist Book of Worship*:

Lord, Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love which casts out our fear, and bind us together in unity, which you share with the Father and Holy Spirit. Amen. (Cecil Kerr, Northern Ireland, 20th cent.)

Teach us, Ruler of the Universe, to see people by the light of the faith we profess, that we may check in ourselves all ungenerous judgments and all presumptuous claims so that, recognizing the needs and rightful claims of others, we may remove old hatreds and rivalries and hasten new understandings, and that we may bring our tributes of excellence to the treasury of our common humanity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. (England, 20th cent.)

Look graciously, O Lord, upon this land.

*Where it is in pride, subdue it.
Where it is in need, supply it.
Where it is in error, rectify it.
Where it is in default, restore it.
And where it holds to that which is just
and compassionate, support it. Amen.*
(Church of Pakistan, 20th cent.)



DO YOU NEED HELP WITH ZOOM? WE'RE HERE TO HELP!

Contact the church office at office@bensonmemorial.org for assistance.
Volunteers are on standby. We will even come to you!

USBORNE BOOKS & MORE
Educational Services Representative

Don't miss it...
BOOK FAIR!
...coming soon!

Oct 18-25, 2020
at
bit.ly/BMUMC2020

Rachel Keeler, ESR: 919-289-5914, snowflakereaders@gmail.com

Hosted by the
BENSON MEMORIAL UMC PRESCHOOL

PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR

by Shannon Luxford, Director, Benson Memorial UMC Preschool and Kindergarten Prep

We are excited to host our annual book fair with Usborne Books and More, October 18–25. We love the quality and educational value these books offer to our families. The fair is available for shopping during those dates at bit.ly/BMUMC2020.

Your books will ship right to your home! Learn more and RSVP here: sqweee.com (enter code BMUMC2020). Our preschool earns 50 percent back in books for our classrooms, so it is win-win to purchase books for your home, knowing your child will benefit here at school as well! Please consider the book fair for some of your holiday shopping!

Need recommendations? Contact Rachel Keeler at (919) 289-5914 or snowflakereaders@gmail.com.
Happy Reading!

REQUEST ASSISTANCE/VOLUNTEER TO ASSIST

Please call the church office at (919) 787-0789 if you need someone to run errands for you, pick up groceries or prescriptions, or simply need someone to pray for you. We are also asking anyone who would like to volunteer to assist people to call the office, as well. We will match a volunteer to those requesting help or prayer.

Family Halloween
Scavenger Hunt

AN EXCITING NO-CONTACT EVENT FOR ALL!
(and you don't have to have children to have fun with it!)

LEARN MORE...

FAMILY HALLOWEEN SCAVENGER HUNT

This year in lieu of Trunk-or-Treat, our Children's Ministry Team is hosting a Family Halloween Scavenger Hunt! It's an exciting and fun no-contact event for the whole family to do together for Halloween. You don't even have to have children to have fun doing this!

On Friday, October 30, at 4:00 p.m., our Halloween Scavenger Hunt List will go live! You can find it on Facebook, Instagram, or in your email inbox. The list will include 26 items ranging from easy to difficult to find. Points are given for each item depending on their level of difficulty with a total of 85 points possible.

Families will go around their neighborhood seeing how many of these items they can find, while tallying up their points and taking a picture of their child/children/family with the item. After that, email Cortney Babajtis (cortneypaige84@gmail.com) to give your family's name, total amount of points earned, and two to three of your favorite pictures from the hunt.

The deadline to submit this information will be Sunday, November 1, at 2:00 p.m.

UPPER ROOM BOOKLETS AVAILABLE

The November/December issue of *The Upper Room* is available. If you would like to have one mailed to you, please [contact us](#) and we will be happy to send it to you. You may also read *The Upper Room* devotionals online at www.upperroom.org/devotionals.



AN ONLINE STUDY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

What if you could stay engaged and encouraged anywhere and anytime with a library of the best resources for study and reflection? Through any device you now have 24/7 access to motivating stories, insightful teaching, and powerful resources.

Explore Amplify today! Visit our Amplify Media page at www.bensonmemorial.org/amplify-media/ for video instructions on how to access Amplify, or watch this [online video tutorial](#) on how to use Amplify Media.

SIGN UP TO PROVIDE ALTAR FLOWERS

We have many Sundays available to choose from (Please use the [church calendar](#) to find an open date.) All you have to do is sign up using our [Altar Flower sign-up form](#). Once you do, a member of our Worship Committee will contact you with all you need to know.

CHURCH CALENDAR AT A GLANCE

Even though we may not be meeting on campus and in person with one another, many of our committees and ministry groups carry on through the use of Zoom video calls. Here is a list of *some* of our events coming up ([complete church calendar is here](#)):

Sunday, October 25, 2:00 p.m., Do No Harm Team Meeting

Sunday, October 25, No UMYF

Tuesday, October 27, 5:30 p.m., Finance Committee

Tuesday, October 27, 7:00 p.m., Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, October 28, 7:15 a.m., [Coffee with the Pastor](#)

Wednesday, October 28, 6:45 p.m., Social Justice Book Group

Wednesday, October 28, 7:30 p.m.,

High School Bible Study

Thursday, October 29, 10:00 a.m., Bible Study with Pastor Jeff

Friday, October 30, through Sunday, November 1,

Family Halloween Scavenger Hunt

Sunday, November 1, 11:00 a.m. worship service,

All Saints Day

Sunday, November 1, 4:00 p.m., UMYF

Monday, November 3, Election Day

Monday, November 3, Preschool Closed

2021 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Thank you so much to everyone who turned in their 2021 Pledge Cards!

We were happy to see so many of you in person last Sunday as you turned in your commitments, and we've had a great response from you with both online and mail-in pledges. If you haven't turned in your 2021 pledge yet, it's not too late. Visit www.bensonmemorial.org/give to fill out a pledge card and learn more about our campaign. Your generosity means so much to us.



UMYF SCHEDULE

UMYF will NOT meet on Sunday, October 25, but will meet again on Sunday, November 1, at 4:00 p.m. via Zoom. Text/Email [Cortney](#) for the Zoom link.

HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

High School Bible Study has begun to meet again! Join us this Wednesday, October 28, via Zoom. Text/Email [Cortney](#) for the Zoom link. We'll see you then!

ZOOM ACCOUNT AVAILABLE TO LEADERS

Benson Memorial has a Pro Zoom account that will allow groups of up to 100 participants to meet through video conferencing. Zoom also allows participants to connect via telephone if video conferencing is not available on their personal computers or devices.

To schedule a Zoom meeting through the church, please email [Pastor Kelly Lyn](#) with the date and time of your meeting. She will email you the links to join the meeting that you can then send out to your committee or ministry area.

Please watch this [11-minute video](#) created by member at Soapstone UMC to help you better navigate Zoom. Be sure to share it with your groups that are using Zoom as well.

THE PRESCHOOL IS HIRING

Needed immediately: BMUMC Preschool Playground Attendant. Part-time, 9 AM to 1 PM, M-F (or any combo of those days). Must be over 18 years of age. Work environment: outside. Please contact [Shannon Luxford](#) for more information or call (919) 781-3310.