

THE WORSHIP OF GOD
OCTOBER 2, 2022
SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

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. Please take a moment to sign the pew pads. We'd like to keep you informed of what we are doing, so please give us your email, too.

* Please stand as you are able.

ELEVEN O'CLOCK

GATHERING AND COMMUNITY CONCERN

PRELUDE **Romance sans paroles, Op. 109**
Karl Ronnevnik, cello Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

CALL TO WORSHIP (RESPONSIVELY)

Leader: You split rocks open in the wilderness. You called water to pour forth from the fissures. To quench your people's thirst. To calm your people's complaints.

People: To teach us how to trust You.

Leader: You split rocks open in the wilderness.

People: You split rocks open in my heart.

Leader: To change your people's path. To fuel your people's journeys.

People: To teach me how to believe You.

Leader: You are splitting rocks open in our communities. You are calling forth the rush of our voices. To flush out your people's complacency. To bubble up your people's creativity.

People: To teach us how to act out and live in You.

All: You are splitting and pouring and helping and churning. You are rumbling and turning and raining and charging, and we are trying to follow along. Not understanding. Not knowing. And, yes, complaining. And You. You don't give up. So, go ahead. We're here. Listening. Learning. Breaking. Trying to live fully for You. Now we gather as a people to be with You.

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN No. 374 Standing on the Promises
PROMISES

MISSION MOMENT Missionary Air Group Sean Donnelly

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (IN UNISON)

Lord God, may your word pour into us like water to the thirsty, quenching the needs of our spirit, that by your word, we will once again be made new. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS Exodus 15:24, 16:3, 17:3, 32:1 OT Page 62

SERMON **Resident Aliens** Rev. Ray Warren

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Thank you for your support of the mission and ministry of the church. 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).

OFFERTORY **For Everyone Born** Brian Mann
Chancel Choir (b. 1979)
Karl Ronnevnik, cello arr. Tom Trenney
(b. 1977)

For everyone born, a place at the table, for everyone born, clean water and bread, a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing, for everyone born, a star overhead,

Refrain:
And God will delight when we are creators of justice and joy, compassion and peace; yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice, justice and joy!

For woman and man, a place at the table, revising the roles, deciding the share, with wisdom and grace, dividing the power, a system that's fair, (Refrain)

For young and for old, a place at the table, a voice to be heard, a part in the song. The hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled, for young and for old, the right to belong (Refrain)

For everyone born, a place at the table, to live without fear, and simply to be, to work, to speak out, to witness and worship, for everyone born, the right to be free! (Refrain)

-Shirley Erena Murray (1931-2020)

* DOXOLOGY

All Singing: 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!

UMH No. 94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (IN UNISON)

It seems we cannot decide, Cloud of Glory. We say we will live to serve others, but end up meeting only our needs. We claim to live in a way that honors Christ, but we do not take him to work, school, home. We believe that the gospel can transform lives, for those who need it. Forgive us, Presence of Peace. Instead of grumblers, may we be ambassadors of grace. Instead of continual

complaining, may we carry compassion to the hurting. Instead of whiners, may we be workers with Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, to reach out and bring the kingdom of God to everyone we meet.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: This is the good news: there is no ranking in God's kingdom. God graces everyone with the same gifts: mercy, restoration, new life.

People: God has kept the covenant. We have been forgiven, we have been made new people.

All: Thanks be to God. Amen.

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

The Great Thanksgiving
The Lord's Prayer
The Sharing of Bread and Cup

If you are unable to come forward for communion, please acknowledge an usher to be served where you are seated.

COMMUNION MUSIC **Spiegel im Spiegel**
("Mirror in the Mirror")
Karl Ronnevnik, cello

UMH No. 24

(Musical Setting E)

Arvo Pärt
(b. 1935)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (IN UNISON)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

* CLOSING HYMN No. 438 Forth in Thy Name, O Lord

DUKE STREET

* BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE **Toccata in the French Style** Henry Coleman
(1888-1965)

WELCOME! We're glad that you have chosen to worship with us today. Following this service, there is a gathering in the Heritage Center for fellowship and refreshments. Please join us. Our hosts this week are Gene and Elizabeth Fonville.

YOUNG DISCIPLES ON COMMUNION SUNDAY: Today we celebrate communion, and there is no formal children's church during this service. All children are invited to remain in the service to participate in communion (i.e. community). The nursery will remain open for children up to age 5.

MEMBERS OF THE ALTAR GUILD serving in October are Teresa Chandler, Marianna Harris, Betty Huneycutt, Margaret Pardue, and Marie Ray.

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

Lay Reader:

Tim Laverty

MEMBERS OF THE BEREAVEMENT COMMITTEE serving in October are Mary Ellen Cross, Lisa Baugess, Clara Clayton, Lee Miller, Amy Piatt, and Jennifer Smith. If you are interested in serving on the Bereavement Committee, please contact Marie Crissman at marie.crissman@gmail.com or 336-260-2512.

THE PRAYER REQUEST CARDS in the pews may be placed in the offering or in the Prayer Request Boxes in the reading area and the narthex area, or you may email the Prayer Ministry Team at prayer@frontstreetumc.org. We thank team members Don and Glenda Milligan, who will be in the Prayer Room on our behalf at noon to pray for requests given on the Prayer Request Cards.

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY OFFERING

Today is World Communion Sunday. Your offering helps to provide scholarships for national and international graduate students whom God has gifted to learn and to serve. Offering envelopes are provided for your gift.

CEREAL SUNDAY

Cereal Sunday at FSUMC is **today!** Please deposit cereal or other canned/dry goods in the tubs in the cabinet located in the Welcome Center. Please feel free to drop off these items any time during the month. Thank you for your continued support of stocking the food pantry at the Salvation Army.

SENIOR SINGLES GATHERING

All senior singles are invited to a get together to form a small group. We all have something in common and can help each other. Friends can help you find things that you've lost like your smile, your faith, and your confidence. Pat Pelt invites you to her home **today**, 3:00-5:00 p.m.: 916 Colonial Drive. If you have any questions, contact Pat at 336 693-4802 or Pipelt3@gmail.com.

UNITED WOMEN IN FAITH

UMW/UWIF began its new year on September 12 with 53 ladies and their guests in attendance to hear a message from Pastor Ray Warren. The next meeting will be **tomorrow, October 3** at 10:00 a.m. in the Heritage Center. Dr. Jim Pace will be our guest speaker. Bring a friend. Circle 5 meets on **Tuesday, October 11** at 7 p.m. in the Heritage Center.

FOOD FOR BACKPACK MINISTRY

Thanks to everyone who donated food for the food drive in August. We are in need of canned meat, mac and cheese, pasta sauce and peanut butter in **plastic jars**, and granola bars. In addition, if you find yourself with extra plastic bags from the grocery store, please drop those off as well. This food will be going to our C4C partner school Eastlawn Elementary, where we will be sending food home for 200 kids. If you are interested in ways to serve with this partnership, please contact Ms. Melissa.

SANCTUARY FLOWERS

The following dates are available to place flowers in the Sanctuary in honor or in memory of a loved one: **October 9, 16, 23, and 30**. For more information, please contact Linda Paul at 336-543-5081 (cell) or kpaul5@triad.rr.com (email).

YOUTH FUNDRAISER - CHARLESTON WRAP

Our youth are selling Charleston Warp products as a fundraiser for youth missions. To order, visit their table in the Welcome Center on Sunday morning or order online. The fundraiser will run through **Sunday, October 16**.

WORSHIP ATTENDANCE

Date	Aldersgate	11:00	Total
9/4	44	112	156
9/11	47	143	190
9/18	45	156	201
9/25	47	158	205

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CHURCH CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK OF OCTOBER 2, 2022

Sunday, October 2

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF	Aldersgate Hall

Monday, October 3

10:00	United Women in Faith	Heritage Center
7:00	Stewardship Team	John Wesley Room

Tuesday, October 4

8:00	Men's Breakfast Bible Study	Heritage Center
9:30	Tuesday Morning Women's Bible Study	Room 401
6:15	Epworth Ringers	Bell Room

Wednesday, October 5

7:30	Youth Breakfast Club	Biscuitville, 669 Huffman Mill Road
7:00	Chancel Choir	Choir Room

Thursday, October 6

9:30	Prayer Ministry	Room 402
12:00	Anti-Racism Book Study	Room 401

Sunday, October 9

8:45	Aldersgate Contemporary Worship	Aldersgate Hall
9:45	Sunday School	Classrooms
9:45	Aldersgate Praise Band Rehearsal	Chapel
11:00	Traditional Worship Service	Sanctuary
4:00	Children's Choir	Sanctuary
6:00	UMYF/Game Night	Aldersgate Hall
6:00	Mission Team Meeting	John Wesley Room

ADVENT DEVOTIONS

Every year we put together an Advent Devotional for daily use as we walk through the season of Advent toward Christmas. Would you like to be a part of this venture? We are seeking contributors to compose a short devotion around specific scriptures to be included in the 2022 Advent Devotional. Email a draft of your prayerful work no later than **October 23, 2022** to Joanna@frontstreetumc.org and Stephan@frontstreetumc.org. For more information, visit the features page of our website. Questions? Contact Joanna Strelow.

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. If you have any questions about this service, please feel free to speak with Pastor Ray. For Aldersgate sermons, search Aldersgate@FSUMC wherever you find podcasts to listen to past sermons.

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Our Mission:

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