

Order of Service 5.7.23
Fifth Sunday after Easter
Liturgical Color: White

Prelude *Fanfare on "Lyons"*—J. M. Haydn/arr. Edwards

Acolyte—Ruby O.

Welcome/Announcements
Goodness of God (CCLI #7117726)

Verse 1
I love You Lord
Oh Your mercy never fails me
All my days
I've been held in Your hands
From the moment that I wake up
Until I lay my head
I will sing of the goodness of God

Chorus
All my life You have been faithful
All my life You have been so so good
With every breath that I am able
I will sing of the goodness of God

Verse 2
I love Your voice
You have led me through the fire
In darkest night
You are close like no other
I've known You as a father
I've known You as a friend
I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me
With my life laid down
I'm surrendered now
I give You everything
Your goodness is running after
It's running after me

In the Garden (CCLI # 62858)

Verse 1
I come to the garden alone
While the dew is still on the roses
And the voice I hear falling on my ear
The Son of God discloses

Chorus
And He walks with me
And He talks with me
And He tells me I am His own
And the joy we share as we tarry there
None other has ever known

Verse 2
He speaks and the sound of His voice
Is so sweet the birds hush their singing
And the melody that He gave to me
Within my heart is ringing

Chorus

Verse 3
I'd stay in the garden with Him
Tho' the night around me be falling
But He bids me go thro' the voice of woe
His voice to me is calling

Morning Prayer

INVITATION

Christ the Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have failed to be an obedient church.
We have not done your will,
we have broken your law,
we have rebelled against your love,
we have not loved our neighbors,
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.
Forgive us, we pray.
Free us for joyful obedience,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hear the good news:
Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ,
you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.

Anthem

For God So Loved the World—Joseph Martin

Offering *I Want Jesus to Walk with Me*
-Spiritual/arr. Giamanco

Doxology 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 up-lifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Centering Hymn

Spirit of the Living God (UMH 393)

Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me,
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.
Break me, melt me, mold me, fill me.
Spirit of the Living God,
Fall afresh on me.

Scripture

Mark 10:35-45 NIV

35 Then James and John, the sons of Zebedee, came to him. "Teacher," they said, "we want you to do for us whatever we ask."

36 "What do you want me to do for you?" he asked.

37 They replied, "Let one of us sit at your right and the other at your left in your glory."

38 "You don't know what you are asking," Jesus said. "Can you drink the cup I drink or be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with?"

39 "We can," they answered.

Jesus said to them, "You will drink the cup I drink and be baptized with the baptism I am baptized with, 40 but to sit at my right or left is not for me to grant. These places belong to those for whom they have been prepared."

41 When the ten heard about this, they became indignant with James and John. 42 Jesus called them together and said, "You know that those who are regarded as rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their high officials exercise authority over them. 43 Not so with you. Instead, whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant, 44 and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. 45 For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

Sermon Justin Harper

Sermon Title "Who's on First"

Apostle's Creed

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 arose 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.

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty,

creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

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

Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these

your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died;

Christ is risen;

Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ,

that we may be for the world the body of Christ,

redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us

one with Christ,

one with each other,

and one in ministry

to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. Amen.

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.

Taking the Bread and Cup
Communion Meditation-arr. Johnson

Closing Hymn

Amazing Grace UMH #378
V 1, 3, 6

Verse 1

Amazing grace! How sweet the sound
that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
was blind, but now I see.

Verse 3

Through many dangers, toils,
and snares,
I have already come; 'tis grace hath
brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

Verse 6

When we've been there
ten thousand years,
bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing
God's praise
than when we'd first begun.

Chorus

Benediction

Chiming of the Holy Trinity

Postlude

Grand Epilog—Broughton

**Response is in bold.*



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT
ATTENDANCE**

(4/30) 10:00a Service.....70

Operating Fund

Contributions 4/30 \$ 5,345.00

Contributions YTD \$ 807,869.15

Ushers: Clyde Kerns, Joe Patterson,
Jimmy Warren

Greeter: Carrie Bradley

*The altar flowers are given
to the glory of God and in honor of
Marsha Bristow's Birthday
From the Kitty Committee*

Central News and Events 5.7.23

The **Administrative Council** will meet Sunday, **May 7** at 4:15 pm.

There will be a Called Charge Conference on May 7 at 4:20 pm for the purpose of final decision on disaffiliation.

There will be a **Finance Meeting** on **Monday, May 8** at 6:00 pm.

The Church Office will be closed on **Friday, May 12**.

Save the date for **Graduation Sunday, May 28, 2023**. If you have a graduation announcement please remit to the church office by May 22, 2023.

Join us for **Sunday School** in the CAC at 8:30 am.

Our **Nursery** is available during worship service for ages 0-4 years old. We are in need of volunteers in the nursery to help support this ministry. Please see or contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

KID Central is our church's church for K-5th. If you have any questions, please contact our Youth and Children's Ministries Director, Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org.

UMYF United Methodist Youth Fellowship meets on Sunday evenings from 5:30-7:30pm. If you have any questions or would like to join/volunteer for youth events, please contact Kayla Potter Fuller at kayla@cumckm.org or 704-739-2471.

If you need to contact Pastor Bruce Gwyn please contact/text him at 704-291-0212 or pastor@cumckm.org.

PRAYER LIST: PRAISES AND CONCERNS

Members in Nursing Homes, Assisted Living and Homebound: Jane Edwards; Barbara Bridges; , John & Evelyn Eagle; Marilyn Hamrick.

Military Personnel: SSGT Tyler Dixon-Marines; SSGT Jonathan Brucker-Army; SSgt. Joshua Brucker; Army; CAPT Alex Plonk-Air Force; S 1 Tyler Hellstrand-Navy; Abbey Wallace-Air Force (Afghanistan); SSG Colby Bailey—Army; LT Boone McDaniel, Navy; CAPT Wendell Bunch, Jr.—Army; CAPT Alex Young,—Air Force; PFC Matthew Oliveira—Ft. Bliss, El Paso, TX.

Concerns: (members/constituents/church-related concerns): Guidance in developing new ministries; our college students; Community Kitchen Ministry; Ruth Wilson (death), mother of Kathy Livsie 4.15.23; Nikki Skibo 4.17.20.

Concerns: (friends/relatives/other concerns): All children in need; Samuel Smith (cancer) 9.30.19; Freida Grant 2.21.22; Sherry Curtis 4.20.22; Jennifer Wall 4.26.22; Parker Byrd 7.27.22; Terry and Johnny Neil 10.17.22; Charles Bagwell 10.17.22; Tina Melvin 10.24.22; Sandy Edwards 1.5.23; Sharon Wilson 1.25.23; Kim Phillips 1.25.23; Allen McKinney (prostate cancer) 2.7.23; The VonEgidy Family on the death of daughter, Karsyn (car accident) 4.15.23; Teresa Putnam LeMaster (death), sister of Roger Putnam 4.23.23.



Welcome Visitors!

Scan to get connected to Central, inquire about membership and for prayer requests.