



*Trinity Reformed*  
**UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**

**PENTECOST SUNDAY**  
**MAY 23, 2021—10:30 A.M.**

**REMINDERS FOR NEXT WEEK:**  
**Liturgist:** David Eckard  
**Lay Reader:** Kathleen Shuford  
**Flower Calendar:** Kathleen Shuford

*\*Designates "Those who are able please stand."*

**TODAY**, in Rev. Peggy's absence, we welcome our **Special Guest Pastor, Rev. Sandi Hood**. Rev. Hood serves as the Director of Community Outreach for Carolina Caring. Prior to joining Carolina Caring, she served as an Associate Pastor at Viewmont Baptist Church in Hickory, NC. She believes in giving back to the community. Rev. Hood is married to local attorney, David Hood and they have two children, Callie and Wilson.  
Please help us make her feel welcome today!

**COMING BEFORE GOD**

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS** Dennis Falder, Consistory President

**HYMN** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" Chancel Choir

**CALL TO WORSHIP** Tim Lail, Liturgist

Let us join together in praise and worship of the eternal God, the source of love and life, who creates us. Let us worship Jesus Christ, the Risen One, who lives among us and the Holy Spirit who renews and empowers us.

**PRAYER OF INVOCATION** Tim Lail, Liturgist

Holy and Sovereign God, you are the Creator of the universe and the giver of all life. We ask that you would search the heart and soul of your church and where we have need, breathe into us new life and vitality, that we may be living witnesses in the world. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

**PIANO INTROIT** Marty Light, Organist/Pianist

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Rev. Sandi Hood

O Lord, in so many ways we have failed you in word and in deed. Forgive us, O Lord! Where there is need, lead us to be about filling that need. Where there are hurting and wounded people in our world, help us to be

**THE WORSHIP MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH**  
All Church Members, Ministers  
Rev. Peggy Stout, Pastor  
Rev. Jaha Seechang, Lahu Worship Leader  
Martha Caldwell, Director of Adult Traditional Choir  
Marty Light, Organist  
Joe Hart, Financial Secretary  
Tamara McCarter, Church Secretary

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about providing your healing touch. Where the darkness of sin abounds, lead us to share your light and hope. We ask all these things in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught 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 debts as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.***

**PRAISE RESPONSE**                      *“Spirit of the Living God”*                      Chancel Choir  
*Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me,  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.  
Melt me, mold me, Fill me, use me.  
Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me.*

### LISTENING TO GOD’S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**                      Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader  
God of Love and Wisdom, send your Holy Spirit upon the reading of your Word — that it may lead us into your presence and show us the path to abundant life, through Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray. Amen.

**OLD TESTAMENT READING**    *Ezekiel 37:1-14*    Todd Dickerson, Lay Reader  
The World of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**ANTHEM**                      *“Come Holy Spirit”*                      Chancel Choir

**GOSPEL READING**                      *John 16:12-15*                      Rev. Sandi Hood  
The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
***All praise to you, Christ our Lord!***

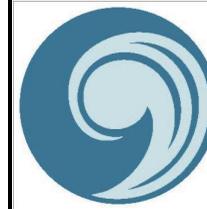
**SERMON**                      *“Can These Bones Live?”*                      Rev. Sandi Hood

### RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

**HYMN**                      *“Breathe on Me, Breath of God”*                      Chancel Choir

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*The Apostle’s Creed*)                      Nathan Lingle  
Let us confess the faith of our baptism:  
***I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I***

**The Strengthen the Church (STC) Offering** reflects the shared commitment of people across the United Church of Christ to cooperatively build up the UCC. As God calls our congregations to be the church in new ways, your generosity will plant new churches, awaken new ideas in existing churches and develop the spiritual life in our youth and young adults.



If you would like to donate to the STC Offering, please use the envelope provided in your bulletin today.  
(Extras may be found on the table in the back of the Sanctuary.)  
**Thank you so much for your donations!**

**Volunteers are needed to help at ECCCM, TOMORROW, May 24th—any time between 9:00am and 4:00pm.** ECCCM has a number of volunteer opportunities to appeal to every person, allowing you to use your gifts and interests. With COVID-19 precautions in place, we limit the number of volunteers we can schedule at one time to allow for safe social distancing.

**The Church Office will be CLOSED**  
next Monday, May 31st  
for Memorial Day.



**Singles:** Come join us for dinner on **Tuesday, June 8th at Coach’s Neighborhood Grille in Hickory at 5:30pm.** Coach’s offers delicious salmon, chicken, steak, pasta, burgers, salads, and more! There’s something for everyone! (Average cost: \$10-\$20). Our group is open to all adults age 18+ who have never been married, or are divorced or widowed.



**OLD TESTAMENT READING**      *Ezekiel 37:1-14*

The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. <sup>2</sup>He led me back and forth among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. <sup>3</sup>He asked me, "Son of man, can these bones live?" I said, "Sovereign LORD, you alone know." <sup>4</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones and say to them, 'Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!' <sup>5</sup>This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. <sup>6</sup>I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'" <sup>7</sup>So I prophesied as I was commanded. And as I was prophesying, there was a noise, a rattling sound, and the bones came together, bone to bone. <sup>8</sup>I looked, and tendons and flesh appeared on them and skin covered them, but there was no breath in them. <sup>9</sup>Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath; prophecy, son of man, and say to it, 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: Come, breath, from the four winds and breathe into these slain, that they may live.'" <sup>10</sup>So I prophesied as he commanded me, and breath entered them; they came to life and stood up on their feet—a vast army. <sup>11</sup>Then he said to me: "Son of man, these bones are the people of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up and our hope is gone; we are cut off.' <sup>12</sup>Therefore prophecy and say to them: 'This is what the Sovereign LORD says: My people, I am going to open your graves and bring you up from them; I will bring you back to the land of Israel. <sup>13</sup>Then you, my people, will know that I am the LORD, when I open your graves and bring you up from them. <sup>14</sup>I will put my Spirit in you and you will live, and I will settle you in your own land. Then you will know that I the LORD have spoken, and I have done it, declares the LORD.'"

The World of the Lord.  
***Thanks be to God!***

**GOSPEL READING**      *John 16:12-15*

<sup>12</sup>"I have much more to say to you, more than you can now bear. <sup>13</sup>But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. <sup>14</sup>He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you. <sup>15</sup>All that belongs to the Father is mine. That is why I said the Spirit will receive from me what he will make known to you."

The Gospel of the Risen Christ.  
***All praise to you, Christ our Lord!***

**Congregational CARE NOTES today!** There are notebooks provided at the back of the Sanctuary. Please take a moment to write a note of care, thought, or appreciation to someone on the church prayer list. *Please write their name on the top of the paper.* We will take the notes up after the service and mail them directly to the person's home.

**REMEMBER IN PRAYER & with your cards, calls, visits**

**RECUPERATING AT HOME**

Sean Kilby      David Epley  
Cal Harmon      Sarah Hoffman  
Marjorie Reaves      Virginia Brown  
Wanda Sue Ammerman

**HOMEBOUND**

Martha Sigmon      Diane Loftin  
Lula Towery      Bobbie Whisenant

**IN ASSISTED-LIVING FACILITIES**

**ABERNETHY LAURELS**

Joyce Potts (*under Hospice Care*)  
Joan Williamson—Room 240  
Joe Schell—Apt 205

**CAROLINA REHAB CTR OF BURKE**

Peggy Miller—Room 110

**CV ASSISTED LIVING at Rock Barn**

Mary Crump—Room 114

**BAYVIEW NURSING (New Bern)**

Jackie Kanipe—Room 28  
(Cell: 252-497-5982)

**ALSO PLEASE REMEMBER:**

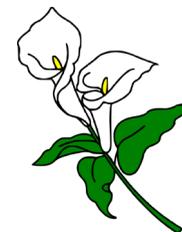
Rev. Earle Potts      Randy Steelmon  
Brenda Adams      Vae Hamilton

Wally Davis (*home under Hospice Care*)

\*Michael Gantt (Charles & Brenda Gantt's son)  
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Newton, NC 28658

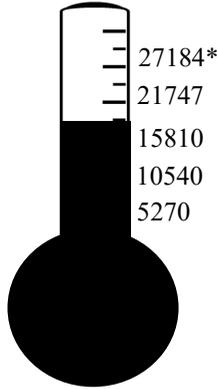
\*Rebecca Jenkins (long time friend of Deb & Linda Hill) - has cancer and is under Hospice Care

\*Stephanie Hardy (wife of Phil Hardy, Executive Director at Johns River Valley Camp)



**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to Tera Rockett & Family in the loss of her mother, Marie Massingale Little on May 16<sup>th</sup>. A celebration of life was held this past Friday at Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church.

**CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY** to the Family & Friends of Adrian "Al" Shuford, III, who died sometime last week. Funeral arrangements are incomplete at this time.



<u>ATTENDANCE FOR THE MONTH OF MAY</u>						
	Lahu	10:30am	5:00pm	Total	SS	Envelope Giving
May 02	—	129	—	129	—	\$ 6,419.50
May 09	—	121	—	121	—	\$ 5,168.59
May 16	—	111	—	111	—	\$ 3,235.50
May 23	—	—	—	—	—	—
May 30	—	—	—	—	—	—
<b>TOTALS</b>	—	361	—	361	—	\$ 14,823.59

Goal for a four week month is \$21,747 and for a five week month is \$27,184\*.

## *This Week*

### SUNDAY, MAY 23

**Pentecost Sunday**

**Strengthen the Church Offering**

**\*Guest Preacher: Rev. Sandi Hood**

9:30am—Sunday School (adults)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

10:30am—Radio Broadcast

(90.5FM—in the parking lot)

### MONDAY, MAY 24

**\*Deadline for June Tablet Information**

9:00am—Volunteers to ECCCM

7:00pm—Board of Christian Ed Mtg.

### TUESDAY, MAY 25

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 26

6:30pm—Choir Practice

### THURSDAY, MAY 27

9:30am—Prayer Shawl Ministry Mtg.

6:30pm—Pre-K Graduation

Ceremony (in the Sanctuary)

### FRIDAY, MAY 28

**\*Last Day of School!!\***

### SATURDAY, MAY 29

### SUNDAY, MAY 30

**Trinity Sunday**

9:30am—Sunday School (adults)

10:30am—Traditional & Lahu Worship

10:30am—Radio Broadcast

(90.5FM—in the parking lot)



#### ***Have you seen me?***

*This beautiful cream-colored vase was last seen at the back of the Sanctuary on Sunday, May 2nd. If you moved it, please return it to the church office as soon as possible. Thank you!*

*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 at the right hand of the Father, and he will come again 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.*

#### RECEIVING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Invitation

Kathy Alexander

Offertory

\*Doxology

*"Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow"*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise Him all creatures here below;*

*Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts;*

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

\*Prayer

\*HYMN

*"Sweet, Sweet Spirit"* (vs 1 & 2)

Chancel Choir

\*BENEDICTION

Rev. Sandi Hood

\*POSTLUDE

Marty Light, Organist/Pianist



**THE FLOWERS** on the altar today are given in Memory of my loving husband, Paul on our Wedding Anniversary on May 26th and in Honor of Greg & Carolyn Reitzel's Anniversary on the same day.

- Given by Alma Barringer