

## Entrance (at St. Christopher's)

### Gathering

Announcements, Joys and Concerns, Offering

\*Doxology

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\*Call to Worship

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

The risen Christ is with us.

**Praise the Lord!**

\*Opening Prayer

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn      *Open My Eyes, That I May See – Hymn 454*

### Proclamation and Response

### Prayer of Illumination

Like the sun that is far away and yet close at hand to warm us, so God's Spirit is ever present and around us. Come Creator into our lives. We live and move and have our very being in you. Open now the windows of our souls. **Amen.**

Scripture Reading – *1 Samuel 15:34–16:13* Charlie Routh

Sermon

*The Heart*

Mark Gustafson

## Consecration (at Our New Land)

*Surely the Presence of the Lord*

UMCers

Declaration of Purpose

Presentation of the Land

Consecration of the Land / Prayer

\*Hymn

*Blest Be the Tie That Binds – Hymn 557*

### Sending Forth

Reminder to Pray for the Land

\*Benediction / *Holy Ground*

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Going Forth

**The cover art is a photo of our newly donated trailer!!**

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

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## Announcements

We God glory and praise for Grace's new land and trailer.

Grace UMC: 1<sup>st</sup> Food Sunday: Thank you for supporting Live Oak's Food Pantry. 1<sup>st</sup> Food Sunday will start again in September.

VBS at Bethlehem starts tonight!! June 9-12: Sunday, 5-7:30 p.m., Monday-Wednesday, 5:45-8:30 p.m. Consider volunteering and/or spreading 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) Thank you for blessing Daniel at his graduation party! He was overwhelmed!
- 2) Saturday, June 15, 11 a.m. Greenville, NC Convention Center. Mark's ordination.

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

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

*Mentioned 5/19/2024:* Jacob Chavis; those affected by storms; Jamie Kinlaw; Jeff Butler; Tim Clifton; Cybil Ausip; Johnny Prevette; Beth Nance; Karen Smith.

*Mentioned 5/26/2024:* Katrina Perry (friend of Pat Routh); Mary Rachel; Alice Pusey; Robert Mazur; the family and friends of Danny Williams.

*Mentioned 6/2/2024:* Janice Robbins; Sue Kallelis; Summer (a neighbor of Cathy Butler); Tim Tatum; the family and friends of Annette Meares.

*Prayers this week:* Matthew Krause; Joy Grady and family; Steve and Debbie Dunham; Adele Clark; Alb Inman; Patty Scotten; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Louis Brisson (Nanette Inman's family).

# *Grace United Methodist Church*

**June 9, 2024**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
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!*

