

An American flag is shown in a close-up, slightly blurred view, with the stars and stripes clearly visible. A single red poppy flower with a yellow center is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the image. The word "REMEMBER" is printed in large, bold, dark letters across the middle of the flag.

REMEMBER

These days
should be
remembered
and kept
throughout
every
generation

Community Memorial Day Service
Monday, May 27, 2019 ~ 7:00 pm Worship
Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church
West Columbia, SC 29169

WELCOME

We welcome you to Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church!

If you are worshipping with us for the first time, WELCOME,

If you are worshipping again, WELCOME BACK.

Worship is much more joyful when we add our voices to offer praise and thanksgiving. If you need anything, just ask one of the ushers or greeters.

PRE-SERVICE *Concert Variations on The Star-Spangled Banner*
John Knowles

Theme, 3 Variations and Fugue Paine Op.1

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please see the Community Announcements in the back section of the bulletin.

*Please note that all of the congregation responses are printed in **Bold and Italics**.*

PRELUDE *America – A Fugue in Five Voices* Thayer

RECOGNITION OF OLDEST VETERAN Rev. Gina D. Metze

THE GATHERING

We stand.
HYMN

My Country, 'Tis of Thee

*My country, 'tis of thee,
sweet land of liberty,
of thee I sing:
land where my fathers died,
land of the pilgrims' pride,
from ev'ry mountainside
let freedom ring.*

*My native country, thee,
land of the noble free,
thy name I love;
I love thy rocks and rills,
thy woods and templed hills;
my heart with rapture thrills
like that above.*

*Let music swell the breeze,
and ring from all the trees
sweet freedom's song;
let mortal tongues awake;
let all that breathe partake;
let rocks their silence break,
the sound prolong.*

*Our fathers' God, to thee,
author of liberty,
to thee we sing:
long may our land be bright
with freedom's holy light.
Protect us by thy might,
great God, our king*

GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

GATHERED TO WORSHIP

The love of God is more splendid than purple mountain majesty.

God's Word of grace fills the spacious skies.

The amber waves of grain remind us that God continues to provide.

Above the fruited plain is God's eternal joy through the promises he gives.

We gather to give thanks, to remember, and celebrate all who have answered the call to serve.

Let our songs rise and let God's praise be heard from sea to shining sea.

PRAYER FOR THIS DAY

We pray.

Gracious God, on this Memorial Day, we pray for those who courageously laid down their lives for the cause of freedom. May the example of their sacrifice inspire in us the selfless love of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ. Bless the families of our fallen troops and fill their homes and their lives with your strength and peace. In union with people of goodwill of every nation, embolden us to answer the call to work for peace and justice, and thus, seek an end to violence and conflict around the globe. We pray through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

Psalm 116: 12-15

We read responsively.

Joel Price, Sr.

U.S. Navy

¹²What shall I return to the LORD for all his bounty to me?

¹³I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,

¹⁴I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.

¹⁵Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his faithful ones.

READING: 2 Timothy 2: 1-5

A reading from 2nd Timothy.

¹You then, my child, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus; ²and what you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well. ³Share in suffering like a good soldier of Christ Jesus. ⁴No one serving in the army gets entangled in everyday affairs; the soldier's aim is to please the enlisting officer. ⁵And in the case of an athlete, no one is crowned without competing according to the rules. ⁶It is the farmer who does the work who ought to have the first share of the crops. ⁷Think over what I say, for the Lord will give you understanding in all things. ⁸Remember Jesus Christ, raised from the dead, a descendant of David — that is my gospel, ⁹for which I suffer hardship, even to the point of being chained like a criminal. But the word of God is not chained.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

We remain seated.

HYMN

God of Our Fathers

***God of our fathers, whose almighty hand
leads forth in beauty all the starry band
of shining worlds in splendor through the skies:
our grateful songs before your throne arise.***

***Your love divine has led us in the past;
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
oh, be our ruler, guardian, guide, and stay;
your word our law, your paths our chosen way.***

***From war's alarms, from deadly pestilence,
make your strong arm our ever sure defense.
Your true religion in our hearts increase;
your bounteous goodness nourish us in peace.***

***Refresh your people on their toilsome way;
lead us from night to never-ending day;
fill all our lives with heav'n-born love and grace
until at last we meet before your face.***

We stand.

PRESENTATION OF THE FLAGS

Herb Bucknam
U.S. Marine Corps

Earl Sease, Jr., *U.S. Army*

Jennifer Miller, *U.S. Army*

Larry Amick, *U.S. Air Force*

Marion Leaphart, *U.S. Army National Guard*

Teddy Koon, *U.S. Coast Guard*

PLEDGES TO THE FLAGS

CHRISTIAN FLAG

We join together to pledge our allegiance to God.

I pledge allegiance to the Christian Flag and to the Savior for whose kingdom it stands, one fellowship uniting all Christians in service and love.

SOUTH CAROLINA STATE FLAG

We join together to pledge our allegiance to the state of South Carolina.

I salute the flag of South Carolina and pledge to the Palmetto State love, loyalty and faith.

UNITED STATES FLAG

We join together to pledge our allegiance the flag of the United States of America.

I pledge allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and to the republic for which it stands: one Nation under God, indivisible, with Liberty and Justice for all.

POW/MIA FLAG

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SERVICE FLAG

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We sit.

I AM A VETERAN by *Andrea Christensen Brett*

Wynne Price
U.S. Navy

LEXINGTON COUNTY CHORAL SOCIETY

Grayson Sarvis, Assistant Director

Sharon Rattray, Accompanist

We stand.

The Star-Spangled Banner

Congregation and Lexington County Choral Society

***O say can you see by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hailed at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight,
O'er the ramparts we watched, were so gallantly streaming?
And the rockets' red glare, the bombs bursting in air,
Gave proof through the night that our flag was still there;
O say does that star-spangled banner yet wave,
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave?***

***O thus be it ever, when freemen shall stand
Between their loved home and the war's desolation.
Blest with vict'ry and peace, may the Heav'n rescued land
Praise the Power that hath made and preserved us a nation!
Then conquer we must, when our cause it is just,
And this be our motto: "In God is our trust."
And the Star - Spangled Banner in triumph shall wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!***

We sit.

One World

Words and Music by Mark Hayes

A Prayer for Our Time

Joseph Martin

Congregation joins on Verse 3.

***“There is no tyrant who can stand against
our sure Defender’s hand.
No threat or danger can defeat the strong
and righteous Prince of Peace.
Eternal Father, ever be our fortress
in the time of need.”***

I Dream a World Text by Langston Hughes set by Andre Thomas

America the Beautiful

arr. by Mack Wilberg

Congregation joins on final verse.

***“O Beautiful for patriot dream
that sees beyond the years
thine alabaster cities gleam,
undimmed by human tears!
America, America!
God shed His grace on thee
and crown thy good with brotherhood
from sea to shining sea!”***

You Raise Me Up

Arr. by Knight
David Burton, *soloist*

To Love Our God

Text by John Parker/ Music by Mark Hayes

We stand.

MEMORIAL PRAYER FROM THE ARMED FORCES HYMNAL

We pray.

Heavenly Father, today we remember and pay tribute to the men and women of the Armed Services who have died in the defense of our nation; from the days of the Revolution to these days in Iraq and Afghanistan. They paid the ultimate sacrifice for the freedoms we hold so dear.

In Holy Scripture we hear, "There is no greater love than this, than to lay down one's life for a friend." It is only by your grace and the love they have for you and this nation that gave them the strength to lay down their lives.

We beseech you, O Lord, to receive these servants of peace into your loving embrace and grant them the eternal peace that surpasses all understanding.

We also remember the family members of those who paid the price for freedom. They too suffer a great and painful sacrifice. Bestow upon them the blessings of your consolation and peace. May you ease their sadness as they continue the road to serenity and hope.

To you we offer this prayer knowing you fulfill the heart's desire of those who seek you with noble intentions. May our prayer for true and lasting peace be answered in accordance to your will and for the good of your sons and daughters. Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, the King of Peace.

Amen.

We sit.

RECOGNITION OF MILITARY SERVICE VETERANS

When your Service Hymn is sung please stand.

U. S. ARMY

Jennifer Miller, U S Army

Over Hill, over dale, we have hit the dusty trail as the caissons go rolling along. Counter march right about hear those wagon soldiers shout while those caissons go rolling along.

For it's Hi! Hi! Hee! In the field artillery. Call off your numbers loud and strong. And where'er we go, you will always know that those caissons are rolling along.

U. S. COAST GUARD

Teddy Koon, U S Coast Guard

We're always ready for the call, we place our trust in Thee. Through surf and storm and howling gale, High shall our purpose be. Semper Paratus is our guide, our flame and glory too. To fight, to save, or fight and die. Aye! Coast Guard, we're all for you!

U. S. MARINES

Herb Bucknam, U S Marines

From the halls of Montezuma to the shores of Tripoli, we will fight our country's battles in the air on land and sea. First we'll fight for right and freedom, and to keep our honor clean. We are proud to claim the title of United States Marine.

U.S. AIR FORCE

Larry Amick, U S Air Force

Off we go into the wild blue yonder, climbing high into the sun. Here they come zooming to meet our thunder at 'em boys, give 'er the gun. Down we dive, spouting our flame from under, off with one terrible roar! We live in fame or go down in flame! Nothing can stop the U.S. Air Force.

U. S. NAVY

Joel Price, Sr. U S Navy

Anchors aweigh, my boys, anchors aweigh. Farewell to college joys, we sail at break of day, day, day, day, day. Through our last night on shore, drink to the foam. Until we meet once more here's wishing you a happy voyage home!

We stand.

Taps

Belle Kneece

BENEDICTION

Rev. Gina D. Metze

HYMN

Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory

***Mine eyes have seen the glory
of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage
where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning
of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.***

Refrain

***Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.***

***He has sounded forth the trumpet
that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men
before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him;
be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. Refrain***

***In the beauty of the lilies Christ
was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom
that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy,
let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. Refrain***

We sit.

POSTLUDE *Fantasia on "America the Beautiful"* Rex Koury

~~~ All are invited to the Fellowship Hall for a reception. ~~~

The POW/MIA Flag is black, bearing in the center, in black and white, the emblem of the National League of American Prisoners and Missing in Southeast Asia. The emblem is a white disk bearing in black silhouette the bust of a man, watch tower with a guard holding a rifle, and a strand of barbed wire; above the disk are the white letters POW and MIA framing a white 5-pointed star; below the disk is a black and white wreath above the white motto: YOU ARE NOT FORGOTTEN.

On March 9, 1989, a POW/MIA Flag, which flew over the White House on the 19th National POW/MIA Recognition Day, was installed in the United States Capitol Rotunda as a result of the legislation passed overwhelmingly during the 100th session of Congress. The leadership of both Houses hosted the installation ceremony in a demonstration of bipartisan congressional support. The POW/MIA Flag stands as a powerful symbol of our national commitment to our POW/MIAs until the fullest possible accounting for Americans still missing in Southeast Asia has been achieved.

The Service Flag was presented and dedicated December 13, 1942 honoring the young men from Mt. Hermon in the armed services. The flag carries a blue star for each man listed below and one gold star in memory of Thomas Dreher who gave his life for his country.

Members who served with the U.S. Army

Areheart, James	Drafts, Thomas	Leaphart, Paul
Bennefield, W.J.	Dreher, H.C., Jr.	Lucas, Jessie
Bockus, Lyle L	Dreher, Thomas	Mathias, Johnny L.
Bachman, Jack	Harmon, Earl	Mathias, Quitman L.
Bouknight, Marion	Harmon, Samuel	Mathias, Simon A.
Bouknight, Raymond	Hook, Wade Franklin	Rogers, Raymond C.
Bouknight, Walter	Kleckley, Clayton	Roof, Voight
Bouknight, Wilbur	Leaphart, Clyde	Wilkins, Thomas
Buff, Martin L.	Leaphart, George	Williams, Berley

Members who served with the U.S. Air Corp

Bouknight, Robert	Dreher, Frank	Smith, Marion, J
Corley, Brady	Dreher, Walter	

Members who served with the U.S. Navy

Corley, Drafts	Hook, Bethea R.	Wilkins, Mark
Dennis, Philip E.	Hook, Norris	

THOSE TO WHOM WE DEDICATE THIS
MEMORIAL DAY SERVICE

*Denotes Deceased

Army Confederate States of America
War Between the States

*Captain S.M. Roof

*Thomas J. Roof

U.S. ARMY

*Furman D. Bryant

*Ray B. Bouknight

*Ryan Dreher

*David C. Butts, Sr.

*David James Hook

*Ellis Buff

*Willie R. (Bill) Hook

*Frank S. Mathias

*Lonnie Hook

*Quinton L. Roof

World War II

*James Areheart

*Johnnie L. Mathias

*Herman Sipes

*Jack Bachman

*Quitman L. Mathias

*Jessie Lucas

*Jack Bouknight

*Simon A. Mathias

*Paul E. Leaphart

*Marion Bouknight

*Raymond C. Rogers

*Vernon Berry

*Raymond C. Bouknight

*Voight W. Roof

*Carl A. Wingard

*Wilbur Bouknight

*Berley Williams

*Joe Shealy

*Martin L. Buff

*Julius Bouknight

*Ralph Pugh

*Thomas D. Drafts

*George F. Fulmer, Sr.

*Thomas H. Dreher

*H.C. Dreher, Jr.

*Michael Angelo Gioia

*Carroll Shealy

*Earl Harmon

*Norman Lambries

*Alvin Joyner

*Samuel Hoyt Harmon

*James E. Porter, Jr.

*Furman D. Bryant

*Wade Franklin Hook

*Muller Shealy

*Francis B. Roof

*Clayton B. Kleckley

*George Snelgrove

*Roy F. Murphey

*Thomas Clyde Leaphart

*Willie Howard Skipper, Jr.

*George Maple

*W. J. Bennefield

*Walter C. Dreher

*L.L. (Pat) Bockus

*Letroy Gantt

Korean War

*James A. McCaston

*James M. Eargle

*Marion Bouknight

*Marvin W. (Don) Stowers

Ernest L Swygert

*George F. Fulmer, Sr.

*George Eugene Shampy

*Morrison Owen Ellisor

*Ralph Frazier*Robert

Edward Nunamaker

Vietnam War

*Marvin W. (Don) Stowers	Dan Cooper	Norman Hook
Doug Gibson	Danny Scott	*Gerald Pugh
Heyward F. (Gene) Sexton	*Hugh Gene Skipper	Roger Smith
Norris K. Hook, Jr.	Leo L. Pearson, III	Tony Truett

Also served in the U.S. Army

Earl Sease	G. Freddie Fulmer, Jr.	Bobby L. Carver
*Robert Bolding	Dennis Thurman	Cyndi Thurman

U.S. Army National Guard Reserves

J. Clifton Addy	*Harry Bouknight	*Carl Baughman
*Johnny Bouknight	*Karl Bouknight	*Phillip E. Dennis, Sr.
*W. C. Bouknight	*Willie (Bill) Bouknight	*James Mathias
*Raymond C. Bouknight	Wayne F. Frye	*Jerry R. Price, Sr.
Alvin Gennar Kiser, Sr.	Wade Thomas Roof	Lynwood Crout
Jimmy C. Bouknight	*Charles B. Shealy	Eldon Eargle
James Hallman	Jeffrey Bucknam	Marion Leaphart
Thomas A. Harmon	*George F. Fulmer, Sr.	

U.S. MARINE CORPS

World War II

*James LeGrand Evans	*Floyd F. Steele
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Vietnam War

Frank P. Wilbourne, III

Desert Storm & Operation Iraqi Freedom

Jason Michael Thurman

Also served in the U. S. Marine Corp

Wayne Kleckley	Brian Granger	Herbert Bucknam
Matthew Scott	Jason Michael Thurman	Terry R. Metze, Jr.

U.S. NAVY

World War I

*Walter A. Kleckley

*Charles G. Areheart

*Ryan W. Dreher

World War II

*Elbert C. Amick

*Drafts Corley

*Philip E. Dennis, Sr.

*Bethea R. Hook

*Norris K. Hook, Sr.

*William (Bill) Buzek

*Bill Shealy

*Ralph Vernon Sox

*Bob Shealy

*Willie Howard Skipper, Jr.

*Gabriel A Weathersby

*Mark Wilkins

*Erby Joel Bouknight

*Albert Wesley Wilson

*Charlie G. Areheart

*John L. Player, Jr.

*Calvert Marsh, Sr.

*Harry B. Bowman

*L. P. (Leon) Shull

*Max P. Gantt

Korean War

Francis L. Eargle

*Morris Owen Ellisor

Cuban Crisis

*Patrick Ray Bockus

Vietnam War

Frances L. Eargle

Jack Clifton

Desert Storm

John Lewis

Dale Miller

Jack Clifton

Also served in the U. S. Navy

*Lee Bouknight

*Edward Evans

*Tony Poole

Preston Bryant

Joel Zenan Price, Sr.

Timothy Poole

*Patrick Ray Bockus

Walter Wynne Price

*Max P. Gantt

Mervin W. Gillespy

Walter H. Moore, Jr.

Richard Thompson

Lynn Card

U.S. COAST GUARD

Teddy Koon

Hamp Roof

U.S. AIR FORCE

*Lyle L. (Pat) Bockus
*Raymond C. Bouknight
*Franklin Smith
*Holmes C. Dreher

*Robert Bouknight
*Walter Dreher
Thomas L. Smith, Jr.

*Brady Corley
*Marion J. Smith, Sr.
Frank E. Dreher

Korean War

Clarence Bouknight
Philip O'Leary
Don E. Coker

*Voight K. Kleckley
*William Watson
*Gene Tinman

*Philip R. Lee
*Ruben Olawsky

Vietnam War

Clarence Bouknight
Charles R. Bouknight, Jr.
Jim Whitaker

Patrick O'Leary
Don E. Coker
Donald Tinman

Dan Tinman
Lanier Clifton

Desert Storm

Patrick O'Leary
Elaine Carrol

Jay Corley

Michael Stowers

Also served in the U.S. Air Force

Ronnie Wilbourne
James Victor Bouknight
Leonard Mikel Bouknight
Buddy Hydrick

Larry E. Amick
Jeffrey S. Bucknam
*Ervin O. Eargle
*Harold Driver

Lyle Michael Bockus
Jim Whitaker
Craig Seay
Brandon Rutherford

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George Harvey Frye
Jeffrey Bucknam

Patrick O'Leary

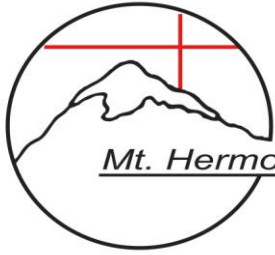
Harvey Mathias

ROYAL AIR FORCE

*Gerhard Paul Schuck-Kolben



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Each of the graves of servicemen in Mt. Hermon's cemetery are marked with a permanent US Veteran marker. Those markers hold a flag of the United States of America. The flags were placed in the markers by Boy Scout Troop #331 from Mt. Hebron United Methodist Church as a community service project.