



**6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**  
**May 17, 2020**

**ENTRANCE**

GATHERING, WELCOME and ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

(Latin Hymn, 11<sup>th</sup> Cent.)

*For Judah's Lion bursts his chains,  
Crushing the serpent's head;  
**And cries aloud through death's domains  
To wake the imprisoned dead.***

\*HYMN

*How Firm a Foundation*

UMH 529

\*OPENING PRAYER

(Ruth Duck, USA, 20th cent.)

**O God, in mystery and silence you are present in our lives,  
bringing new life out of destruction,  
hope out of despair, growth out of difficulty.  
We thank you that you do not leave us alone  
but labor to make us whole.  
Help us to perceive your unseen hand in the unfolding of our lives,  
and to attend to the gentle guidance of your Spirit,  
that we may know the joy you give your people. Amen.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

*May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you,  
**And also with you.***

**PROCLAMATION**

PSALTER READING

*Psalms 66*

pg. 410

\*GOSPEL READING

*John 14: 15 - 21*

MESSAGE

*Follow the Leader*

Rev. Denise P. Bates

## RESPONSE

### PRAYER

(USA, 20<sup>th</sup> cent.)

**In the peace of the risen Christ, let us pray to the Lord:  
that our risen Savior may grant us victory  
over all our enemies, seen and unseen...  
that he may crush beneath our feet the prince of darkness  
and all evil powers...  
that he may raise us up and set us with him in heaven...  
that he may fill us with the joy of his holy and life-giving resurrection...  
that he may provide through us  
for those who lack food, work, and shelter...  
that by his love, wars and famine may cease through all the earth...  
that isolated and persecuted churches  
find fresh strength in the gospel...  
that all who have gone before us in the faith of Christ  
may find refreshment, light, and peace;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### CONCERNS, CELEBRATIONS, AND TESTIMONIES

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

\*THE LORD'S PRAYER

UMH 895

#### GIVING OF GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

#### OFFERTORY

\*CHORAL RESPONSE

*Doxology*

UMH 94

### SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN

*Because He Lives*

UMH 364

\*BENEDICTION

\*FOLLOWING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

\*POSTLUDE

\*Those who are able, please stand

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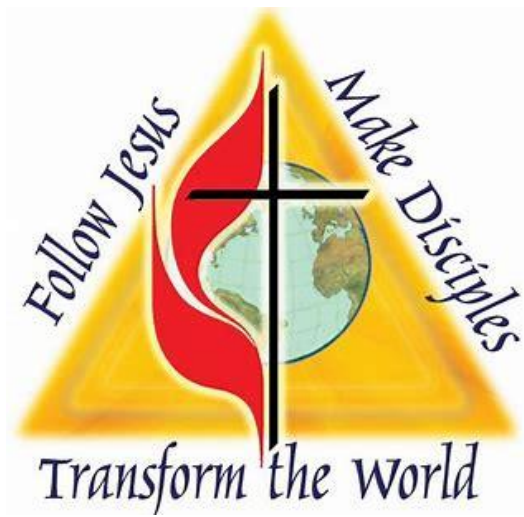
### **John 14: 15 – 21**

“If you love me, show it by doing what I’ve told you. I will talk to the Father, and he’ll provide you another Friend so that you will always have someone with you. This Friend is the Spirit of Truth. The godless world can’t take him in because it doesn’t have eyes to see him, doesn’t know what to look for. But you know him already because he has been staying with you, and will even be in you!

18-20 “I will not leave you orphaned. I’m coming back. In just a little while the world will no longer see me, but you’re going to see me because I am alive and you’re about to come alive. At that moment you will know absolutely that I’m in my Father, and you’re in me, and I’m in you.

21 “The person who knows my commandments and keeps them, that’s who loves me. And the person who loves me will be loved by my Father, and I will love him and make myself plain to him.”

**Notes:**



## This Week at South Hill UMC

<b>Today:</b>	11:00 am	Online Worship Service
	12:15 pm	Church Council Meeting 12:15 pm (via Zoom)
	6:00 pm	Middle School Youth Meeting (via Zoom)
<b>Monday:</b>		June/July Newsletter Articles Due
<b>Tuesday:</b>	7:30 pm	Synago (via Zoom)
<b>Wednesday:</b>	6:30 pm	Narcotics Anonymous
	8:00 pm	AA Group
<b>Friday:</b>	7:00 pm	AA Group

**The Upper Room will be closed to donations and sales through the month of May. As the situation is rapidly changing, there may be additional restrictions or modifications to this in the future.**

Next Week's Sermon:

John 17: 1 - 11

*In Us*

## Coming Events:

May 25<sup>th</sup>

Memorial Day – Office Closed

**June Session of Virginia Annual Conference** postponed until September 18 -19, 2020.

**Online Meetings Available - Please contact the church office for more information.**

**Please note that social distancing to be defined as 6 feet between individuals as advised by the CDC when in a group setting.**

### **Where can I find COVID-19 information from national and state leaders?**

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) is updating information daily at: <https://www.cdc.gov/>
- More information from Virginia Department of Health: <http://www.vdh.virginia.gov/>
- Information from Virginia Governor Ralph Northam can be found at: <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus-updates/>

## Notes of Interest



**Message from Kate Ockerman, Volunteer Coordinator:** I am reaching out to thank you for your unwavering support of UMFS over the years, particularly our South Central Treatment Foster Care offices in South Hill, Lynchburg, and Farmville, Virginia.

As you can imagine, the current global health crisis has had quite an effect on the kids and families we serve throughout Virginia. But regardless of the stress that the whole world is feeling, our foster parents have stepped up, as they always do, to support the kids who need it most. May is Foster Parent Appreciation Month and we want to celebrate our inspiring foster parents! Instead of our annual family fun picnic, we are going to mail the fun to our families! This is where we need your help!

We'd love to send our families games to keep their kiddos occupied, engaged, and inspired as they spend so much time together during this time. Below is an Amazon list with therapeutic games to entertain kids of all ages. Would you be able to help provide any of the games listed? Any purchases made from this Amazon list will go straight to our South Hill office and packaged up by our amazing staff (with some other goodies) to be sent to our foster families. You can find the link below:

<https://www.amazon.com/hz/wishlist/ls/X6RD2PNQB4A9> Thank you and stay safe!



In light of our current environment, the recent declaration by the Virginia Governor, and consultation between staff-parish and the church staff, the South Hill United Methodist Church office is now closed to the public. Appointments will still be taken, as needed.

**Online giving is simple**, just go to our church website: [southhillumc.org](http://southhillumc.org) and click on the "Donate!" button. If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the church office during regular business hours.



**May Special Offering - Annual Conference** - This offering is collected at Annual Conference each year to support projects designated by the bishop.

***When you are watching our livestream services, please kindly use the comment section to let us know how many are watching with you.***

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**Church Office Hours by appointment**

Office phone: 434-447-4761

*We welcome all who worship with us during this season of Eastertide, as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord and remember the events following his sacrifice on the cross.*

**This Week's Worship Team**

Liturgist: Charlene Gray  
Teller: Donna Glasgow  
Music Director/Organist: Jimmie Crowder, Jr.  
Worship Technicians: Sophie Crowder and Jack Calhoun  
Bishop: Sharma D. Lewis  
District Superintendent: Denise P. Bates

**Known Prayer Concerns:            Members**

**Hundley Center:** Jo Carol Cole      **Pineview:** Ann Nichols      **Chase City:** John & Judy Turchetta  
**Harmony:** Dan Wilson      **Jamestown:** Norene Pritchett      **MCV:** Ann Gauchat  
**Petersburg Home for Ladies:** Marjorie Grammer      **Missionaries:** Guthrie Family & Annie Judd

Deepest sympathy is extended to the family of Everett Barbour.

**Home:**

Helen Boswell	Maxine Crowder	Roger Tanner
Shirley Carrillo	Herbert Farrar	Ann Thomas
Brenda Child	Lynn Haskins	Deborah Tuck
Paul, Nancy & Peggy Conner	Billy Judd	Shirley Wetherbee
Mary Coulter	Evelyn Lambert	Dylan Willis
		Transformation at SHUMC

**Family & Friends:**

COVID-19 Pandemic	Linda Montgomery	Christopher Brack
Our Leaders & Our Nation	Judi C. Newman	Tony Kim
	Marsha R. Smith	Irma Reese

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