

ORDER OF WORSHIP
August 27, 2017
Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
Liturgical Color, Green
Worship Leader: Bill Rose

*PRELUDE

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS Dave Petty

THE PEACE Let us offer one another signs of reconciliation and love.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

LEADER: Who do we say that Jesus is?

PEOPLE: Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.

LEADER: Christ summons us to act in ways that displease the crowd.

PEOPLE: Our action sometimes contradicts our confession.

LEADER: Christ calls us to take up our cross and follow him.

PEOPLE: Our action sometimes contradicts our confession.

LEADER: Yet Christ does not forsake us, even though we abandon him.

ALL: O Lord, let us, this day, pursue you as you pursue us, until what we say about you in worship and what people see in us at work become one.

*INVOCATION: **O Lord of the Universe, we tremble at the thought of the distance between you and us. Yet, you create us in your own image, so that we cannot fulfill our purpose in life until we first discover your purpose for us. We pray that you will make us aware of your design for our lives. Let us, from this moment forth, worship and work to give it more perfect shape. Amen.**

*HYMN OF PRAISE *"Praise Ye the Lord"* FWS No. 2010

CHILDREN'S MOMENT Jane Massey

ANTHEM *"Didn't My Lord Deliver Daniel"*

*GOSPEL READING Matthew 16:13-20 N.T. 17

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed, Ecumenical Version No. 882

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed by thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL RESPONSE

*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

*We give Thee but Thine own, What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone, A trust, O Lord, from Thee.*

OFFERTORY SELECTION *"Forward Through the Ages"* No. 555

*DOXOLOGY No. 94

*SCRIPTURE READING Romans 12:1-8 N.T. 151

THE SERMON "The Good Life"

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBER

A red carpet welcome is extended to Elizabeth Jensen who is joining the RUMC family today.

*CLOSING HYMN *"My Hope Is Built"* No. 368

*BENEDICTION

*Please stand as you are able.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has!"

-Margret Mead

Trustee Lock-up: Frank Pratt **Lay Reader 08/27** Paul Elliott; 09/03 Sherry Smoak
Children's Church: 08/27 Mark Windham & Rugina Brazell; 09/03 Courtney Johnson & Kristen Rowe
Ushers: Paul Elliott, Frank Kistler, Brian O'Donnell, Dan O'Donnell

**We promise to uphold Rehoboth United Methodist Church
with our witness, our prayers, our presence, our gifts, and our service.**

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2017

OUR PRAYERS:

Prayer Concerns:	Agnes Smith	Virgie McLemore
	Pat Hollingsworth	Tom Jones
	Barbara Herndon	Linda Bowen
	Ginger Boyce	Peter Spadetti
	Callie Hatchell	Tom & Becca Haner
	Mike & Faye Stephens	The Connolly Family
	Aislin Rose	Irby Shultz
	Randy Henry	Beth Lanier
	Kim Luther	Nichole Lupo
	Elaine Henrick	John Wooten
	Marshall Hardin	Bill Albright

The RUMC prayer list is generated through requests made to the church office. Additional requests to add or delete from our list should also be made through the church office (803-788-2220).

*“I urge, then, first of all, that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving
Be made for everyone, for kings and all those in authority...”
-1 Timothy 2:1-2a*

Leaders being prayed for this week:

Tom Rice (U.S. Representative, Myrtle Beach), John Matthews (S.C. Senator, Bowman),
Thomas McElveen (S.C. Senator, Sumter), Peter McCoy (S.C. Representative, Charleston),
John McCravy (S.C. Representative, Hodges), Joe McEachern (S.C. Representative, Columbia)

OUR PRESENCE:	August 20	Sunday School	36
		Worship Service	90

OUR GIFTS:	Needed weekly to meet budget	\$ 4,665
	Received the week of 08/20/17	\$ 3,685
	Total needed to date	\$ 158,610
	Total received to date	\$ 125,012

THANK YOU TO: the Committee on Lay Leadership & Nominations for their work.

For the beauty of the service, the altar flowers are dedicated to the glory of God
and in honor of our grandchildren Ray, Jordan, and Mina Palma.
Given with love by Joe & Donna Palma.

WELCOME GUESTS: We are delighted to have you with us in worship today. We hope your visit with us will be spiritually enriching. **Please fill out the Welcome Visitor card found on the front of our Guest Information Packet.** (Please place the card in the collection plate.) If you did not receive a Guest Information Packet, any greeter or usher can provide you one or they may be found in the church narthex or the hallway of the Education Building. A nursery is provided for children 3 and under. Children must be signed in and out from the nursery after morning worship. The restrooms are in the Education Building and our ushers can direct you. **Please refrain from flash photography during our worship service.**

THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNCIL meeting is tomorrow, Monday, August 28, at 7 p.m. (All members are invited to attend as we prepare for Charge Conference on November 1.)

UMM & UMW will meet Monday, September 11, (second Monday) at 6:30 p.m. due to the Labor Day holiday.

OPEN DOORS FOR CHILDREN IN NEED. Epworth Children’s Home goes above and beyond just food and shelter for children who have experienced abuse, neglect and tragedy. It provides children with tutoring, counseling, health care, fun activities, and the spiritual formation they need to heal and gain a sense of belonging. Through the ministry of Epworth Children’s Home we open our doors to these children, surround them with comprehensive care and provide them with the opportunity to transform their lives. On Sunday, September 10, our congregation will stand with Epworth to break the cycle of abuse, neglect and shame through our collection of the Annual Epworth Work Day Offering. Without the support of churches like ours, Epworth could not provide transformational care for children in need. We invite you to give generously to the children we call Epworth home. For more information, please visit Epworth on the web at www.epworthchildrenshome.org.

THE WALK TO EMMAUS is a three day spiritual retreat that is based on biblical theology and is sponsored by the United Methodist Church; however, all denominations are invited to participate. There is a Men’s Walk and a Women’s Walk. Both walks begin on a Thursday evening and end on Sunday afternoon. The next Men’s Walk is scheduled for October 19-22, 2017, and the Women’s Walk is scheduled for October 26-29, 2017. Applications need to be submitted by September 2, 2017. If you have an interest in attending or if you would like more information, please join us in the parlor following worship today. There will be people from our congregation who have attended the Walks available to speak with you. If you are unable to stay after the service today, you can contact Judi Rose at 803-622-2105.

THE COLUMBIA DISTRICT UMW 45th Annual Meeting is scheduled for Saturday, September 16 at Washington Street UMC. This year’s theme is “Is God Pleased With Us?” Registration starts at 8:45 a.m. The program is from 9:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. Rugina Brazell, our Woman of the Year, will be honored at this meeting. Please see Tiffany Phillips or Vilma Cobb for a registration form. The registration deadline is September 8.

THIS WEEK’S BIRTHDAYS:

28 B.J. Brazier	30 Charles Collins	31 David Howe
31 Michael Wall	31 Stephen Wall	01 Linda Bowen

CALENDAR

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
Children's Church
12:15 p.m. Emmaus Walk Information Meeting

MONDAY, AUGUST 28

7:00 p.m. Administrative Council
(All members are invited to attend as we prepare for Charge Conference on November 1.)

TUESDAY, AUGUST 29

6:30 a.m. Prayer Walk
6:45 a.m. Prayer Breakfast
10:30 a.m. Sutton/Brown Prayer Group
6:00 p.m. Worship Committee

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

11:00 a.m. Transition Gathering (Mary Jane Moore)
6:30 p.m. Choir

THURSDAY, AUGUST 24

6:00 p.m. Mentoring Group

**Rehoboth United Methodist Church is a diverse fellowship of believers,
empowered by the Holy Spirit,**

ECLIPSE REFLECTION

Today for a few minutes we were all at peace - every race together watching God's work. I wish every day could be that way. See, everything we do is a choice.