

GRADUATION SUNDAY
JULY 5, 2020

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.

A nursery is provided for younger children should you want to use it at any time. If you would like to discuss discipleship at Mt. Hermon,

Pastor Gina would love to speak with you!

Again welcome ...

PRE-SERVICE

Here in America

Rich Mullins

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

We are silent as we prepare our hearts for worship.

PRELUDE

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

Charles Callahan

THE GATHERING

We stand and face the baptismal font.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,

whose steadfast love is everlasting,

whose faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

Amen.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

As broken children, we begin worship by acknowledging our sinfulness and asking for God's forgiveness.

Trusting in the mercy of God, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Reconciling God,
*we confess that we do not trust your abundance,
and we deny your presence in our lives.
We place our hope in ourselves
and rely on our own efforts.
We fail to believe that you provide enough for all.
We abuse your good creation for our own benefit.
We fear difference and do not welcome others
as you have welcomed us.
We sin in thought, word, and deed.
By your grace, forgive us;
through your love, renew us;
and in your Spirit, lead us;
so that we may live and serve you in newness of life. Amen.*

Beloved of God,
by the radical abundance of divine mercy
we have peace with God through † Christ Jesus,
through whom we have obtained grace upon grace.
Our sins are forgiven.
Let us live now in hope.
For hope does not disappoint,
because God's love has been poured into our hearts
through the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Star-Spangled Banner

*O say can you see, by the dawn's early light,
What so proudly we hail'd at the twilight's last gleaming,
Whose broad stripes and bright stars through the perilous fight
O'er the ramparts we watch'd were so gallantly streaming?
And the rocket's 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?*

*On the shore dimly seen through the mists of the deep
Where the foe's haughty host in dread silence reposes,
What is that which the breeze, o'er the towering steep,
As it fitfully blows, half conceals, half discloses?
Now it catches the gleam of the morning's first beam,
In full glory reflected now shines in the stream,
'Tis the star-spangled banner - O long may it wave
O'er the land of the free and the home of the brave!*

*And where is that band who so vauntingly swore,
That the havoc of war and the battle's confusion
A home and a Country should leave us no more?
Their blood has wash'd out their foul footsteps' pollution.
No refuge could save the hireling and slave
From the terror of flight or the gloom of the grave,
And the star-spangled banner in triumph doth 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 lov'd 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 preserv'd 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.*

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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We pray together.

You are great, O God, and greatly to be praised. You have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Grant that we may believe in you, call upon you, know you, and serve you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

We sit.

THE WORD

READING: Zechariah 9:9-12

A reading from Zechariah.

⁹Rejoice greatly, O daughter Zion!
Shout aloud, O daughter Jerusalem!
Lo, your king comes to you;
triumphant and victorious is he,
humble and riding on a donkey,
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

¹⁰He will cut off the chariot from Ephraim
and the war-horse from Jerusalem;
and the battle bow shall be cut off,
and he shall command peace to the nations;
his dominion shall be from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth.

¹¹As for you also, because of the blood of my covenant with you,
I will set your prisoners free from the waterless pit.

¹²Return to your stronghold, O prisoners of hope;
today I declare that I will restore to you double.

The word of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

Heal Our Land

Michael Card

READING: Romans 7:15-25a

A reading from Romans.

¹⁵I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. ¹⁶Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. ¹⁷But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. ¹⁸For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. ¹⁹For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. ²⁰Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me.

²¹So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. ²²For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, ²³but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my

members. ²⁴Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? ^{25a}Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! you obey their passions.

The word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

MUSIC

America the Beautiful

Stefanuk

We stand.

GOSPEL: Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew the 11th chapter

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus spoke to the crowd saying:] ¹⁶“To what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the marketplaces and calling to one another,

¹⁷“We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

¹⁸For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, ‘He has a demon’; ¹⁹the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, ‘Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax collectors and sinners!’ Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.”

²⁵At that time Jesus said, “I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; ²⁶yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

²⁸“Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. ²⁹Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will

find rest for your souls. ³⁰For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.”

The gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit.

CHILDREN’S SERMON

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Please pray with me the prayer of preparation.

Holy God, you have a word for me today. Make my heart soft and plant your word in me in order that it may bear fruit in your kingdom. Amen.

SERMON/GRADUATION RECOGNITION

HYMN

God of Our Fathers

LBW 567

1 God of our fa - thers, whose al - might - y hand
2 Your love di - vine has led us in the past;
3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti - lence,
4 Re - fresh your peo - ple on their toil - some way;

leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
in this free land by you our lot is cast;
make your strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day;

The musical score consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat). The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics. The second system contains the next four lines of lyrics. The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with block chords and single notes.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies:
 oh, be our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay;
 Your true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease;
 fill all our lives with heav'n - born love and grace

our grate - ful songs be - fore your throne a - rise.
 your word our law, your paths our cho - sen way.
 your boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 un - til at last we meet be - fore your face.

APOSTLES' CREED

Living together in trust and hope, we confess our faith with the words of the Apostles' Creed.

***I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.***

***I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.***

***On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living 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.*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Called into unity with one another and the whole creation, let us pray for our shared world.

After each petition: Hear us, O God. Your mercy is great.

The Prayers conclude:

Receive these prayers, O God, and those too deep for words; through Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

We sit.

OFFERING

We give our monetary offering to support Christ's mission in this place and around the world in gratitude of God's amazing grace. You may contribute any time by visiting www.WeAreMtHermon.com and click on "On-line Giving." You may also mail your check to 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. Thank you for your gifts and your stewardship.

OFFERING

My Land

Graham/Lovland

We stand.

OFFERTORY

We Are An Offering

W&P 146

F/G G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm⁷ F/G G C² Dm⁷

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing. Lord, use our voic-es, Lord, use our

C²/E C/E F C/E 3 Dm⁷ F/G G/F

hands, Lord, use our lives, they are yours: we are an of-fer-ing.

Em⁷ Em⁷/A A Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G Esus D/F# E/G# Am

All that we have, all that we are, all that we hope to be, we

Dm⁷ C²/E Bb/C Dm^{7sus2} Dm⁷ F/G

give to you, we give to you.

G C² Dm⁷ C²/E C/E

We lift our voic - es, we lift our hands, we lift our

F C/E 3 Dm⁷ Dm⁷/G 3 C

lives up to you: we are an of-fer-ing, we are an of-fer-ing.

OFFERING PRAYER

We give thanks for these gifts and we pray together.

*God of goodness and growth, all creation is yours,
and your faithfulness is as firm as the heavens.*

Water and word, wine and bread:

these are signs of your abundant grace.

Nourish us through these gifts,

that we might proclaim your steadfast love

in our communities and in the world,

through Jesus Christ, our strength and our song. Amen.

THE MEAL

Christ is truly present in the most ordinary and unexpected of places.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we hear your praise:

MUSIC

We Love America

Foxx

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

In the night in which he was betrayed...

We proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

With this bread and cup, we remember your Word dwelling among us, teaching us, leading us, and guiding us. *Come, Lord Jesus.*

Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love. *Come, Holy Spirit.*

All praise and glory are yours,
Holy One of Israel, Word of God incarnate,
Power of the Most High, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray,

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 and ever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Friends of Jesus, come to the table.
Receive nourishment for your journey.

MUSIC *Community of Faith* Williams/Martin

*You are invited to call the church office and schedule a time to receive communion.
We will have Drive-In Communion on the 3rd Sunday of July from 10:30-1:00.*

THE SENDING

COMMISSIONING

Bryce Thomas Addy has been called to service in the US Navy.

Brother in Christ, you have been called to duty on our behalf to serve and defend our nation and our liberty. This body of Christ thanks you with heartfelt gratitude for your willingness to serve. United with you in faith and in citizenship, we wish to enfold you in our love and surround you with prayer, blessing and the assurance of God's presence as you go forth from this place to fulfill your call.

We pray.

Lord of the nations and King of the universe, we give you profound thanks for all those who answer the call at this time to serve our nation and to defend and protect our way of life, especially for Bryce Addy. What lies ahead is in large measure unknown to us and unknown to those who serve. Yet some awareness of the perils and dangers gives us prayerful pause to seek your aid.

Be a constant presence with those who serve, O Lord.

Be present with and guide all our military personnel. Sharpen their skills. Make their judgments true. Give them those things necessary

to achieve their goals and defend our cause.

Be a constant presence with those who serve, O Lord.

Give to each man and woman your special love, strength, wisdom and grace, that their fears may be laid aside, their faith fostered, their courage made sure, and their spirits comforted by the knowledge of your divine presence throughout their days.

Be a constant presence with those who serve, O Lord.

Guard and protect them from evil and the ways of darkness that threaten us. Send your holy angels to have charge over them and bear them up. Bring to us all the victory of light over darkness as you are the God of light and love.

Be a constant presence with those who serve, O Lord.

Above all, bless the men and women with a holy blessing that will sustain them in the face of whatever may come. Bless our nation as well, its leaders and its military services that truth, justice, and liberty may prevail and prosper by your aid. For you are the God of blessings and providence, the Source of all good, the Sustainer of our lives, and to you belongs all praise and glory, through your Son Jesus Christ, now and forever. ***Amen.***

As people of God we send forth Bryce Addy to serve with your commission and the blessing of almighty God.

Servant of our nation, go forth on our behalf. Do your duty with honor. Defend us against the darkness. Know that no task is too trivial or small in this cause. Know also that our love and support goes with you. Go forth with blessings in abundance from almighty God, Father, + Son, and Holy Spirit. And may God's peace be with you always.

Bryce: Amen!

Let us pray.

Gracious God, we ask your blessing upon Bryce as he leaves us to serve our country. Watch over him, protect him, and assure him of your abiding presence in every situation. Grant him strength and courage to overcome every trial and temptation. Grant him the peace of knowing that there is nothing that can ever separate him from your love. We now send him forth with our blessing and with our prayer for yours.

Amen.

BLESSING

God, the creator, † Jesus, the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, the comforter, bless you and keep you in eternal love. *Amen.*

HYMN

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

ELW 756

1 E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm has bound the
2 O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3 O Ho - ly Spir - it, who didst brood up - on the cha - os
4 O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, all trav - 'lers guard in

rest - less wave, who bade the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walked up - on the foam - ing deep, and
dark and rude, and bid its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -

own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: oh, hear us when we
 calm a - mid the storm didst sleep: oh, hear us when we
 give, for wild con - fu - sion, peace: oh, hear us when we
 tect them where - so - e'er they go; thus ev - er - more shall

cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
 rise to thee glad hymns and praise from land and sea.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Christ is with you.
Thanks be to God.

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

~ ~ ~

**SEE YOU IN THE PARKING LOT
 TO CELEBRATE OUR GRADUATES
 10:30 – 11:30**

~ ~ ~

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

FLOWERS are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Clarice Scott by Danny & Jenny Scott.

SPECIAL THANKS TO THE MUSICIANS AND VOCALISTS who lead worship: Ruthie Brannen, Regan Anthony, Daryl Leigh Anthony, Wynne Price, Joel Price, Ryan Price, Belle Kneece, Noah Causey, and Jeremy Rish. Also, thanks to the **LIVE STREAM PRODUCTION CREW:** Sheila Starkey and Breanna Metze.

Thank you!

	High School	
Bryce Addy	Congratulations 2020 Graduates	Mitchell Stevens
	College Grads	
Jerry Price	not pictured Melina Threatt	Regan Anthony

Communion Distribution and Blessings

Sunday, July 19

Immediately following service
until 1:00 pm
in the church parking lot

Enter paved parking lot near the bus
and loop in front of the church office.



Sunday School

on Zoom
2nd & 4th Sundays
10:30 a.m.

To join the group, please email
pastorgina@WeAreMtHermon.com





This is a \$15,000 project and thanks to you, \$3,123.55 has been received in the first two weeks!

THANK YOU!



Tithe.ly Online Giving.

You may download the Tithely app and select Mt. Hermon Lutheran Church 3011 Leaphart Road

Or you may give from our website at www.mthlc.com and select *Online Giving*
<http://www.mthlc.com/online-giving.html>

Your continued financial support to the work of God at Mt. Hermon is needed. You may drop your check in the US Mail: 3011 Leaphart Road, West Columbia, SC 29169. You may also drop it in the locked box on Leaphart Road. Some of you have taken advantage of banks mailing a check straight to Mt. Hermon. Many of you are taking the opportunity to use online giving. Thank you for your financial and spiritual support to Mt. Hermon!

Tithes, and Offering for 06/28/2020

Live Stream Worship – 121+

Drive-in Communion – n/a

Zoom: Sunday School – 19

Current & Benevolent	Received	\$4,577.35
Building Improvement	Received	\$550.00
Growing on Holy Ground	Received	\$2,870.00
• Live Streaming Ministry	Received	\$1,023.55

Honorariums and Memorials (all funds)

In memory of Connie Bucknam

by Ryan & Jennifer Price, Clifton & Ann, Jean & James, Gene & Jane Sexton,

Nell Buff, Rick & Daryl Leigh Anthony, Buddy & Angie Hydrick,
Randy & Becky Wise

In memory of Ernie Swygert

by Nell Buff, Randy & Becky Wise

In memory of Iris House

by Nell Buff, Randy & Becky Wise, Freddie & Kay Fulmer

MT HERMON PRAYS ...

Homebound and Care Facilities

Patricia Bachman, *Carolina Gardens*

Alberta Berry, *home*

Hazel Bockus, *Carolina Gardens*

Nell Buff, *home*

Lila Catt, *home*

Lynwood Crout, *home*

Margie Hook, *home*

Rev. Everette Price, *home*

Tom Roof, *home*

June Roof, *Rapha*

Lois Watson, *Lexington Place*

Lena Wessinger, *Presby. Home*

Members in Special Need of Prayer

Gene Schofield

Suzie Wattenbarger

Kim Addy

Perry Bouknight

Family and Friends Who Have Requested Our Prayers

Bob Eastwood, *brother-in-law of Marie Kleckley*

Harold & Mary Prater, *parents of Ray Prater*

Molly Kate Shealy, *friend of Jean Shealy*

Chuck Bachman, *nephew of Jean Shealy*

Floyd Fuller, *uncle of David Marsh*

Dawn McIlwain-Merck, *friend of Robin Ellisor*

Gary & Linda Hodgin, *friends of Herb Bucknam*

Lois Moore & family, *family of Dennis & Cyndi Thurman*

Bill Harrell, *friend of Ryan & Jennifer Price*

Don Morris, *father of Keith Morris*

Cheryl Coureville, *friend of Herb Bucknam*

Iris Wellborn, *sister of Earl Sease*

Jimmy Mills, *father of Tommy Mills*

Richie Tallent, *friend of Danny Scott*

Mandy McLemore, *co-worker of Amanda Boyd, Kim Addy, & Alyson Price*

John Catoe, *family of Ellisors*

Jenifer Gooding, *co-worker of Joel Price Jr. & Mary Price*

Sherri Crapps, *sister-in-law of Linda Waters-Hamilton*

Megan Sease, *granddaughter of Earl & Mary Frances Sease*

Jean Wooten, *friend of Linda Waters-Hamilton*

Tommy Roof, *son of Tom & June Roof*

Martha Eastwood, *sister of Marie Kleckley*

Eric Powell, *friend of Kim Fulmer*

Jason Wardlaw, *friend of congregation*

Andrew & Candice Coleman, *friends of Erica Conklin*

Carolyn Shumpert, *sister of Jan Schofield and Andrea Bowers*



www.WeAreMtHermon.com
3011 Leaphart Road
West Columbia, SC 29169
803.794.6430
Monday, Tuesday, Thursday
9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Rev. Gina D. Metze, *Pastor* 803.951.3784 PastorGina@WeAreMtHermon.com
Ruthie Brannen, *Director of Music* RuthieBrannen@gmail.com
Susan LaCons, *Parish Administrator* 803.794.6430 Susan@WeAreMtHermon.com

CONGREGATIONAL OFFICERS

Ronnie Fulmer, *President* Marion Leaphart, *Vice President*
Robin Ellisor, *Secretary* Parker Boulware, *Treasurer*
Annette Price, *Financial Secretary* Ricky Bouknight & Terry Swygert, *Sextons*

THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Sunday, July 5th *Graduation Recognition Sunday*
9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30-11:30 am Special Event

Monday, July 6th Office Closed

Wednesday, July 8th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Diane Boulware & Annette Price)
6:30 pm Executive Committee Meeting via Zoom

Friday, July 10th

9:00 – 12:00 Food Pantry (Allison Swygert & Lynn Bouknight)
12:00 noon Sunday's Bulletins will be in the mailboxes

Sunday, July 12th

9:00 am Worship – Live Stream
10:30 am Sunday School via Zoom