

**CHILDREN'S WORSHIP TIME**

Suzanne Hall

✠ **HYMN OF PREPARTION**

“He is Lord” (Sing 2x)

#177 TFWS

✠ **SCRIPTURE READING**

*Ruth 1: 11-21*

Pew Bible page 230

**SERMON**

“It’s Okay to Not Be Okay”

Rev. Dr. Terry Hunt

✠ **HYMN OF DISCIPLESHP**

“What a Friend We Have in Jesus”

#526 UMH

(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ **CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD**

✠ **BENEDICTION**

✠ **CHORAL RESPONSE**

“Let There Be Peace on Earth”

#431 UMH

✠ **POSTLUDE**

“Adagio” J. Knecht

Nan Leggett, Organ

✠ Please stand if you are able.

*The flowers on the altar are given to the glory of God and in loving memory and with the utmost thankfulness to God for the lives of Sam T. and Thelma G. Gore by their children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren.*

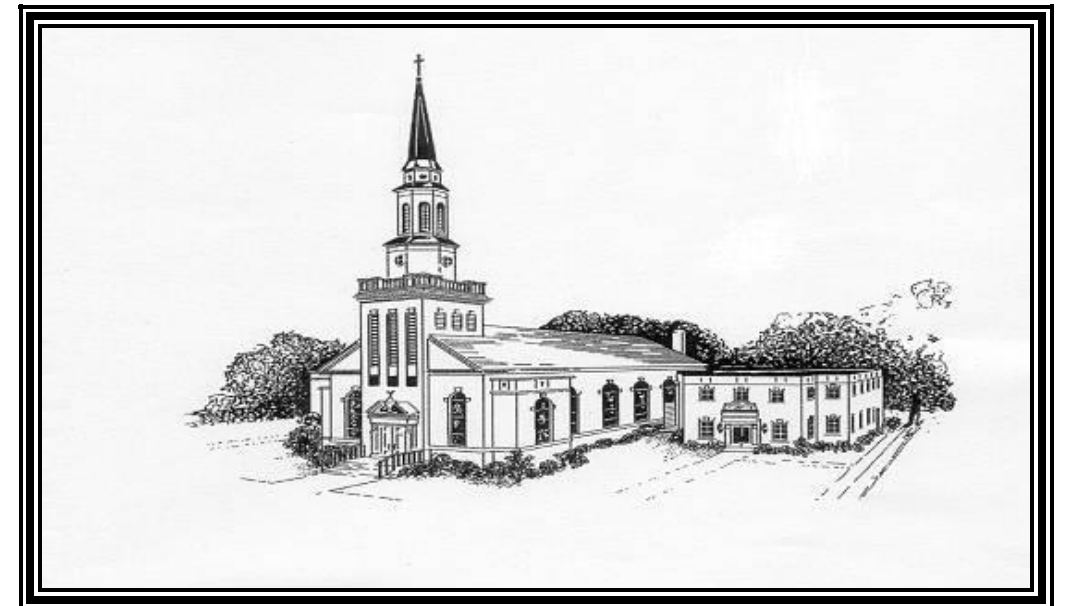
**SERVING THIS MORNING**

<b>Greeters:</b>	Tom Leggett & Rob Conway
<b>Acolyte:</b>	Andrew Bullard
<b>Music Director:</b>	L.A. Cothorn
<b>Organist:</b>	Nan Leggett
<b>Pianist:</b>	Geneva Ashley
<b>Altar Committee:</b>	Suzanne Hall, Celia Lynch, Margie Rabon, Sandy Turner and Gina Deans
<b>Soundboard:</b>	Terry & Kathy Simmons

# WHITEVILLE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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May 15, 2022



**Our Church Vision**

We exist as a Place where Everyone & Every Age can Connect with Christ.

**Mission Statement of Whiteville United Methodist Church**

As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ’s name.

## Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here at Whiteville. We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God's message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

### SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.)

Rob Conway

PRELUDE "All Creatures of Our God and King" setting by P. Harris Nan Leggett, Organ

(Entering the sanctuary and preparing for worship, you are invited to discover the theme of today's service by reading through this order of worship. Also, please pray for those on the prayer list and for all persecuted people around the world.)

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Andrew Bullard

(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

### CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

### WELCOME

#### ✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Let us rejoice in the God of our salvation, to whom we turn in times of joy and times of sorrow.

**People: Help us, O God, for the glory of your name; deliver us and forgive us.**

Pastor: Let us not be afraid to be real and honest before God in the community of faith.

**People: For this is a house of love and hope. May all be welcome here, baggage, burdens, and all that we bring along with us.**

Pastor: Restore us, O Lord:

**People: Let your face shine, that we may be saved.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE "How Great Thou Art" #77 UMH

#### ✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER

God of understanding, we gather together today as people who go through ups and downs in life. We confess that in difficult times we often close ourselves off to you and to one another. May we turn to you in our need, confident in your ability to handle all we bring to you. Help us to be a supportive community to one another, so that we can accept the present as we step into a future filled with your hope. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

#### ✠ APOSTLES' CREED

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.

#### ✠ GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.

#### WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE

Pastor: God of compassion, we thank you for your steadfast love in times of both joy and despair.

**People: Bless our service in the world that we might walk alongside those who are struggling, even as we ourselves sometimes struggle.**

THE PASSING OF CHRISTIAN PEACE Piano softly plays #657 UMH  
As you feel comfortable in sharing-At the end of the song please return to your seat

#### PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD Chancel Choir  
"Precious Lord, Take My Hand" arranged by Jack Schrader

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD ("Praise God") #95 UMH

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church on this fifth Sunday of Easter.** Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in a pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. Thank you.

**The North Carolina Conference** will host a Transition Seminar for all churches and pastors experiencing changes in ministerial appointments. This year's Transition Seminar for the Harbor/Gateway districts will be on Sunday, May 15, at WUMC 3-6 pm.

**You are invited to enjoy a concert** of familiar Broadway tunes from Southeastern Oratorio Society this afternoon at five o'clock at First Presbyterian Church. Several members from WUMC are participating and would love to see you there!

**Reaching Out** will meet the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month.

**Medical Equipment Needed.** If anyone has any gently used medical equipment taking up space (walkers, bedside commodes, etc.) please feel free to donate those to the churches' medical equipment room. We have been able to help several members and non-members with their medical equipment needs and we would love to keep this small ministry going.

**The Sunshine group** is a new idea that will include group outings, lunches, and other activities. Listed below will be our first of hopefully many group outings. All are invited to attend. Sign-up sheets can be found in the narthex and office.

### Sunshine Group Outing

Date: Monday, June 6th

Time: Meet at the church @ 8:45 am--Return approx 2:30ish

Activity: Tour the Burgwin-Wright House: house tour lasts approx 45 min - gardens, and art gallery.

Cost: Groups of 10 or more / \$11 + tax (Seniors \$12 + tax) can take as many as 20 on tour at one time

Lunch: Slice of Life Pizza (within walking distance) Cost: \$10-18

**Prayer Concerns:** Beth Harper, Prayers for Ukraine, Wayne Overcash, Jan Avant, Kenny Smith, David K. (DK) & Carolyn Nix, Susan Deans, Jim Hill, Mary Hutchins, Sara Brooks, Thetus Sessions, Ann Worthington, Grant Smith, Bob Deans, John and Louise Barkley, Clara Hunsucker, Marty Ward, Jimmy and Nancy Oakley.

**Prayer Requests:** Via email to the Church Office at [wumc@whitevilleumc.org](mailto:wumc@whitevilleumc.org).

**Adult Sunday School:** Meet in classroom @ 9:00 a.m.

**Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12):** Upstairs classroom at 9:00 a.m.

**Christians Under Construction Sunday School:** Meeting at 9:00 a.m. in the Parlor in person or via Zoom. (Receive a link to join by emailing Carolyn Hankins at [carolynjhankins@msn.com](mailto:carolynjhankins@msn.com))

**Boy Scouts:** Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays:** Chancel Choir 7:00p.m. in the Choir Room.

**Handbell Rehearsals on Wednesdays:** 6:00p.m.

**Fifty-Plus Exercise Class:** Tuesdays & Thursdays 10:00-11:00 a.m. in the parlor

**United Methodist Women:** Monday, May 2<sup>nd</sup> 6:00 p.m.

**Bible Study and Communion:** Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

<i>2022 Church Budget</i>	<i>\$288,883.00</i>
<i>As of 05/08, Needed</i>	<i>\$111,107.00</i>
<i>As of 05/08, Received</i>	<i>\$86,572.00</i>
<i>Needed Each Sunday</i>	<i>\$5,555.00</i>
<i>Received on 05/08</i>	<i>\$4,045.00</i>
<i>Attendance 05/08</i>	<i>In-person 56</i>
<i>EFT (added to received)</i>	<i>\$150.00</i>