

## Welcome Our Visitors

**We are excited that you have joined us for worship.  
We pray that God will bless you and unite us in praise.  
Please fill out the visitor's card located in the pew  
pocket and place it in the offering plate.**

**Restrooms:** The restrooms are located through the doors to the left and right of the choir loft.

**Hearing assistance devices** are available. Just ask an usher.

**Nursery** is provided downstairs (use the right door by the organ) during Sunday School and Worship for ages birth to five years.

## **Weekly Growth in Grace**

**Sunday School** starts at 9:45 a.m. The adult class is located through the door to the right of the choir loft. Turn right, go down the hall, second door on the left. K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade children meet downstairs in the back room to the left off the social hall. 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade children meet in the room to the right off the social hall.

**UM Youth Fellowship**, ages 12-18, meet Sunday nights from 5:30-7:30 at Lawrence Chapel UMC fellowship hall.

**Choir Practice** is Sunday at 9:30 a.m. In the choir room.

**Bible Study** meets Tuesday at 6:30 p.m. at the parsonage, 203 Joseph Street, Central

**Clemson Community Care** has a shortage of many food items at the present time. We would greatly appreciate donations of the following food items: oatmeal, grits, Jello, pork and beans, canned and instant potatoes, dry macaroni and spaghetti pasta, spaghetti sauce, crackers, canned and powdered milk, canned vegetables. Your generous donations will allow us to continue helping our neighbors provide food for their families.

**Prayer List** Dontriel Adams, Andrew Springer, Jason Smith, Terri Lee, The Family of Bill Clayton, The Family of Frances Snipes, Wayne Kristie, Greg & Sheila and Lance, Sybil Miller, Darryl Guffey, Rebecca Carson, Charlie Glover, Terry Handegan, Maude Todd, Carrie Bolt, Grace Shirley, Gerry Smith. Dillon Lollis, Debi Culler, Elizabeth Martel, Neil Florio, Anne Lewis, Nancy Wilkinson, John Marshall, Kay Barrett, Amy Hunter, Tommy Barker, Les Neville, Jim Cunningham, Jennifer Grannan. Gary Arney.



**Homebound:** Bobby Garrett, Golda Noblitt, Robert Arrowwood, and Frances Reid

**Missionaries:** Kat Laun

**Active military service:** John Holmes – Ft. Bliss; Alex Martin – Virginia; Amanda Chivers Nebraska; Chris Trumbower, Josh Trumbower – Ft. Hood; Derek McDonald, Jordon Cox – Kuwait; Travis Wilbanks – Arizona; John Youngblood, Jr. – Retired; Wayne Smith

**Please leave a message in the offering plate for those that need to be added or removed from the prayer list.**

**Phone directories** can be found on the credenza at the back of the church.

## **Contact Information**

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**Seventh Sunday of Easter  
May 13th, 2018**

**Rev. Gene Aiken, Pastor  
Mrs. Lynn Martin, Lay Leader  
Mr. Malek McDuffie, Choir Director  
Mr. Jack Russell, Pianist**

*"Those who trust in the Lord are like Mt. Zion which cannot be shaken but endures forever."  
Psalm 125:1*

# Order of Worship

\*The congregation is invited to stand as you are able.

## ~ GATHERING

MUSIC FOR GATHERING AND ENTRY OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

OPENING PRAYER

\*SONG OF PRAISE....”Jesus, Thine All Victorious Love” ....Hymnal 422

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Lord Jesus Christ, you are the way of peace. Come into the brokenness of our lives and our land with your healing love. Help us to be willing to bow before you in true repentance, and to bow to one another in real forgiveness. By the fire of your Holy Spirit, melt our hard hearts and consume the pride and prejudice which separate us. Fill us, O Lord, with your perfect love, which casts out our fear, and bind us together in that unity which you share with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

\*GATHERING SONG.....“All The Way to Calvary”  
All the way to Calvary, He went for me, All the way to Calvary, He went for me, He died to set me free, Although I had so many many sins, Jesus took them all away, And He pardoned me

## ~WORD AND RESPONSE~

RESPONSIVE READING.....Psalm 93.....Hymnal 813

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH.....Apostle’s Creed.....Hymnal 881  
*I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. 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.*

## ANTHEM

CHILDREN’S MOMENT.....Children May Come to the Altar

LORD’S PRAYER.....Hymnal 895  
*Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be 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.*

\* HYMN.....”The Gift of Love”.....Hymnal 408

## ~ THANKSGIVING ~

OFFERTORY

\* DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING  
*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Him, all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye heav’nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

\*SERMON READING.....1 Peter 4:7-11.....NRSV 235

SERMON “Above All”

## ~ SENDING ~

\* CLOSING HYMN.....”Where Charity and Love Prevail” .....Hymnal 549  
(All are invited to come forward for prayer and discipleship commitment.)

\* BENEDICTION AND CHORAL RESPONSE

\* CARRYING THE LIGHT INTO THE WORLD AND POSTLUDE

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Happy Mother’s Day

The Altar Flowers are given to The Glory of God and in memory of David Bullock on his 67<sup>th</sup> Birthday and In honor of All Mothers.

There will be an SPRC meeting on Monday April 14th at 6:30 pm.

There will be a reception for Rev. Susan Leonard-Ray on Sunday, May 20th from 3:00-5:00 at Trinity UMC in Anderson. The reception will be to honor Susan and her ministry here as the Anderson District Superintendent over the last 8 years.

We are now taking RSVP’s for the Homecoming on Sunday, May 20th. You can RSVP by calling or emailing the church office. You can also RSVP using the form on the church website at [www.mtzioncentral.org](http://www.mtzioncentral.org). If you plan on joining us please RSVP so that we can make plans to have enough food for the meal following church. After the Homecoming we will have a Pot Luck Dinner and the Church will be providing the meat. See you there!

Articles for the Newsletter, “The Grapevine” are due May 28<sup>th</sup> Please email your articles to the Church at [mtzion@nctv.com](mailto:mtzion@nctv.com) with newsletter in the subject line, or put in the newsletter mailbox in the church office.

### Report Of Finance

	April	YTD
Contributions	23,010.00	66,891.00
Less: Operating Expenses	(16,894.00)	(63,827.00)
Net Contributions in Excess of Operating Expenses	6,116.00	(3,064.00)
Budgeted Monthly Expenses	15,035.00	60,140.00
Actual Monthly Expenses	(16,894.00)	(63,827.00)
Under (Over) Monthly Budgeted Amount	(1,859.00)	(3,687.00)

