



ORDER OF SERVICE

May 29, 2022 | Seventh 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

“The Rejoicing”

Handel/arr. Hopson

† WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

“Hallelujah Round of Praise”

Mozart/Lovelace

(8:45) Judith Hillman, Elaine Turner, and Anthony Roncolato
(11:00) Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

* GREETING

(8:45) Jennifer Riggert, (11:00) Pat Lee

We have been invited to know God.

Let us enter the knowledge of God.

We have been invited to enter God’s truth.

Let us enter the truth of God.

We have been invited to enter God’s unity.

Let us enter the unity of God.



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

* OPENING HYMN

“And Are We Yet Alive”

[UMH 553](#)

And are we yet alive, and see each other's face?
Glory and thanks to Jesus give for his almighty grace!

Preserved by power divine to full salvation here,
again in Jesus' praise we join, and in his sight appear.

What troubles have we seen, what mighty conflicts past,
fightings without, and fears within, since we assembled last!

Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
and still he doth his help afford, and hides our life above.

Then let us make our boast of his redeeming power,
which saves us to the uttermost, till we can sin no more.

Let us take up the cross till we the crown obtain,
and gladly reckon all things loss so we may Jesus gain.

* OPENING PRAYER

**Holy and healing one, we come to offer our disconnected lives in return for your unity.
May we grow to know you more, not as lone individuals, but as faithful fragments seeking
to be made whole again. Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

[Psalm 97](#)

(11:00) TIME WITH CHILDREN

(11:00) ANTHEM

“We Walk by Faith”
Benson Memorial Chancel Choir

Wilson

* GOSPEL LESSON

[John 17:20-26](#)

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

“To a Wild Rose”

MacDowell

* 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

“When We Are Living”

[UMH 356](#)

When we are living, it is in Christ Jesus,
And when we're dying, it is in the Lord.
Both in our living and in our dying,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

Through all our living, we our fruits must give.
Good works of service are for offering.
When we are giving, or when receiving,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
When sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
Whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

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Across this wide world, we shall always find
Those who are crying with no peace of mind,
But when we help them, or when we feed them,
We belong to God, we belong to God.

* DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

* TRINITY CHIMES

* POSTLUDE "Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise" arr. Hopson

SYMPATHY

We extend love and sympathy to the family and friends of Peggy Reynolds who died on May 25, 2022, at her home in Wilmington, North Carolina.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Gwen Baskett, Carolyn Blalock, Erma Bond, Steve 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, 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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1. And are we yet a - live, and see each
 2. Pre - served by power di - vine to full sal -
 3. What trou - bles have we seen, what might - y
 4. Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us
 5. Then let us make our boast of his re -
 6. Let us take up the cross till we the

oth - er's face? Glo - ry and thanks to
 va - tion here, a - gain in Je - sus'
 con - flicts past, fight - ings with - out, and
 by his love; and still he doth his
 deem - ing power, which saves us to the
 crown ob - tain, and glad - ly reck - on

Je - sus give for his al - might - y grace!
 praise we join, and in his sight ap - pear.
 fears with - in, since we as - sem - bled last!
 help af - ford, and hides our life a - bove.
 ut - ter - most, till we can sin no more.
 all things loss so we may Je - sus gain.

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Pues Si Vivimos
(When We Are Living)

Unisono (Unison)
D Em A7 D

1. Pues si vi - vi - mos, pa-ra Él vi - vi - mos
2. En es - ta vi - da, fru-tos he - mos de dar.
1. When we are liv - ing, it is in Christ Je - sus,
2. Through all our liv - ing, we our fruits must give.

Bm Em A7 D

y si mo - ri - mos pa-ra Él mo - ri - mos.
Las o - bras bue - nas son pa-ra o - fren-dar.
and when we're dy - ing, it is in the Lord.
Good works of ser - vice are for of - fer - ing.

G Em A F#m

Sea que vi - va - mos o que mu - ra - mos,
Ya sea que de - mos o que re - ci - ba - mos,
Both in our liv - ing and in our dy - ing,
When we are giv - ing, or when re - ceiv - ing,

Estribillo (Refrain)
Bm Em A7 D *last time to Coda*

so-mos del Se - ñor, so-mos del Se - ñor.
we be-long to God, we be-long to God.

Coda (Solamente la última vez)
Bm Em A7 D

So-mos del Se - ñor, so-mos del Se - ñor.
We be-long to God, we be-long to God.

- 3. En la tristeza y en el dolor,
en la belleza y en el amor,
sea que suframos o que gocemos,
Estribillo
- 4. En este mundo, hemos de encontrar
gente que llora y sin consolar.
Sea que ayudemos o que alimentemos,
Estribillo
- 3. 'Mid times of sorrow and in times of pain,
when sensing beauty or in love's embrace,
whether we suffer, or sing rejoicing,
Refrain
- 4. Across this wide world, we shall always find
those who are crying with no peace of mind,
but when we help them, or when we feed them,
Refrain

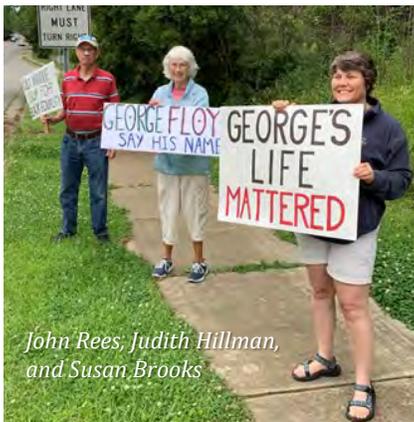
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DISMANTLING RACISM

by Susan Brooks

On Wednesday, May 25, 2022, members from Benson Memorial UMC were joined by those from St. Francis Catholic Church, Hayes Barton UMC, and others in a demonstration on Creedmoor Road to note the second anniversary of George Floyd's death and the need to dismantle racism. From a Christian perspective, violence against any of us is violence against all of us. Christians are called to love our neighbors as ourselves, to prophetically point out and stand against wrong, and to bear witness. In standing and displaying signs with messages of peace and anti-racism, demonstrators were doing just that. Perhaps most importantly, congregants of the different churches represented showed solidarity and developed relationships so that they may continue to work together to bring God's kingdom to earth.



John Rees, Judith Hillman,
and Susan Brooks

FROM THE BISHOP: ENOUGH!

"O that my head were a spring of water, and my eyes a fountain of tears, so that I might weep day and night for the slain of my poor people!" —JEREMIAH 9:1

Hearts once again struggle for words that will not come easily. Grief brought about by another senseless act of violence at the hands of a teenager with guns has once again settled heavily in our spirit like *"a voice heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."* —JEREMIAH 31:15

Will the tears be enough?

Will the prayers be enough?

Will statements and media sound bites be enough?

Will the countless social media posts be enough?

Will time once again slip away while we debate what must be done, attempting to brace ourselves for the next tragedy? Enough rhetoric already.

"My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all day long, 'Where is your God?'" —PSALM 42:3

Will the silence of children's voices, once vibrant with so much life ahead of them, or brown bodies lying lifeless in grocery store aisles, or the taking of lives in houses of worship, be enough? Will these tragedies linger long enough in our collective tears to remove the fear of what it might cost to follow our words with actions? The price of our lack of will has already cost too much.

We must bear this hurt collectively; it is all of ours. *"Is there no balm in Gilead? Is there no physician there?" —JEREMIAH 8:22.* What if the great physician, Jesus, the prince of peace, our peace in the midst of the storm, has already diagnosed the sickness and written the prescription, but we refuse to take the medicine? What if what awaits is our courage to do whatever is necessary to transform the question mark of our current laments of "why?" into the exclamation point of life and hope strong enough to lead us into necessary change.

NO MORE! ENOUGH IS ENOUGH! Come, Lord Jesus, come! Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

In Christ,



CALLED TO CARE

News from Our Outreach Team

Thank you to everyone who brought donations for North Raleigh Ministries last week! It was a very short time ago that we heard that NRM shelves were getting bare, so there wasn't much time to plan and get word out about our youth hosting a food drive. But even with so little time, of course, you all came through! You always do.

A great BIG thank you to Carson Hartong and Delaney Padgett for putting the food drive together, and to the following people for working hard to make it a success: Carson,

Delaney, Henry, Alex, Bev, Robert, Lynda, and Jeff.

When Jeff and I delivered the food on Tuesday, everyone was shocked to see how much we had collected. Smiles were ear to ear and hearts were warmed. All because of *you*.

One volunteer said that she had worked there for over 12 years and had never seen a donation so large. Everyone raved with excitement over how many rolls of paper towels and bottles of laundry detergent we donated. They were incredibly

grateful. And so are Jeff and I. Benson Memorial is a church family that ALWAYS shows up whenever there is a need.

Thank you for your generosity and for being love to our neighbors.

With a grateful heart,
Cortney Babajtis

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!



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 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.





CELEBRATING 72 YEARS!

J. Melvin and Louise J. Humphrey were united in marriage on May 27, 1950, at Edenton Street Methodist Church in Raleigh, NC. They are celebrating their 72nd wedding anniversary. Their union has produced five lovely children, 10 grandchildren, and 10 great-grandchildren.

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 —

SCAN ME

LET'S CONNECT:

Name

Email

Phone

SUBSCRIBE TO OUR NEWSLETTER: conta.cc/3iAjVnQ

CALENDAR

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

Sunday, May 29

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 30—Memorial Day Office closed

Thursday, June 2

6:00 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, June 5

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
3:00 p.m., Prayer Shawl Ministry

Wednesday, June 8

7:00 p.m., Finance Committee

Thursday, June 9

6:00 p.m., Chancel Choir Rehearsal
7:00 p.m., Outreach Committee

Sunday, June 12

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

PROVIDE ALTAR FLOWERS

To provide flowers for the altar, please use the [church calendar](#) to find an open date and sign up using our [altar flower form](#). Once you do, a member of our Worship Committee will contact you.

TEXT TO GIVE

Giving to Benson Memorial UMC has never been easier with our **Text To Give** option. Simply text the dollar amount you'd like to give to **(844) 770-0501**, enter your payment information, and confirm your payment.