

We've a story to tell to the nations, that shall turn their hearts to the right,  
a story of truth and mercy, a story of peace and light,  
a story of peace and light.

Refrain:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning, and the dawning to noonday bright,  
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on earth,  
the kingdom of love and light.

We've a song to be sung to the nations, that shall lift their hearts to the Lord,  
a song that shall conquer evil, and shatter the spear and sword,  
and shatter the spear and sword. [Refrain]

We've a message to give to the nations, that the Lord who reigneth above  
hath sent us his Son to save us, and show us that God is love,  
and show us that God is love. [Refrain]

We've a Savior to show to the nations, who the path of sorrow hath trod,  
that all of the world's great peoples might come to the truth of God,  
might come to the truth of God! [Refrain]

## †BENEDICTION

## †CHORAL RESPONSE

Share His love by telling what the Lord has done for you  
Share His love by sharing of your faith  
And show the world that Jesus Christ is real to you  
Every moment, every day!

## TRINITY CHIMES

(Please remain in place at the end of the service until the conclusion of the Trinity Chimes)

## CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

## POSTLUDE

## THE FLOWERS AT THE ALTAR

THE ALTAR FLOWERS are given by the FMC Staff in honor of all of the  
volunteers who assisted during Holy Week and Easter

## GREETERS

11:00 Heather & John Boney

## ONLINE GIVING



Prayerfully consider giving  
to support the missions and  
ministries of First Methodist  
Church by scanning the  
QR code.

For God so loved that He GAVE his Son.

**Women's Ministry Meeting**  
**Monday, April 13th at 12:30pm**

Join the Women's Ministry for their monthly meeting in the Stanley Harrell  
Classroom. Due to the Easter Holiday they are meeting on the second  
Monday this month. All women are welcome to join!

**Men's Fellowship**

**2nd Tuesdays at 6:00pm**

Our next time of fellowship will be  
April 14th from 6:00–7:30 PM.

**Summer Ministries**

VBS and Project MHC registration is OPEN! These are two churchwide  
ministry opportunities for all ages. Register online today!

**WaveRunners Tour - Queen Anne's Revenge Shipwreck**

Join us on May 20th for an educational tour of the Queen Anne's Revenge  
project, featuring the exciting work at the East Carolina University restoration  
facility, where artifacts from Blackbeard's ship are being conserved,  
documented, and studied. This is a free event that is limited to 20 participants.  
We will leave the church at 8:00 AM for a 10:00 AM tour, followed by lunch  
at Parker's Barbecue.

**Family Movie Night**

Join Kids Ministry for Family Movie Night in the Loft on Friday, May 1st at  
5:30 PM featuring David! Enjoy pizza and popcorn. Bring the whole family!  
Please register online for a headcount of adults and kids.

**Operation Christmas Child Collections**

OCC donations are off to a strong start this year. During the months of April  
and May we will be collecting Personal Care Items including toothbrushes,  
combs and brushes, washcloths and bath poufs, small plastic water bottles and  
hair ties. Place your donations in the baskets in the Atrium and Rise Lobby.

**Project MHC - June 21-24**

Project MHC (Many Hands for Christ) is a mission experience that is  
designed to be a mission trip experience without leaving our county. We only  
work a few short miles away from the church, but for many of our youth, they  
will be stepping into a world entirely different from their own. This is  
designed to be an opportunity for youth to grow in their faith while serving as  
the hands and feet of Jesus. Register today to participate and volunteer!

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

April 15 - WaveRunners Trip to Bird Park  
April 27 - Red Cross Blood Drive  
April 27 - Community Orchestra Concert  
May 1 - Kid's Ministry Movie Night  
May 2 - Saturday in the Park  
May 17 - Handbell Concert 3:00pm  
May 20 - WaveRunners Trip to Conservation Lab  
May 31 - Senior Sunday  
June 15-19 - VBS  
June 21-24 - Project MHC  
July 18 -25 - Costa Rica Mission Trip

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*Fran Welch, Livestream*



“WORSHIPPING PASSIONATELY, LOVING EXTRAVAGANTLY, AND WITNESSING BOLDLY”

**WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS****PASSING THE PEACE****PRELUDE****PASSING THE PEACE****†CALL TO WORSHIP**

Let us give thanks to the Lord, for he is good;

**His steadfast love endures forever.**

The Lord is my strength and my might;

**He has become my salvation.**

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone;

**This is the Lord's doing, and it is marvelous in our eyes. (Psalm 118)**

**†HYMN****“Victory in Jesus”****No. 370**

I heard an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,  
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;  
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,  
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain:

O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!

He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;  
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;  
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.

I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,  
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;  
and then I cried “Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,”  
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory. [Refrain]

I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,  
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;  
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,  
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory. [Refrain]

**†OPENING PRAYER****Unison**

**Gracious God, you have opened the tomb and brought life out of death. Fill us with the joy of your resurrection, life our hearts from doubt to faith, and send us to live as your renewed people; through Jesus Christ our risen Savior, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

**†AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles' Creed****Unison**

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****Unison**

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.

**CELEBRATIONS AND CONCERNS****PASTORAL PRAYER****THE LORD'S PRAYER****Unison**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever, Amen.

**SCRIPTURE****Acts 4:5-20**

<sup>5</sup> The next day the rulers, the elders and the teachers of the law met in Jerusalem. <sup>6</sup> Annas the high priest was there, and so were Caiaphas, John, Alexander and others of the high priest's family. <sup>7</sup> They had Peter and John brought before them and began to question them: “By what power or what name did you do this?” <sup>8</sup> Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them: “Rulers and elders of the people! <sup>9</sup> If we are being called to account today for an act of kindness shown to a man who was lame and are being asked how he was healed, <sup>10</sup> then know this, you and all the people of Israel: It is by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom you crucified but whom God raised from the dead, that this man stands before you healed. <sup>11</sup> Jesus is “the stone you builders rejected, which has become the cornerstone.” <sup>12</sup> Salvation is found in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given to mankind by which we must be saved.” <sup>13</sup> When they saw the courage of Peter and John and realized that they were unschooled, ordinary men, they were astonished and they took note that these men had been with Jesus. <sup>14</sup> But since they could see the man who had been healed standing there with them, there was nothing they could say. <sup>15</sup> So they ordered them to withdraw from the Sanhedrin and then conferred together. <sup>16</sup> “What are we going to do with these men?” they asked. “Everyone living in Jerusalem knows they have performed a notable sign, and we cannot deny it. <sup>17</sup> But to stop this thing from spreading any further among the people, we must warn them to speak no longer to anyone in this name.” <sup>18</sup> Then they called them in again and commanded them not to speak or teach at all in the name of Jesus. <sup>19</sup> But Peter and John replied, “Which is right in God's eyes: to listen to you, or to him? You be the judges! <sup>20</sup> As for us, we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard.”

**CHILDREN'S MOMENT****WORSHIP WITH TITHES, GIFTS, AND OFFERINGS****OFFERTORY****“Speak O Lord”  
Getty/Townsend****Chancel Choir****†DOXOLOGY****No. 95**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below;  
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**†HYMN****“My Faith Looks Up to Thee”****No. 452**

My faith looks up to thee,  
thou Lamb of Calvary,  
Savior divine!  
Now hear me while I pray,  
take all my guilt away,  
O let me from this day  
be wholly thine!

May thy rich grace impart  
strength to my fainting heart,  
my zeal inspire!  
As thou hast died for me,  
O may my love to thee  
pure, warm, and changeless be,  
a living fire!

While life's dark maze I tread,  
and griefs around me spread,  
be thou my guide;  
bid darkness turn to day,  
wipe sorrow's tears away,  
nor let me ever stray  
from thee aside.

When ends life's transient dream,  
when death's cold, sullen stream  
shall o'er me roll;  
blest Savior, then in love,  
fear and distrust remove;  
O bear me safe above,  
a ransomed soul!

**SCRIPTURE****Romans 10:8-15**

<sup>8</sup> But what does it say? “The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,” that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: <sup>9</sup> If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. <sup>10</sup> For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved. <sup>11</sup> As Scripture says, “Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.” <sup>12</sup> For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile—the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, <sup>13</sup> for, “Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.” <sup>14</sup> How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: “How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!”

**SERMON****What Happens Next?****Pastor Patrick**