

**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
 Sunday, May 28, 2017  
 Seventh Sunday after Easter  
 Ascension Sunday

**ENTRANCE**

*The people come together in the Lord's name.*

PRELUDE

THE LIGHT OF CHRIST AMONG US

PROCESSIONAL HYMN                      *Rejoice, the Lord Is King*                      UMH 715

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We are God's own people, believing in the name of Jesus Christ and sharing in Christ's glory.

**All: Let us celebrate the love of God who sent Jesus to die for us, be raised again on the third day, and ascend to reign at the right hand of God.**

One: Let us give thanks for the great unbounded love of God that makes us one with Jesus Christ as Jesus Christ is one with God.

**All: Thanks be to God. Alleluia!**

\*OPENING PRAYER

**Lord, we've come this morning seeking your presence, but it's hard to settle in when so many things cloud our minds. Even in Your House, it's hard to pay attention. We are here trusting that you will get our attention, through some song sung, some witness raised, some Scripture unfolded, some gesture offered. Today make us joyful in the ascension of your Son Jesus Christ. May we follow him into the new creation, for his ascension is our glory and our hope! Amen.**

\*HYMN OF PRAISE                      *Hail the Day That Sees Him Rise*                      UMH 312

COMMUNITY CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS

HYMN OF PRAYER                      *Lord, Be Glorified*                      TFWS 2150

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER                      UMH 895

CHORAL RESPONSE                      *Threefold Amen*

**PROCLAMATION**

*The Scriptures are opened to the people.*

RESPONSIVE READING                      Psalm 47                      UMH 781

CHILDREN'S SERMON                      *Up, Up and Away*

*(No Children's Church May 28 – September 3. There are children's activity bulletins available in the back of the sanctuary. Please see an usher for assistance if needed. Children's Church will resume September 10.)*

SCRIPTURE READING	Ephesians 1:15-23	NT 177
ANTHEM	<i>How Can I Keep From Singing</i>	arr. Bradley Ellingboe
PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION		
SCRIPTURE	Acts 1:1-11	NT 109
SERMON	<i>Active Waiting</i>	

**RESPONSE**

*The people respond with acts of commitment and faith.*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH                      *An Affirmation for Ascension Day*                      See insert

OFFERING

Offertory	<i>Sleep, Comrades Sleep!</i>	William M. Felton
*Doxology		UMH 95
*Dedication of the Offering		

**SENDING FORTH**

*The people are sent into ministry with the Lord's blessing.*

\*HYMN OF PROMISE                      *Thine Be the Glory*                      UMH 308

\*THE LIGHT OF CHRIST GOES FORTH

\*BENEDICTION

	<i>May the Lord, Mighty God</i>	Carl Ashley
May the Lord, mighty God, Bless you and keep you forever. By His grace and His might	Help you in ev'ry endeavor. Long may His grace be kind to you May it fail you never.	May the Lord, mighty God, Bless you and keep you forever, Bless you and keep you forever.

\*POSTLUDE

\* = Please stand as you are able.

NT = New Testament, OT = Old Testament

TFWS = The Faith We Sing, UMH = United Methodist Hymnal

A fully staffed and stocked nursery is available for your convenience.

Also, the rocking chairs in the Sanctuary are for rocking your little ones.

Please ask an usher if you need any assistance.

**THE FLOWERS ON THE ALTAR** are given to the glory and praise of Almighty God and in honor of my sweet and loving wife, Samantha, on her May 30 birthday, with love, by Harold Butts.

**SUPPORTING THE CHURCH**

**BY OUR PRAYERS...**

Unless otherwise requested, prayer requests remain on this list for thirty days. We have an active prayer chain. If you have need for immediate prayer, please call the church office or Joanne Taylor at 910-892-7034.

Lou Allred	Larry Carmichael	Mary Hardison	Chloe Ray
Dava Anderson	Patsy Coats	Sarah Herring	Jan Spencer
Tammie Arnold	Nancy Cooper	Susan Horton	Nancy Thomas
Donald Bass	James Cooper	Harold Hundley	Irvin Warren
James Best	Susan Crooks	Anne Johnson	Glenda Weisner
Mary Lemuel Blalock	Brandon Eaton	Ida Lawrence	
Chris Byrd	Elliott Gifford	Janice Lever	
Kim Byrd	Patti Godwin	Rochelle Pope	



**BY OUR PRESENCE AND GIFTS 5/21/17...**

Sunday School Attendance	14	Offering Received	\$ 3,310.36
Worship Attendance	97	Weekly Cash Needs	\$ 6,726.27

**BY OUR SERVICE AND WITNESS...**

	<b><i>Serving This Week</i></b>	<b><i>Serving Next Week</i></b>
ACOLYTE	May 28 Usher	June 4 Charlie Crumpler
ALTAR FLOWERS	May 28 Harold Butts	June 4 Mike Ennis
CHILDREN'S CHURCH	May 28 No Children's Church	June 4 No Children's Church
FINANCE	May 28 Rudy King	June 4 Karen McLeod
GREETERS	May 28 Herman and Linda Medlin	June 4 Harold and Samantha Butts
	Open	Rudy King
NURSERY	May 28 Martha Smith	June 4 Faye Butler
YOUTH VOLUNTEERS	May 28 No Youth Activities	June 4 Apperson
	May 31 Butts	June 6 Open
	<b><i>Serving This Month</i></b>	<b><i>Serving Next Month</i></b>
ALTAR GUILD	May Dava Anderson	June Cindy Coats
	Mary Lou Winchester	Kim Schmidlin
LITURGIST	May Gary Ronnfeldt	June Craig Strickland
USHERS	May Bob Johnson, Mike McLeod, Rudy King, Herman Medlin	June Larry Opperman, Cory Wilson, Steve Parker, Rhett Raynor

*A Place to... Belong... Believe... Become*

May 28, 2017

*Divine Street United Methodist Church*

**Rev. Elizabeth Gaines, Pastor**  
**Rev. Kristina Yeatts, Director of Christian Education**  
**Mrs. Amy Stovall, Director of Music Ministries**  
**Mrs. Anna Bunn, Organist**  
**Mrs. Patti Queipo, Preschool Director**  
**Mrs. Susan Smith, Administrative Assistant**

**MAY BIRTHDAYS**

2 Tommy Matthews	17 Ida Lawrence	28 Derek Easter
6 Mikayla Peterson	19 Frances Opperman	30 Samantha Butts
8 Cal Creek	22 Mark Duval	30 Harold Hundley
8 Jackson Goodman	22 Rhett Raynor	31 Ana-Beth Brewer
8 Natasha Williams	23 Mike Ennis	31 Jerry Callahan
10 Ed Matthews	23 Reagan Warren	31 Charles Leake
11 Charlie Crumpler	24 Allie Snipes	
12 Joyce Draughon	25 Patsy Coats	

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