



ORDER OF SERVICE

May 15, 2022 | Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:45 and 11:00 AM Sanctuary Worship Service | 11:00 AM Facebook Live Worship Service

GATHERING

TRINITY CHIMES

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“Tocatta in C Major”

Pachelbel / ed. Hopson

† WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Spirit of the Living God”
Ron Springsteen

* GREETING

(8:45) Nancy Licari, (11:00) Pam Williford

Jesus has given us a new commandment:

We are commanded to love one another.

Just as Christ has loved us,

So we ought to have love for one another.

By this, everyone will know we are Christ’s disciples:

By our love for one another.

Come, may we join our hearts in worship:

Worship God by loving one another.

* OPENING HYMN

“Maker, in Whom We Live”

Maker, in whom we live, in whom we are and move,
the glory, power, and praise receive for thy creating love.
Let all the angel throng give thanks to God on high,
while earth repeats the joyful song and echoes to the sky.

[UMH 88](#)



* Please stand as you are able. **GUEST WIFI PASSWORD:** welcome2bmumc!

Incarnate Deity, let all the ransomed race
render in thanks their lives to thee for thy redeeming grace.
The grace to sinners showed ye heavenly choirs proclaim,
and cry, "Salvation to our God, salvation to the Lamb!"

Spirit of Holiness, let all thy saints adore
thy sacred energy, and bless thine heart-renewing power.
Not angel tongues can tell thy love's ecstatic height,
the glorious joy unspeakable, the beatific sight.

Eternal, Triune God, let all the hosts above,
let all on earth below record and dwell upon thy love.
When heaven and earth are fled before thy glorious face,
sing all the saints thy love hath made thine everlasting praise.

* OPENING PRAYER

God of love and harmony, we're given the commandment to love one another the way you love us. And yet, we allow love to become conditional. Transform our hearts as we worship and help us to create a world which reflects your heaven. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Psalm 148](#)

(11:00) TIME WITH CHILDREN

* GOSPEL LESSON

[John 13:31-35](#)

SERMON

The Reverend Jeff Babajtis

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

"The Apostles' Creed"

UMH 881

**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.**

* GLORIA PATRI

UMH 70

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

* THE PEACE

OFFERING

Offertory

“Prelude in F# Major Op. 28, No. 13”

Chopin

* DOXOLOGY

“Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow”

UMH 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:
Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

* CLOSING HYMN

“The Gift of Love”

[UMH 408](#)

Though I may speak with bravest fire,
And have the gift to all inspire,
And have not love, my words are vain,
As sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess,
And striving so my love profess,
But not be given by love within,
The profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control,
Our spirits long to be made whole.
Let inward love guide every deed;
By this we worship, and are freed.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* TRINITY CHIMES

* POSTLUDE

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Pachelbel / ed. Hopson

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PRAYER CONCERNS

Gwen Baskett, Ethel Boone, Erma Bond, Lynne Brady, Edna Caliendo, Jackie Caviness, Mozell Cunningham, Bill and June Davies, Leonard and Sarah Dean, Donnie Ducharme, Marie Edwards, Jimmy Ennis, Ken Guettler, Pat Held, Daryl Humphrey, Louise and Melvin Humphrey, Demetria Kridle, Elaine Motley, Barbara Owen, Peggy Reynolds, The Reverend Lucy Robbins, Anne Shoulars, Judy Skroch, Jean Stewart, all service persons and healthcare workers, inmates and staff of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women and all others who are in prison

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

If you would like to submit an urgent request for prayer, please contact Terry Simpson at cterryz@bellsouth.net.

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WEEKLY
NEWSLETTER OF
BENSON MEMORIAL
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

The Beacon

May 15
2022

CALLED TO CARE

News from Our Outreach Team



Last week, in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week, 100 homemade cards (each with \$10 Sola Coffee gift cards inside) were made and given to all the teachers and staff at Jeffreys Grove Elementary School, as well as our own

Preschool staff. While the cards were being delivered to JGES, one teacher, with tears in her eyes, poured out her heart saying how much Benson Memorial means to her and her colleagues. She said that everyone feels so much love and gratitude for BMUMC for all the support and encouragement we continue to give. She talked about how every time they received a gift or help from us they were shocked at how “over the top” and “out of our way” we go for them.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this important ministry!

Check here weekly for “Called to Care” outreach updates on projects and to see ways to get involved. Benson Memorial is busy within our community, and we want you to be a part of it, too!





A PRAYER FOR RESILIENCY

He gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. (Isaiah 40:29)

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you. O Jacob, he who formed you. O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name; you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you. (Isaiah 43:1-2a)

Lord, you are our keeper and preserver. We have a promise spoken by the words of the prophet Isaiah that you are a loving God who gives power to the faint and strengthens the powerless. We know that our capacity for resilience emanates from you. We beseech you for strength and wisdom that we would be able to endure the liminality of our current seasons. Calm our hearts and instill strength and hope in us.

Gracious God, please revive our spirits and refresh our souls. Grant us wisdom and direct our paths as we daily rise and tend to the tasks ahead of us. Things are happening around us right now that we do not understand, and we sometimes find ourselves weak, helpless, and afraid. Yet, even amid our travail, we raise our voices to proclaim that you are the Lord! Your Truth nourishes the root of our hearts, helping us bloom in the desert. Your love revitalizes us when circumstances threaten to dehydrate our faith. So, we remain steadfast that, while we may be changed by what happens to us, we will not be reduced by it because we find our identity and calling in and through you, in whom we live and move and have our being. And although we may be hard-pressed on every side, we stake our claim in strength to persevere as we put our trust in you.

Lord Jesus, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, because by and with and through the presence of your Holy Spirit, we are well able to regain our sure footing. God, thank you, for we are beloved. Amen.

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SHARE YOUR TIME TO DISMANTLE SYSTEMIC RACISM

On May 25, 2022, between 4:00 and 5:30 p.m., a peaceful demonstration will take place on Creedmoor Road in Raleigh. This date was chosen because it is the second anniversary of George Floyd's death. The demonstrators will hold signs to remind everyone who is participating in the demonstration and to those who drive past during that time that we need to continue efforts to dismantle systemic racism and the injustices it causes for so many.

Members from several houses of worship, including Benson Memorial United Methodist Church, St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, Temple Beth Or, Pullen Memorial Baptist Church, and Grove Baptist Church will participate. The demonstration will be followed by a service at Temple Beth Or to pray for this necessary change.



COLLECT TABS FOR THE RONALD MCDONALD HOUSE OF NC

The Susanna Wesley group is sponsoring the collection of aluminum pop tabs during the month of May. These pop tabs will be delivered to the Ronald McDonald House of NC (RMHC-NC) where they will be turned into a monetary donation to the House. Pops tabs are the tabs used to open soda drinks and also many other canned goods. Only the tabs are being collected. Tabs can be placed in the labeled box across the hall from the church office or in the labels container in the narthex during the month of May.



Pop Tab Fun Facts:

- RMHC-NC receives an average of .35 per lb.
- Each pound is about 1,273 pop tabs.
- A gallon size bag of pop tabs equates to about 1 lb.



Saturday, May 21 9AM to noon

We need your help! Please consider spending a few hours with us sprucing up the campus. We promise to make it fun!

CONNECT WITH US!

Welcome! We are glad you are here and chose to spend this time with us. If you are a first-time guest, we would love to connect with you!

We know everyone prefers a different method of communication, so you can either fill out a connect card located at the Welcome Table in the narthex and leave it in the collection basket on your way out, or simply take out your phone and scan the QR on the front of the connect card. The code will provide you with instant links to our website, our social media sites, and to our Google Review site so you may let us know how we're doing.

On our website, we have a connect card right on the homepage that is easy to fill out and send to us. We hope to provide you with important information about our church, open a personal line of communication, and simply say *Hi* and thanks for visiting!

WELCOME!

— THANKS FOR JOINING US —

LET'S CONNECT:

Name

Email

Phone



[\(complete church calendar is here\)](#)

Sunday, May 15

- 8:45 a.m., In-person Worship
- 9:45 a.m., Pathfinders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Bright Siders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Benson Discussion Class
- 11:00 a.m., In-person Worship
- 11:00 a.m., [Online Worship](#)
- 12:00 p.m., Chimes Choir

Monday, May 16

- 1:30 p.m., Susanna Wesley Circle
- 7:00 p.m., Trustees Meeting

Tuesday, May 17

- 2:00 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry
- 6:30 p.m., SPRC Meeting

Wednesday, May 18

- 11:00 a.m., Lay Pastors Meeting

Thursday, May 19

- 6:00 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Saturday, May 21

- 9:00 a.m., Church Campus Work Day

Sunday, May 22

- 8:45 a.m., In-person Worship
- 9:45 a.m., Pathfinders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Bright Siders Class
- 9:45 a.m., Benson Discussion Class
- 11:00 a.m., In-person Worship
- 11:00 a.m., [Online Worship](#)
- 12:00 p.m., Chimes Choir

Monday, May 23

- 1:00 p.m., Preschool Board Lunch
- 7:00 p.m., Church & Society

Tuesday, May 24

- 10:30 a.m., Women Who Read

Wednesday, May 25

- 4:00 p.m., George Floyd Peaceful Demonstration

Thursday, May 26

- 6:00 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal

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