

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**MAY 9, 2021**  
**SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
**MOTHER'S DAY**

*Welcome: It's time to celebrate, we are in the presence of God. We invite you to joyfully prepare your hearts to receive God's love and to feel connected to the Body of Christ this day.*

*Singing: We will not be singing the hymns. You are encouraged to read the meaningful words as the hymn is played.*

\* Please stand as you are able.

**ELEVEN O'CLOCK**

**GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERNS**

**PRELUDE**                      **Lord of the Dance**                      Joel Raney  
   Janet Van Sant, piano                      (b. 1956)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: "When the storms of life are raging, stand by me."

**People: Lord, hear my cry and rescue me!**

Leader: "When the world is tossing me, like a ship upon the sea,"

**People: God who rules wind and water, stand by me.**

Leader: God stands with you in bright sunshine and deepest storm.

**People: God gently guides us to safety and peace. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* **HYMN No. 400 Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing**    **NETTLETON**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

If we claim that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**God of infinite mercy and love, we come before you this day, knowing that we have not always been faithful to what you would have us do. We have too often turned our backs on those in need, choosing not to hear their cries. Forgive us, O Lord. We know that you don't want us to behave in this way. Your love and mercy, so generously showered over us, should be a beacon to guide our own actions. We make no excuses, for none would suffice. We ask your forgiveness and blessing. Turn us around and place us on the path of compassion and peace. This prayer we offer in Jesus' name. Amen.**

**PERSONAL CONFESSION AND MEDITATION (IN SILENCE)**

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: God's love is greater than our understanding and our comprehension. His love is continually given to each and every one of us each day. Rejoice! God's forgiving love is poured out for you now and always. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!**

**All: Glory to God. Amen.**

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may your Spirit rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

**Psalm 23**

**SERMON**

**"Motherlove"**

Rev. Ross Carter

**CALL TO PRAYER**

Minister: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Minister: Let us pray.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

\* **THE APOSTLES' 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 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.**

\* **HYMN TFWS No. 2130**

**The Summons**

**KELVINGROVE**

**BENEDICTION**

*The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.*

**POSTLUDE**

**Pastoral Dance on "Simple Gifts"**

Andrew Clarke  
(b. 1942)

**GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. Offering plates are placed at the doors from the narthex into the sanctuary so that our gifts and tithes may be placed in them upon entering or leaving. If you would prefer to make your contribution via Text-to-Give, just text your offering amount to FSUMC's dedicated number, 336-489-GIVE (4483).

**THE ALTAR FLOWERS** are given to the glory of God, in honor of Sarah Carter, and in memory of Barbara Davis and Linda Carter.

**THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS** are located on the tables in the narthex and may be placed in the offering plate or in the prayer request box in the narthex area, or you may email the prayer ministry team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. A member of the prayer team will collect requests and offer prayers for requests given on the prayer request cards.

**MOTHER'S DAY OFFERING**

Please support the Mother's Day offering **today**. This offering raises funds to provide benevolent care to those residents within the United Methodist Retirement Homes communities, whose resources have been depleted. Offering envelopes are provided in your bulletin.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The following dates are available to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 16 and 30 and June 13, 20, and 27**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

We thank the following for their service during our worship service:

Lay Reader: Fred Glassford  
 Acolyte: Adam Faircloth  
 Crucifer: Jackson Faircloth

**BIBLE STUDY AND COFFEE WITH A PASTOR**

Join Pastor Ross on **Wednesday mornings** at 10 a.m. via Zoom for a Bible study. This study is ongoing with Pastor Ross hosting the gatherings in May. Look for the Zoom link in Tuesday's *Front Street Happenings* email. If you would like to participate but are unable to join us on Wednesday mornings, these gatherings are recorded and posted on our website and available to view at a time that suits you.

**TEACHER APPRECIATION: SUNDAY, MAY 9**

Calling all teachers—whether you are a teacher by profession, or have become a parent teacher this past year due to the pandemic—you are invited to pick up a “berry” special gift this Sunday:

- 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the Welcome Center
- 4-5 p.m. drive thru (Webb Ave. parking lot)

To make alternative arrangements about picking up your gift, please contact Marcy or call the church office.

**UMW CIRCLE 5 MEETING**

UMW Circle 5 is hosting a hybrid meeting on **Tuesday, May 11** at 7p.m. For those who want to meet in person, we will be in the Heritage Center with masks on. For those who want to call in, we will have a zoom option. If you need the zoom link, please email emilyconner2001@hotmail.com.

**YOUTH MISSION STOCK SALE REMINDER**

Hello Front Street congregation! We are closing in on the end of April and our stock sale, and would love to have one last push. As of April 20, we have raised \$9,400.00, and I would love to get to \$12,000.00, so we are extending the end date of the sale to **May 15!** Make your stock purchase soon and get ready to earn a huge return on Investment with our youth. Thank you so much for your love and support!

**CYCLE OF LIGHT - A VIRTUAL CONCERT**

Dr. Matt and Laura Sam invite you to a special virtual concert which will stream on **Sunday, May 16** at 4:00 p.m. on Facebook and YouTube. This concert commemorates a year of virtual choirs at Front Street UMC, when we creatively embarked on the unknown, proving that with hard work, determination, and faith anything is possible. A program is available on our website. You are encouraged to download and print it in order that you may follow along with the concert more fully. Alternatively, pick up a copy from the Welcome Center.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

| Date | Aldersgate | 11:00 | Total |
|------|------------|-------|-------|
| 4/11 | 25         | 74    | 99    |
| 4/18 | 30         | 85    | 115   |
| 4/25 | 30         | 72    | 102   |
| 5/2  | 25         | 82    | 107   |

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF MAY 9, 2021**

**Sunday, May 9**

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall  
 11:00 Worship Service Sanctuary

**Monday, May 10**

2:00 Funeral Service for Frances Allen Sanctuary  
 7:00 Covid Task Force Team Meeting Zoom

**Tuesday, May 11**

7:00 Circle 5 Meeting Heritage Center  
 7:00 Missions Team Meeting Reading Area

**Wednesday, May 12**

6:30 Aldersgate Praise Band Aldersgate Hall

**Sunday, May 16**

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall  
 11:00 Worship Service/Confirmation Sunday Sanctuary  
 4:00 Cycle of Light - A Virtual Concert Online Concert  
 6:00 UMYF Aldersgate Hall

**JAM/ASP TEAM MEETING**

There will be an important JAM/ASP team meeting on **Sunday, May 23** following the 11:00 a.m. service in Aldersgate Hall. This is for all participants and parents, and will cover expectations, packing needs, and other details about our upcoming trips. The meeting is expected to end by 1:00 p.m. at the latest.

**LIVE-STREAMING**

We are pleased to be able to live-stream our 11:00 a.m. worship each week for the benefit of those who are not able to be physically present. For those who would prefer to not be on camera, we endeavor to make the back half of the sanctuary a non-video zone. The balcony is also available for non-video seating. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ross.

**FRONT STREET  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



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