

**THE WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**APRIL 18, 2021**  
**THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**

*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 Pastoral Dance on "Morning Has Broken"**

Andrew Clarke  
(b. 1942)

**CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)**

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song!

**People: Praise God for wonderful acts of mercy!**

Leader: God has poured blessing upon blessing upon us!

**People: Praise the Lord, all the earth, shout your praise!**

**\* HYMN No. 304 Easter People, Raise Your Voices**

**REGENT SQUARE**

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

The Lord invites us into newness each day. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

**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.**

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

**WORDS OF ASSURANCE**

Leader: 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!

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

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

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)**

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that, as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

**\* SCRIPTURE LESSON John 12:1-8**

**SERMON "Extravagant Lover or a Practical Atheist?"**

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 No. 318**

**Christ Is Alive**

**TRURO**

**BENEDICTION**

*The ushers will dismiss the congregation by rows.*

**POSTLUDE**

**Trumpet Tune in E-flat Major**

David N. Johnson  
(1922-1987)

**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 and in memory of Scott Huneycutt and in honor of Betty Huneycutt on their 50th wedding anniversary by their family.

**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](mailto:prayer@frontstreetumc.org). A member of the prayer team will collect requests and offer prayers for requests given on the prayer request cards.

**CHARGE CONFERENCE:** On **Thursday, April 22** at 7:00 p.m., the Visioning Committee will have a regularly scheduled meeting via Zoom. Following that meeting, a Charge Conference will be convened for the purpose of approving our incoming associate pastor's compensation. Please be reminded that all members of the Visioning Committee are voting members of the Charge Conference.

**THE UPPER ROOM:** The May-June issue of The Upper Room is available. Copies are located in the Welcome Center.

**SANCTUARY FLOWERS:** The following dates are available to place flowers in the sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **May 2, 9, 16, and 30**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or [kpaul5@triad.rr.com](mailto:kpaul5@triad.rr.com) (email).

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

Lay Reader: David Hedgecock  
 Acolyte: Chandler Beckom  
 Crucifer: Dess Beckom

**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 April. 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.

**APRIL MISSION: TEACHER APPRECIATION**

Our April mission will focus on showing appreciation and love to our teachers who have worked SO hard in new and ever changing conditions through this pandemic. How you can get involved:

1) Donate items:

- Gift cards (\$10 -\$20, examples include *Hobby Lobby, Michaels, Target, TJ Maxx, Walmart, etc.*).
- Candy bars – an assortment of individual large size bars

Please bring your donations to the church office (open 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.) by Friday, April 30.

2) Volunteer: Volunteers will be needed in early May to help compile, wrap, and deliver the gift bags. Contact Marcy McAdams ([marcy@frontstreetumc.org](mailto:marcy@frontstreetumc.org)) for more information or to volunteer.

Thank you in advance for your support of our teachers.

**2021 NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER**

The theme of the 2021 National Day of Prayer is "LORD pour out Your LOVE, LIFE, and LIBERTY." Everyone is invited to set aside 30 minutes on **Thursday, May 6** to pray for our nation and its leaders. Pray at home or at the church. Sign up online at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org) or look for sign-up sheets in the Welcome Center. *Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty* (2 Corinthians 3:17).

**BIBLE SUMMER CAMPS**

Ms. Marcy will be hosting four exciting Bible camps this summer where children can grow in their faith through stories, crafts, games, and more. The camps offered are:

- "Mystery Island" Preschool\* Camp: June 21-24
- "Mystery Island" Elementary Camp: June 28-July 1
- "Rainforest Explorers" Preschool\* Camp: July 26-29
- "Rainforest Explorers" Elementary Camp: August 2-5

All camps are from 9:00 a.m. - noon. **Registration is open** and spaces are extremely limited, so don't wait to register. These camps are open to children and grandchildren of Front Street members. There is no cost to attend. Register at [www.frontstreetumc.org](http://www.frontstreetumc.org) or pick up a form from the church office. \*Preschoolers must be born before August 31, 2018.

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**CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 18, 2021**

**Sunday, April 18**

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall  
 11:00 Worship Service Sanctuary  
 6:00 UMYF Aldersgate Hall

**Tuesday, April 20**

9:30 Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study Room 402

**Wednesday, April 21**

6:30 Aldersgate Praise Band Aldersgate Hall

**Thursday, April 22**

9:00 Men's Breakfast Bible Study Zoom  
 7:00 Visioning Team & Charge Conference Zoom

**Sunday, April 25**

8:45 Aldersgate Service Aldersgate Hall  
 11:00 Worship Service Sanctuary  
 6:00 UMYF Aldersgate Hall

**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.

**WORSHIP ATTENDANCE**

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
4/4	35	151	186
4/11	25	74	99

**FRONT STREET  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

**Our Mission:**

*Knowing Christ • Growing in Christ • Sharing Christ*



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 Rev. Patrick Murphy

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