Entrance

Gathering

*Call to Worship

Rushing Wind of the Spirit, breathe new life into us!

Blazing Flame of the Spirit, burn away our fears!

Comforting Presence of the Spirit, heal our wounds.

Let us be prepared to worship and praise you, O Holy Spirit.

Spirit of God, come upon us this day and fill us with your love.

Make us people who will proclaim God's good news in all that we do.

*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, your Holy Spirit came to Jesus' disciples, hidden in an upper room in Jerusalem. A violent wind and tongues of fire were the symbols of a new thing happening in their lives. May your Holy Spirit burst into our lives today, encouraging and inspiring us to proclaim boldly the good news of Jesus Christ who offers healing and hope to all people. Amen.

*Hymn Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee – Hymn 89

Proclamation and Response

Prayer of Illumination

From the cowardice that dares not face new truth, from the laziness that is contented with half-truth, from the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth, Good Lord, deliver us. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *Philippians 4:4-9* Robin Summerlin

Sermon Rejoice! Mark Gustafson

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Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

*Hymn

Rejoice, the Lord Is King – Hymn 715

Sending Forth

*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Carrie Nance (5/20), Lindsay Rogers (5/21), Chicky Robbins (5/21), Ryder Faircloth (5/22), and Alan Sasser (5/24)!

We pray today for Jacqueline Johnson, Patty Johnson, and Barbara Keaton at Elizabethtown Primary School.

You may sign up to give flowers by contacting Pastor Mark or by filling out our online sign-up Google Doc.

Rev. Mark Gustafson, Pastor 919-931-9783

Randy Page, Accompanist 910-876-1075

Announcements

UMM Meeting: Today, 2 p.m. at Jones Lake.

Operation Inasmuch: Volunteers meet at their facility in Fayetteville at 7 a.m. this Monday to serve the homeless breakfast. Join us as you are able.

Gather at the Table/Bring a Dish! Wednesday, May 22. 6 pm. at Bethlehem. Fellowship with our AMEZ neighbors and friends.

Our study of Adam Hamilton's book, *The Call*, concludes this Thursday night at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem and on Zoom.

Admin Council Meeting: May 30, 6 p.m. at the library.

Joint worship service at Jones Lake to celebrate Grace UMC's 1 year anniversary: June 2. We will worship at 10 a.m. and enjoy a meal, fun and fellowship at the lake!

VBS at Bethlehem: June 9-12: Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 5:45-8:30 p.m. Consider volunteering and/or spread the word to children who would benefit!

Bladen Blessed Lunch and Learn: June 13, 11:30 a.m. at the Ag Center. You are ALL invited by the Gustafson's:

- 1) Daniel's graduation party! Friday, June 7, beginning at 6 p.m. Food and fun provided. Come whenever, stay as long as you can. Outdoor movie selected by Daniel. Laura's aunt (a professional pastry chef) is coming and will be catering the delights!!
- 2) Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m. Greenville, NC Convention Center. Mark's ordination.

The BLOG (Bethlehem /Live Oak/ Grace) Prayer List:

Mentioned 4/21/2024: Tori Allen; the Bladen County School System; Michael Thomas; Betty Kinlaw; Carolyn Roddie; those affected by storms; Jeff Butler; Earl Moore, Sharon Moore's father-in-law; Betty Tatum's uncle Denny; Lisa Hunt; Vicky Page; Becky Britt.

Mentioned 4/28/2024: All those affected by the tornadoes in the Midwest; all unhappy people; Leon Martin; Ronnie Dowless; Pete Kinlaw; Linda Dunaway; Betty Joyce Blackman; Linda Evers; Shirley Chason; Janice Robbins; the family and friends of Michael Shaw, Logan Langston.

Mentioned 5/5/2024: Kynslie Kinlaw; Linda Halstead; Steve Vincent; Valerie and sister Sandra (a friend of Pat Routh); Luke Gustafson; Carolyn Lancaster; Cindy Coble; Carolyn (Annette's sister); law enforcement officers and families in Charlotte; Linda and Rosa Suggs; Diane Bush; Dave and Mary Herring; Viktoria (one of Laura Lopez's students); the family and friends of Anne Lancaster, Wayne Dove, Ginny Barnhill's mother; Anna Fraley, and the Graham family.

Mentioned 5/12/2024: David Back, Christopher Banks; Renee Horton; those affected by storms; our military families; the family and friends of Christopher Baggett (incl. Sherry, his wife), Gary Hall (incl. wife Rhonda).

Prayers this week: Joy Grady and family; Steve and Debbie Dunham; Annette Meares; Adele Clark; Alb Inman; Patty Scotten; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser; Jacob Chavis; Beth Nance; Billy & Stella Cain.

Grace United Methodist Church

May 19, 2024

Pentecost Sunday Worship Service 8:30 am

Our Mission
To become faithful disciples of Jesus Christ
for the transformation of the world.

Our Vision We welcome everyone into the experience of a different story!

