

Moncks Corner United Methodist Church

OUR COMMON HERITAGE OF THE BIRTH OF JESUS CHRIST

April 22, 2018

4th Sunday of Easter

Color: White

GATHERING

PRELUDE "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God" arr. Roger Wilson

PRESENTING THE CROSS & THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

WELCOME AND CONCERNS

PRAYER

"O GOD, WE CRY OUT TO YOU. LIFT US THIS DAY, GIVE TO YOUR CHILDREN A SIXTH SENSE OF LIFE, THE SENSE OF YOUR LOVE. WE WANDER IN A WILDERNESS OF CULTURE THAT KNOWS NOT THE WONDER OF WHO YOU ARE AS GOD AND DOES NOT SACRIFICE SELFISH DESIRES FOR YOUR LOVE. REACH INSIDE OUR MINDS AND HEARTS AND BREAK AWAY THE RUST OF DISTRUST AND THE GRIME OF A CULTURE THAT DOES NOT RESPECT YOUR COMPASSION. FORGIVE US OUR SIN AND HELP US TO RECEIVE YOUR FORGIVENESS AND PRESENT A LIFE THAT IS A WITNESS OF FAITH IN A WORLD TORN AND TATTERED BY THE HARSH WINDS OF EVIL. IN THE NAME AND PRESENCE OF JESUS CHRIST WE PRAY. AMEN."

† **HYMN** "How Firm a Foundation" p 529

CHILDREN'S CHOIR "Praise Ye The Lord" by Victor Johnson

CHILDREN'S TIME

CHILDREN'S SONG "Jesus Loves Me"

PASSING THE PEACE

READING

"Words are not made of paper. Words of prayer are repositories of the spirit. It is only after we kindle a light in the words that we are able to behold the riches they contain. It is only after we arrive within a word that we become aware of the riches our own souls contain... Unless we understand that the word is stronger than the will; unless we know how to approach a word with all the joy, the hope or grief we own, prayer will hardly come to pass. The words must not fall off our lips like dead leaves in the autumn. They must rise like birds out of the heart into the vast expanse of eternity. In our own civilization, in which so much is being done for the cause of the liquidation of language, the realm of prayer is like an arsenal for the spirit, where words are kept clean, holy, full of power to inspire and to keep us spiritually alive."

Rabbi Abraham Joshua Herschel (1907-1972)

GOSPEL READING John 10:11-18

MORNING PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER

ANTHEM "Down to the River to Pray" Soloist: Lydia Baker

SCRIPTURE Psalm 23

SERMON "My Shepherd!" Rev. Mike Rouse

PRAYER OF FAITH

"O COME, HOLY SPIRIT, INFLAME MY HEART, SET IT ON FIRE WITH LOVE. BURN AWAY MY SELF-CENTEREDNESS SO THAT I CAN LOVE UNSELFISHLY. BREATHE YOUR LIFE-GIVING BREATH INTO MY SOUL SO THAT I CAN LIVE FREELY AND JOYOUSLY, UNRESTRICTED BY SELF-CONSCIOUSNESS, AND MAY BE READY TO GO WHEREVER YOU MAY SEND ME. COME LIKE A GENTLE BREEZE AND GIVE ME YOUR STILL PEACE SO THAT I MAY BE QUIET AND KNOW THE WONDER OF YOUR PRESENCE, AND HELP DIFFUSE IT IN THE WORLD. NEVER LET ME SHUT YOU OUT; NEVER LET ME TRY TO LIMIT YOU TO MY CAPACITY; ACT FREELY IN ME AND THROUGH ME, NEVER LEAVE ME, O LORD AND GIVER OF LIFE! CHRIST JESUS, AMEN."

Michael Hollings & Etta Gullick

† **HYMN OF INVITATION** "They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love" FWS 2223

Please come to the chancel rail for prayer, decisions of faith or reception into the church.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH "Apostles' Creed" p 881

OFFERING "As the Deer" arr. Douglas Wagner

DOXOLOGY p 95

BLESSING OF THE OFFERING

FAITH MOMENT

DISCIPLES' PRAYER

"WE MUST PRAISE THY GOODNESS, THAT YOU HAVE LEFT NOTHING UNDONE TO DRAW US TO YOURSELF. BUT ONE THING WE ASK OF YOU, OUR GOD, NOT TO CEASE YOUR WORK IN OUR IMPROVEMENT. LET US TEND TOWARDS YOU, NO MATTER BY WHAT MEANS, AND BE FRUITFUL IN GOOD WORKS, FOR THE SAKE OF JESUS CHRIST OUR LORD. AMEN." Ludwig von Beethoven, 1770-1827

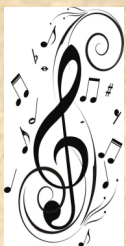
† BENEDICTION

† **DISCIPLES' SONG** "Let All Things Now Living" FWS 2008

† CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

† TRINITY CHIMES

† POSTLUDE



CELEBRATING JANICE NATIONS MUSIC DIRECTOR

April 22 & 29 are the last Sunday worship services with Janice as our Music Director. Thanks for over 20 years of service at MCUMC. God Bless Janice & Sam Nations!



Coffee House Parents and Young Adults!!!

Join us 9:45-10:45 in the fellowship hall.
Invite your neighbors and friends!
Contact Lynn Adcox 843-377-6961.

The Congregational Care Team is striving to maintain supportive contact with our active service personnel. Please help by contacting the church office to give the names and addresses of these special members of our church family.



Open Hearts. Open Minds. Open Doors. The People of The United Methodist Church.

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Grounds Maintenance

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS 2018

Kristen & Kyle Owens, Laura Lovell
Barbara & Bill Lindler
Larry & Beth Free, Olivia & Jessie

BAPTISMS 2018

Karoline Caddell, Andrew Owens, Jacob Lovell,
Libby Lovell, Presley Lovell

Prayer Requests: Call the church office or Pete Johnston, 843-899-3532 for the prayer chain.

High School and College Graduates! Please forward to the church office names and future plans of our graduates.

Higher Education Scholarship applications are available in the church office. Deadline is May 14.

OUR FAITHFULNESS

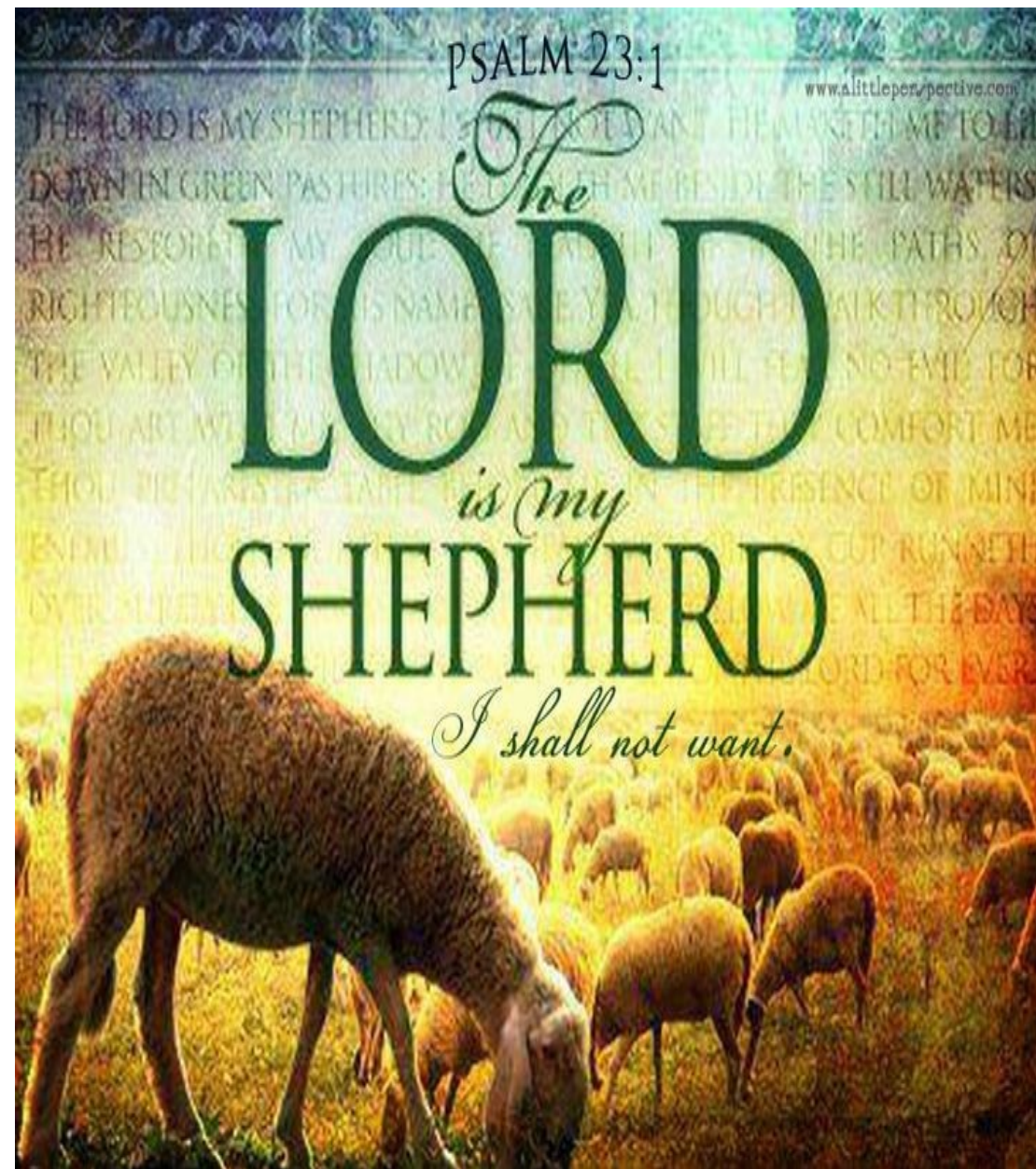
2018 Budget \$505,025 YTD General Fund \$130,750

Presence: 4/15 Sunday School 67 Worship 147

Prayers: Cynthia Gibbs, Jennifer Barrett Dickson, Patty Fox, Betty Jo Fondren Simpkins, Ron Ayers, Thad Talley, Patty Jackson, Mark Prohaska, Barbara Nathan, Tony Sisson, Lou & Dot Denaro, Delores Perry, Lillian Volf, Jean Bostick, Jim Orr, Paul & Ruthie Tucker, Chip & Nancy Lee, Sallie Rogers, Berniece Ulmer, DeAnna Trout, Reed Tanner, Addison Cruz, Frankie Wilson, Shane Coleman, Judy & Charlie Glover, Skip & Barbara Joiner, Kennedy Whatley, Rita Alexander, Penny Metts, Virginia Pennington, Joe Spell, Chip Berry, Frances Haselden, Barbara Bennett, Charlene Moris, Kim Kearse, Barbara Bates, Amy Potter, Tracy Olson, Mary Jean Hyndman, Our Service Personnel.

Nursery for infants and toddlers—located in the sanctuary. Ask ushers for assistance. The nursery provides a quiet space for sleeping infants, curious crawlers, and beginning toddlers.

Little Church for children ages 3-2nd grade. Parents of children attending Little Church for the first time are asked to complete the contact information in the pew pocket and give the card to the teacher as she/he leaves the sanctuary with the children. The teacher will escort the children to the Education Building following the Children's Time during worship.



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