

Order of Worship  
**Worship is the way we Love God**

**10:55 a.m. March 26, 2017**

When the music begins, please prepare for worship through silent prayer and meditation. Following the service, greet one another with joy and affection!

(\*) denotes congregation standing

ENTRANCE

GATHERING

WELCOME and Announcements Sheila Gilmore, Lay Leader

**Let us Prepare our Hearts and Minds for Worship!**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR Helen Alexander

PRELUDE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* Burkhardt

\*CALL TO WORSHIP *My Life is in You, Lord* Choir

\*OPENING PRAYER Rev. Mike Sykes

\*HYMN OF PRAISE No. 57 *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing*  
UM Hymnal

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION (Unison) Rev. Pat Sykes  
**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S TIME Zoe Sunday Mary Griffith  
(Children 4-10 years old are invited to Children's Church in Room 410.)

From the Psalms No. 804-05 Psalm 84 Rev. Pat Sykes  
*Sing Responses* UM Hymnal

ANTHEM *Come Home* C. Courtney

OLD TESTAMENT READING I Kings 8:1-6

SERMON **Dr. Kenneth Locklear**  
**Gateway District Superintendent**

THE INVITATION TO CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

HYMN No. 378 *Amazing Grace* UM Hymnal

JOYS AND CONCERNS Rev. Mike Sykes

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION Rev. Sykes  
**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY *O God, Beyond All Praising* Hoist/Larson  
*Soloist: Chuck Wright*

\*DOXOLOGY No. 95 *Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow*  
**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.**

\*Prayer of Dedication Rev. Mike Sykes

SENDING FORTH

\*HYMN OF GOING FORTH TO SERVE No. 454 UM Hymnal  
*Open My Eyes, That I May See*

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING Dr. Locklear

\*CHORAL BENEDICTION *The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve*

\*CHIMING OF THE HOLY TRINITY

\*POSTLUDE GOING FORTH  
*Bouree in G* Handel/Broughton

\*Please stand as you are able

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Ponder this.....

The pearl of great price  
always begins as a pain in the oyster's stomach.  
John E. Large

Open my heart to receive your Word today, Lord Jesus. You know what message I most need to hear.

### Presence

#### Last Week's Attendance

Sunday School	78
Worship	195
Eat, Pray, Learn Meal	27
United Methodist Men	20

### Gifts

<b>Operating Budget for 2017</b>	<b>\$493,245.35</b>
Operating Budget Needed to Date	\$ 113,825.76
Given to Date	\$ 104,467.88
Percentage Given	91.78%
<b>Amount needed each week to meet 2017 budget</b>	<b>\$ 9,485.48</b>
<b>Budget offering last week</b>	<b>\$ 8,919.00</b>
Pennies for Zoe (Total to Date Collected)	\$ 10,905.00
Zoe pennies collected in February	\$ 60.00

### Church Staff

Senior Pastor: Rev. Mike Sykes	<a href="mailto:mikesykes@carolinarr.com">mikesykes@carolinarr.com</a>
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Caring for our Children: Tabitha Miller	



### Stephen Ministry

*Let your conversation be always full of grace, seasoned with salt, so that you may know how to answer everyone.*

**Colossians 4:6**

### Service for March 26

<b>Ushers</b>	Benson Crotts Team
<b>Heat/AC</b>	Randy Leak; Tommy Leak
<b>Crucifer</b>	Shelby Matheson
<b>Acolytes</b>	John P. Hutchinson & Parker Medlin
<b>TV Ministry</b>	Duff Morse
<b>Nursery</b>	Courtney Deane
<b>Greeters</b>	John Foster, Teddy Moseley, Myers Waddell
<b>RCO Soup Kitchen Leader</b>	Deborah Thomas
<b>Hedge Prayer</b>	Ladies Bible Class
<b>Hermitage Volunteer</b>	Randy and Margaret Leak, Audrey Ewing
<b>Sunday Morning Fellowship</b>	Benson Crotts
Next Sunday	John Thomas

**The flowers on the altar today are presented to the Glory of God and in memory of her parents, William and Josephine Martin, by Audrey Ewing.**

# FOURTH Sunday in Lent



## First United Methodist Church

**Love God Love Others Love the World**



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**March 26, 2017**

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