



# ORDER OF SERVICE

October 18, 2020

LAITY SUNDAY

11:00 AM Facebook Live Worship Service

GATHERING

TRINITY CHIMES

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE *O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee* Smith/arr. Whitworth

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Susan Brooks, Lay Leader

INTROIT

GREETING (1 Thessalonians 1:1)

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.  
**And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN *Blessed Assurance* UMH 369 (music on page 4)

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine! O what a foretaste of glory divine!  
Heir of salvation, purchase of God, born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

REFRAIN:

This is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long;  
this is my story, this is my song, praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight, visions of rapture now burst on my sight;  
angels descending bring from above echoes of mercy, whispers of love. [REPEAT REFRAIN]

Perfect submission, all is at rest; I in my Savior am happy and blest,  
watching and waiting, looking above, filled with his goodness, lost in his love. [REPEAT REFRAIN]

LITANY FOR LAITY SUNDAY (Adapted from *The Book of Discipline 1992*, paragraphs 101–07)

From the beginning, God entered into covenant with the human family:  
with Adam and Eve, Noah, Abraham and Sarah, Moses, Deborah, Ruth, and Jeremiah.

**Through baptism, Jesus Christ calls us into the covenant and makes us  
ministers of Christ's righteousness.**

All Christian ministry is Christ's work of outreaching love. It demonstrates a common life of gratitude and devotion, witness and service, celebration and discipleship.

**All Christians are called to Christ's servanthood in the world, to the glory of God and for human fulfillment.**

The Church, as the community of the new covenant, participates in Christ's ministry of grace.

**It stretches out to human needs wherever service may convey God's love and ours.**

In our ministry of servanthood is this ultimate concern:

**that all may be renewed in the image of their Creator, and that all Christians are called to minister in deeds and words that heal and free. Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

1 Thessalonians 1:1b-5a

TESTIMONY

Ron and Dee Springsteen

THE PRAYER OF SAINT FRANCIS

(UMH 481)

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;

Where there is hatred, let me sow love;

Where there is injury, pardon;

Where there is doubt, faith;

Where there is despair, hope;

Where there is darkness, light;

And where there is sadness, joy.

O Divine Master,

Grant that I may not so much seek

To be consoled as to console;

To be understood as to understand;

To be loved, as to love;

For it is in giving that we receive,

It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,

And it is in dying that we are born to eternal life.

TESTIMONY

Susan Myrick

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord's Prayer

THE PEACE

OFFERING

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## CLOSING HYMN

*O How I Love Jesus*

UMH 170 (music on page 5)

There is a name I love to hear, I love to sing its worth;  
it sounds like music in my ear, the sweetest name on earth.

### REFRAIN:

O how I love Jesus, O how I love Jesus,  
O how I love Jesus, because he first loved me!

It tells me of a Savior's love, who died to set me free;  
it tells me of his precious blood, the sinner's perfect plea. [REPEAT REFRAIN]

It tells of one whose loving heart can feel my deepest woe;  
who in each sorrow bears a part that none can bear below. [REPEAT REFRAIN]

## DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

May the peace of the Lord Christ go with you, wherever he may send you;  
May he guide you through the wilderness, protect you through the storm;  
May he bring you home, rejoicing at the wonders he has shown you;  
May he bring you home, rejoicing once again into our doors.

## TRINITY CHIMES

## POSTLUDE

*Take the Name of Jesus With You*

Doane/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, Debbie Brady, 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, 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](mailto:cterryz@bellsouth.net) or (919) 215-5819.*

## ALTAR FLOWERS / CONGRATULATIONS

The altar flowers are given by Steve and Debbie Brady in honor of Erin Aubrey Brady who was born September 24, 2020, to Mark and Dana Brady. Grandparents are Debbie and Steve Brady. Erin weighed 8 pounds, 10 ounces and was 21" long. Mom and baby are well!

## STAFF

[Kelly Lyn Logue](#), Senior Pastor

[Jeff Babajtis](#), Teaching Pastor

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## Blessed Assurance

1. Bless - ed as - sur - ance, Je - sus is mine!  
 2. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, per - fect de - light,  
 3. Per - fect sub - mis - sion, all is at rest;

O what a fore - taste of glo - ry di - vine!  
 vi - sions of rap - ture now burst on my sight;  
 I in my Sav - ior am hap - py and blest,

Heir of sal - va - tion, pur - chase of God,  
 an - gels de - scend - ing bring from a - bove,  
 watch - ing and wait - ing, look - ing a - bove,

born of his Spir - it, washed in his blood.  
 ech - oes of mer - cy, whis - pers of love.  
 filled with his good - ness, lost in his love.

WORDS: Fanny J. Crosby, 1873  
 MUSIC: Phoebe P. Knapp, 1873

ASSURANCE  
 9 10.9 9 with Refrain

*Refrain*

This is my sto - ry, this is my song,

prais - ing my Sav - ior all the day long;

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O How I Love Jesus

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 2. It tells me of a Sav-ior's love, who died to set me free;  
 3. It tells of one whose lov-ing heart can feel my deep-est woe;

it sounds like mu-sic in my ear, the sweet-est name on earth.  
 it tells me of his pre-cious blood, the sin-ner's per-fect plea.  
 who in each sor-row bears a part that none can bear be-low.

*Refrain*

O how I love Je - sus, O how I love Je - sus,

O how I love Je - sus, be - cause he first loved me!

WORDS: Frederick Whitfield, 1855  
MUSIC: 19th cent. USA melody

O HOW I LOVE JESUS  
CM with Refrain

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## LAITY SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2020

### 11:00 a.m. on Facebook Live

Laity Sunday celebrates the ministry of *all* Christians to love God and all people. On Laity Sunday this year, October 18, 2020, we will celebrate the ministry of the laity at Benson Memorial UMC during this time of pandemic. In 2020, our community of faith has continued to welcome and offer the good news of Jesus' love for all with engaging opportunities to grow deep and wide in our faith and relationships. Join us for this special lay-led worship service with testimonies, prayer, and song.

## 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](mailto: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.

## Happening Sunday!

### SABBATH HIKE AT UMSTEAD SAL'S BRANCH TRAIL (2.8 MILES)

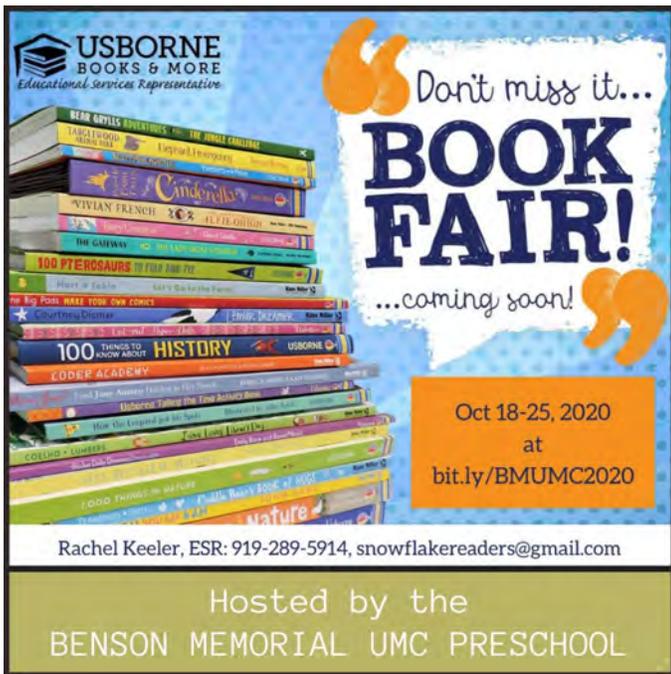
October 18, 2020 at 2:30 p.m.

Meet up with Pastor Kelly Lyn outside the Visitor's Center at the Glenwood entrance to William B. Umstead State Park at 2:30 p.m. for a Sabbath afternoon hike. Face coverings are required! We'll hike the 2.8-mile Sal's Branch Trail together and enjoy the autumn beauty and fellowship. Let [Pastor Kelly Lyn](#) know you are coming so she can look for you!



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

Contact the church office at [office@bensonmemorial.org](mailto:office@bensonmemorial.org) for assistance.  
Volunteers are on standby. We will even come to you!



## PRESCHOOL BOOK FAIR SUNDAY OCTOBER 18

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](http://bit.ly/BMUMC2020).

Your books will ship right to your home! We have a live virtual “Look Inside the Book Fair” event on Sunday, October 18, at 8:30 p.m. This is a 45-minute event where you can see videos of the books, get personal recommendations, and maybe win a prize! Learn more and RSVP here: [sqweee.com](http://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](mailto:snowflakereaders@gmail.com).

Happy Reading!

## H4H BAFFLE PROJECT

All baffles should be returned to the church no later than Tuesday, October 20. Please email [Cortney](mailto:Cortney) to arrange a drop-off. Thanks to all the people who have already made this project a huge success!

## 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 18, 11:00 a.m., Laity Sunday

Sunday, October 18, 2:30 p.m., Sabbath Hike at Umstead

Sunday, October 18, No UMYF

Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m., Missions Committee

Monday, October 19, 7:00 p.m., Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 1:00 p.m., Evangelism Committee

Tuesday, October 20, 2:00 p.m.,

Dismantling Racism/Get Out the Vote Protest

Wednesday, October 21, 7:15 a.m., [Coffee with the Pastor](#)

Wednesday, October 21, 6:45 p.m., Social Justice Book Group

Wednesday, October 21, 7:30 p.m.,

High School Bible Study

Thursday, October 22, 10:00 a.m., Bible Study with Pastor Jeff

Thursday, October 22, 7:00 p.m., Budget Meeting (Zoom)

Saturday, October 24, 9:00 a.m.,

Campus Grounds Work Day (Trustees Only)



## 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

# DISMANTLING RACISM

UMC.org/EndRacism



AND GET OUT THE VOTE

# PROTEST

A PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATION

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2020

2:00 TO 3:00 PM

4706 CREEDMOOR ROAD

## DISMANTLING RACISM / GET OUT THE VOTE PROTEST

*Tuesday, October 20, 2:00 to 3:00 p.m.*

Church & Society is planning a socially distanced, peaceful protest on Tuesday, October 20, from 2:00 to 3:00 p.m. on the sidewalks up and down Creedmoor Road. This event is to advocate for both dismantling racism and getting out the vote. It will also commemorate the Durham Manifesto ([www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/durham-manifesto/](http://www.zinnedproject.org/news/tdih/durham-manifesto/)), the product of a meeting of the Southern Conference of Race Relations (SCRR) in 1942 to address disparities in Black veterans serving their country while still being subject to violence and infringement of their rights at home, including voting. Participants will stand at least six feet away from each other and silently hold up signs with slogans advocating awareness of racial issues and encouraging voting. More information will be forthcoming, but you may contact Susan Brooks ([sebrks@bellsouth.net](mailto:sebrks@bellsouth.net)) to sign up and to be given recommended sign slogans or if you have questions or want more information about the event.



## AN ONLINE STUDY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

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## 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.)

## 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](http://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 Sundays October 18 or 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 will begin to meet again starting Wednesday, October 21, via Zoom. Text/Email [Cortney](#) for the Zoom link. We'll see you then!

## 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.

## 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.