WORSHIP OF GOD **FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST** FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

April 28, 2024 Eleven o'clock in the Morning Facebook: First United Church of Christ-Salisbury Website: 1stucc.org Office Telephone: 704-633-2723

First UCC's Mission Statement "To grow in faith, love and fellowship as we serve God and all of our community."

Prelude It is Well With My Soul arr. by Riley

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

- One: You are the vine, O God.
- ALL: and we, the branches.
- You provide us life and love One:
- ALL: Nurturing and pruning us, along the way.
- We come this day, a grateful people One:
- ALL: For the blessings You offer and the love You share
- We come this day to welcome You O God, into our hearts and into this One: space so that we might worship and praise you.

1. Will and fol - low if I but call you come me if T 2. Will vou leave your - self be - hind but call if Ι 3. Will the blind - ed but call you let see the "you" you if I 4. Will you love hide but call 5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call

†Hymn: The Summons



†Prayer of Confession

ALL: There are times, Merciful God, when we lose our way. We wander off the path seeking after other gods. Power, wealth, all glitter brightly. Forgive us, and bring us back to the path we should be traveling. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

†Silent Reflections

(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent reflections)



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†Our Assurance of God's Pardon



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A Time for All Ages

Rev. Carol Hallman

A Reading for Acts

Epistle Lesson

†Hymn: All People That On Earth Do Dwell

Red Hymnal No. 24

Gospel Reading

John 15:1-8

Leader: This is a word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Of Vines & Grace, Of Baptism & Belonging" Rev. Carol Hallman

†Statement of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

ALL: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the Holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Leader: May the Spirit of God be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(debts, debtors)

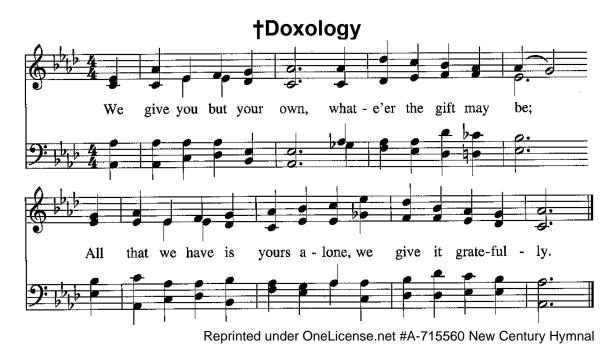
Prayer Response: Hear Our Prayer, O Lord Red Hymnal No. 501

Acts 8:26-40

1 John 4:7-21

Invitation

Offertory When Morning Gilds the Skies arr. by Drylie



Blessing

†Hymn: Saviour Like a Shepherd Lead Us Red Hymnal No. 461

Benediction

Postlude In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock arr. Tornquist

Assisting in Worship Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor Laurie Klaus, Guest Pianist Carolyn Cline, Lay Reader



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Remember in Your Prayers

Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, family of Millie Campbell, Rev. Warren Casiday, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Betty Diehl, Stacy Erb, Roger Hogendorn (grandson on Linda Hauze), Emily Hauze (daughter-in-law of Linda Hauze), Cathy Hedrick (John Marion's sister), Jasmine Kirby and son Noah (Don Whitfield's niece and great-nephew), Rick Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's uncle), Jim Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Dan Morgan, Pat Norris, Patsy Paxton, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Romas & Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Molly Tripp and Baby Owen Scott (Lucy Robinson's granddaughter and great-grandson), Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Janette Yost. *If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.*

Today, Sunday, April 28

9:30 a.m	Bible Study
	Worship
	Council Meeting
Sunday, May 5	Ŭ
9:30 a.m	Bible Study
11:00 a.m	Worship with Communion
	Áfternoon Tea

Please join us next Sunday in the Fellowship Hall at 3:00 p.m. for an Afternoon Tea sponsored by First UCC Church Women. Tea and light finger foods will be provided. Invite a friend or neighbor to join you at this new event.

We invite you to share any suggestions you may have with Church Council, the pastor or Pastor/Parish Relations. Our Council members are Don Whitfield, Patti Marion, Donna Odrosky, Bobbie Troutman, Phyllis Little, Shirley McNeil, Greg Alcorn, Ken Clapp, Carolyn Cline and Lucy Carte. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time. *Copies of approved monthly Council Minutes will be made available on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. They can also be emailed upon request.*