

# The Celebration of Worship



Community of Grace  
May 19, 2019

## GATHERING

The Prelude  
The Welcome and Announcements

## RESPONDING

\*The Call to Gathering

**Leader:** The earth is the Lord's and the fullness thereof.

**People:** The heavens declare the glory of God, and the earth proclaims God's handiwork.

**Leader:** Let us join in Creation's praise of God,

**People:** And let us care for the world with great love.

\*Invocation

\*The Opening Hymn

*"For The Beauty of the Earth"*  
No. 28 v. 1,2,4

The Offertory Prayer and Offering

## ENGAGING

Prayers of the People

The Gospel Lesson

Genesis 1:27-31 & Isaiah 24:4-6

Words on Caring for the Earth

Neal Grose

Words of Grace

*"The Care of Creation as a Form of the Love of God and Neighbor"*

The Choral Meditation

*"How Great Thou Art"*  
Dom Wardo

*Prayer of Thanksgiving*

*The Words of Institution*

*The Invitation to the Table*

*The Sharing of Bread and Cup*

Everyone is invited to share in communion.

When you are finished, please form a circle around the sanctuary.  
If you are not able to come forward, let a deacon know and the elements  
Will be brought to you.

## SOJOURNING

\*Benediction in Song

*"What Does the Lord Require"*

1st Group (repeat 4 times): What does the Lord require of you?

What does the Lord require of you?

2nd Group (repeat 3 times): Justice, kindness, walk humbly with your God.

3rd Group (repeat 2 times): To seek justice and love kindness and walk  
humbly with your God.

\*Postlude

*\*All who are able, please stand*

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**May 20 - Lie In for Victims of Gun Violence. 12noon at the Government Center**

**May 26 - Congregational meeting - 9:00am  
Student Sunday during Worship**

**Habitat Build Opportunity dates are May 18, June 22, June 29**

**Don't forget to sign up to mow. List is in the back.**

**Birthday**

22 - Bob Barber

**Anniversary**

19 - John and Phyllis Munson

**CONCERNS**

*Continue to remember:*

*Karen Irwin family, Tripp Ashwell and brother Gage, Muslim community, Peggy White, Tim Alexander, Steve Koontz, Carl Larson, Sloane Goodman, Jack Causey, Monique Tadlock, Karen Marlowe, Casey Leslie, all God's people, those affected by the UNC-C shooting, Gordon Shelton family, those making decisions concerning gun violence, homeless children, our Nations Immigrants, children separated from their parents.*

*Mary Alice Woods, Tressie Starrette, Rosemary Rector, Ernestine Lanford, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose, Beecher Grose.*

*Those facing tough times: those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated, those dealing with addictions in our community and in our world, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.*

*Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Mary Jane Johnson, Travis Clower, Caleb Sisk.*

**BUDGET UPDATE**

Needed year to date: \$37,330.25  
Received year to date: \$34,944.00  
UNDER budget: \$2386.25  
Weekly needs: \$1964.75

**Our Life Together**

Monday  
8pm - NA  
Wednesday  
7pm - No Choir Practice  
Friday  
8pm - NA  
Next Sunday  
10am - Sunday School  
11am - Worship

**Second Hour Helpers**

Today - John Koppelmeyer/Sue Shoemaker  
Brandon Tilley  
May 26 - David Comer/Nancy Davis  
Katelyn Johns  
June 2 -

**Church Maintenance**

*Before next Sunday* - Brown  
June 2 - Goodman/Streetman  
June 9 - Barnard

**Board Meeting Info**

Stewardship board - May 22 - Wine Maestro - 5:30

We are Grace Baptist Church - a ministering people of God, reaching beyond our walls to the needs of our local and global community. We are an intergenerational faith community called and committed to the life of love and servant-hood through the experience of celebrative worship, the development of each person's gifts and the work for peace and justice.

In our diversity we find strength and a way to understand the inclusiveness of God. We recognize each individual as a child of God. We welcome and affirm ALL people, who and where you are, to join in our common mission through participation and leadership in this community of faith.

We are affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America.

*Ministers: All Members of the Congregation*

Pastor: Steve Shoemaker      Music Director: LeAnda Barnard  
Secretary: Lisa Wardo      Church Musician: Nichole Tilley

**Boards**

Cabinet: David Comer  
Deacon: Diane Hamby  
Mission: Gay Shaver      Education: Xochitl Koppelmeyer  
Stewardship: Tom Wiberg      Worship: LeAnda Barnard

*WELCOME TO ALL who have chosen to worship with us today. We pray that your being present will bring joy and peace and presence of God to you.*

*You are welcome to be a participant in the church activities at Grace.*

If you are interested in joining this congregation as we seek to discern and live out God's call to us, please speak to our pastor or a church member.

You may also contact the church by phone at 704-872-5130, or by email at [gracestatesville@gmail.com](mailto:gracestatesville@gmail.com). Visit our website at [www.gracestatesville.org](http://www.gracestatesville.org).

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