

Entrance

Gathering

*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 *For the Beauty of the Earth – Hymn 92*

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 – *John 6:1-15* Charlie Routh

Sermon *King by Force* Mark Gustafson

*Apostles' Creed *Page 881*

Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

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*Passing the Peace

Offering / *One Bread, One Body* UMCers

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Thanksgiving and Communion

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*Hymn *Blest Be the Tie That Binds – Hymn 557*

Sending Forth

*Benediction / Going Forth

Happy Birthday to Hank Howell (8/5), Patty Scotten (8/6), and Robert Mundy (8/7)!

The flower sign-up sheet has plenty of openings! You many sign up to give flowers by contacting Pastor Mark or by filling out our online sign-up Google Doc.

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Announcements

Thank you, Rev. Francis Daniel, for preaching last week!

The Trustees and the Building Committee are gathering more information about the future of our building project by visiting other churches to get ideas. If you have an idea of a church we should visit, please talk with Cathy Kinlaw or Mary Greene.

Our Apple Tree continues! We have 10 teachers to bless, 3 affiliated with Grace, 4 from Bethlehem, and 3 from Live Oak. Please return them unwrapped gifts by today or as soon as possible. We will give out all of our gifts during worship on August 11!

Church Directory: <https://liveoak.ctrn.co/directory/index.php> You may go to this link. Your username is [first name][last name]. Your initial password is 123456. Once logged in, you may change your password. Any troubles with this, contact Renee Summerlin or Janelle Rose. Pat Routh is willing to take pictures for the directory at your convenience. Once everyone has pictures in the directory, we will begin making paper copies available for those who would like one and/or cannot see it online.

Senior Saints this Wednesday, August 7, 12 p.m. at Bethlehem. All are welcome and invited to enjoy a meal and fellowship together!

BCC's Back to School Blast is this Saturday, August 10, 8a-12p. We are planning to support this effort with supplies and volunteers. Please talk to me, Robin Summerlin or Tiina Mundy to volunteer!

Pastor Mark will be clergy for the next Heart of Carolina Emmaus Walk, August 15-18. Please pray for Toni Dickerson and the other women who will be going on this walk! Wally Bengtson will be preaching on August 18!

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

Mentioned 7/7/2024: Ray Coleson; Julie Smith; Ruth Feight; Lisa McLean; David Torres; Randy Stamps; Hazel Autry; Pete Kinlaw; the family and friends of Herbert Bernard "Baldie" McKoy.

Mentioned 7/14/2024: all those battling the heat this summer, including bracing for/cleaning up from hurricanes; Karyn Wiseman; Kathy Lee; Billy & Stella Cain; the family and friends of Adele Clark, Randy Hood, and Melanie Jones.

Mentioned 7/21/2024: Ally Byrum; Lonnie Harris; Paul Russ; Wayne McCall; Mordekai Barfield and Laura; Mary Cain; the family and friends of Donald Melvin, Mike D. Smith, William Moore.

Mentioned 7/28/2024: Scout and the Lancaster family; Alb Inman; Roma Askea and her daughter, Vicky.

Prayers this week: Betty Tatum; Julia Garner; Alvin Dickerson; Matthew Krause; Joy Grady and family; Linda Schaeffer; Harold Sasser.

Grace United Methodist Church

August 4, 2024

11th 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!***

