

 Today's altar flower arrangement is given by Colleen Gutierrez to the glory of God, in loving memory of her mother, Violet Shoemaker, and in honor of all the mothers at Elon Community Church.

**SERVING IN WORSHIP TODAY**  
**Greeters:** Colleen Gutierrez  
**Ushers:** Sheri James, William Fisher  
**Acolyte:** Victoria Miller  
**Liturgist:** Dan Kuhn  
**Deacon on Call:** Rosilyn Dudley

**BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**  
 Dan Kuhn 5/12  
 Catherine Goodwin 5/14

**WEEKLY GIVING**  
 Received Last Week: \$6,120.00  
 Received to Date: \$208,268.44  
 Expenses to Date: \$161,225.03  
 NBF Last Week: \$615.00  
 NBF Loan Balance: \$427,952.00

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 Rev. Sharon Wheeler  
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 Joy Rust  
**Choir Director**  
 Dr. Stephen Futrell  
**Bell Choirs Director**  
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**THIS WEEK AT ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**

**Sunday 5/12—Mother's Day**  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass

**Monday 5/13**  
 5:15 pm HIIT  
 7:00 pm Cub Scouts

**Tuesday 5/14**  
 9:00 am Exercise Walk Group  
 7:00 pm PFLAG

**Wednesday 5/15**  
 5:15 pm QiGong  
 8:00 pm AA

**Thursday 5/16**  
 9:00 am Exercise Walk Group  
 12:00 PM Sanctuary Meditation  
 2:00 pm Deepening Your Faith Walk  
 3:00 pm Farmers' Market  
 6:30 pm Girl Scouts

**Friday 5/17**  
 5:30 pm Chat and Chow at Mykonos  
 6:30 pm NA  
 7:00 pm LGBTQ Alamance

**Sunday 5/19**  
 9:30 am Sunday School  
 10:30 am Worship Service  
 5:00 pm Catholic Mass  
 5:00 pm Music Committee  
 6:30 pm Church Night  
 7:30 pm Church Council

**TORCH DEADLINE:**  
 This is just a friendly reminder that the deadline for the June issue of the Torch newsletter is on Sunday, May 19. Please submit any articles and photos you may have by this date. Thank you for your cooperation!

**WE'RE ON THE WEB:**  
[eloncommunitychurch.org](http://eloncommunitychurch.org)  
  

**ACTIVE AGING TO VISIT BATHABARA:** Come join us on Thursday, June 6 as we visit Bathabara the 1753 original Moravian birthplace of Winston-Salem. Enjoy a guided tour of the Gemeinhaus, the oldest church with-attached-residence in the United States. Walk within the restored 1756 reconstructed French and Indian War Pallisade and the 1754 colonial village. The cost of the van will be \$20 per person (seats 14). To reserve your seat, please check the insert in the bulletin and write the check to the church with the words Active Aging on the subject line. Deadline for registration is May 21. On the day of the trip, an additional \$5.00 will be collected prior to departure to pay for the guided tour. We will have lunch at Mama Zoe's in Bathabara. The van will leave the church at 9:00 am and return at approximately 4:00 pm. Please be aware that this trip does require some walking on unlevel ground.

**TO MARS AND BEYOND VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019:**  
 Our Vacation Bible School will begin this year on Sunday, June 23 with a family kick off night in the Community Life Center. We will introduce the theme and one of the stories and get us in the mood for the next three evenings. Monday June 24 thru Wednesday June 26 we will meet, starting with a light meal and then continuing with our story, craft, science project and recreation for children Pre-K to rising 5<sup>th</sup> graders. **REGISTRATION IS NOW LIVE ON THE CHURCH WEBSITE!** What do we need to make this happen? We need you, the members of Elon Community Church to help us out. We need to staff the kitchen for meal preparation. There will be those who are needed to lead the children from one location to another, and there are those who are needed to lead the classes. If you are willing to help in any of these capacities, please let Sharon Wheeler know as soon as possible. Sign up to help on this insert.

**CHAT AND CHOW** will meet next at Mykonos Grill on S. Church Street in Burlington at 5:30 pm on Friday, May 17. Please sign up on the insert if you plan to attend. If you sign up and find you cannot make it, please be sure to cancel your reservation. See Margaret McTaggart or call the church office with any questions.

**JOIN THE WALKING GROUP AT ECC:** If you would be interested in walking, please come join us at 9 am on Tuesday and Thursday mornings in the Community Life Center. As it gets warmer we may move outside! Questions? See Sharon Wheeler!

**RAMP UP FOR CAMP!** The goal is to raise 72 gifts within 72 hours for John's River Valley Camp between May 17-19! Envelopes will be available on Sunday, May 19 to make a special offering to the camp, or you can go onto their website, [www.jrvc.org](http://www.jrvc.org), during the 72 hour span to make a donation. Your generosity goes a lot way in keeping this vital mission going!

**Green Church Suggestion:** Change lightbulbs to ecofriendly types. CFL and LED bulbs can emit 25-80% less energy than traditional incandescent, plus they last longer! Consider this greener alternative when it comes time to replenish those bulbs.

**Prayer List**

Bill and Barb Sharpe	Stuart Hoyle	Bruce Hester	Sue Williams
Shirley Judd	Bill Franklin	Victoria Hughes	Brittany Rogers
Dominick Lawrence	Toine Spann	Avery Williams	Trent Peters
Jennifer Price	Vicki Price	Stephanie Kimble	Michael Houlihan
Grace Paden	Jerry Godwin	Carolyn Staton	Andrew Hartle
E.J. Emerson	Marianne Hart	Melissa Holliday	Cathy Rose
Luanne Driver	Steven Brown	Curtis Foster	Deborah French
Amanda Dover	Vicky Lewis	Diane Halliday	Emma Brooks
Rick Murph	Barbara Seigler	Craven Ford	Fred Vatter
Charles Tobelmann	Camille Phillips	Allison Yandle	Curt Houk
Jack Byrd			

**ELON COMMUNITY CHURCH**  
 UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

*Dedicated to spiritual renewal, we strive to be an accepting, thinking, and serving community of faith.*

MAY 12, 2019  
 10:30 AM  
 FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

We welcome all guests and members who worship with us this morning. If you are a visitor, please take time to sign the visitor portion of the insert.



*Large Print and Children's Bulletins are available. If you would prefer to have one of these, please ask an Usher.*

# Gathering God's People

CHIMES Jesus Loves Me arr. Esters Brown/Martin  
*Little Lights and InspiRING Bells*

GREETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS  
RITUAL OF FRIENDSHIP—Please Sign In

PRELUDE A Simple Celebration Kevin McChesney  
*InspiRING Bells*

## The Call

### † CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We know you call upon us, O God, to rise up with you.

**All: You Shepherd and lead us, O God, in love**

Leader: You guide us, like a Mother, in hope and joy.

**All: You have gone before us to show us the way!**

† HYMN 11 Bring Many Names WESTCHASE

### † PRAYER OF INVOCATION

**We seek and find you in Creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. Your vulnerable, powerful Lamb is our shepherd and guide. leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. May the Risen One, your Shepherd-Lamb, lead us to act for your justice and peace: so that all may know through our worship and witness the true power of your love. In the name of the Risen One we pray: Amen.**

### † PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: May the peace of God be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Share this peace with our world and all our neighbors.

### † GLORIA PATRI (Traditional Version)

**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.**

## Encountering the Sacred Word

ANTHEM Are You Good and Are You Strong? Schultz/Aldredge-Clanton  
*Children's Choir*

Are you good and are you strong? Is it true you do no wrong?  
For some answers our hearts long. We, your children, sing this song.

Why don't you stop all the pain? Calm the fear and ease the strain?  
For some answers our hearts long. We, your children, sing this song.

Are you there and do you care? Can we find you ev'rywhere?  
Can you help us when we fall? Do you hear us when we call?

Do you love us come what may? Will you with us always stay?  
Keep us safely from all harm; Rock us gently in your arms.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 9: 36-43 Page 125 (NT)

Leaders: Through this scripture God is still speaking.

**All: And we are listening!**

CHILDREN'S TIME Canon of Grace Linda R. Lamb  
*Young Ringers*

GOSPEL John 10: 22-30 Page 102 (NT)

SERMON The Dilemma Randy Orwig

SERMON RESPONSE Fairest Lord Jesus arr. Nina Byerly  
*Genesis Chimes and JuBELLation*

## Responding to the Word

### A LITANY FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Leader: Loving God, You are everywhere the Lord and Giver of life. We praise You for the gift of mothers through whom You give us life.

**All: We thank You for their willingness to nurture life, for their trust in You to guide them through the labor of childbirth, the uncertainties of youth, the letting go of young adulthood.**

Leader: We thank You for all those women, who did not give us birth, but through whom You give us abundant life:

**All: We thank You for school teachers, aunts, grandmothers, sisters, pastors, elders, Sunday School teachers, supervisors, co-workers, neighbors and friends who share wisdom.**

Leader: We ask Your tender mercies on all those whose mothers now sing with the heavenly chorus, especially for those whose tears are not yet dry.

**All: Grant them Your peace, which passes all our understanding.**

Leader: We ask Your comforting presence on those mothers who have buried children.

**All: Comfort them with the knowledge of their children in Your eternal care.**

Leader: We pray for those who are alienated from their mothers by harsh words, distance, and misunderstanding.

**All: Grant both mothers and children the grace to forgive and to love again.**

Leader: We pray for mothers who work but cannot earn enough to feed and clothe and educate their children.

**All: Wake us to our responsibility for common welfare.**

Leader: We pray for mothers who are sick or dying.

**All: Raise up our strength to face what we must in love and care.**

Leader: We pray for mothers who are guardians for grandchildren whose parents are unable or unwilling to care.

**All: Sustain them with the courage and strength and patience for the living of each day.**

Leader: Compassionate God, be with all women on this day.

**All: Let Your light shine on them and be gracious to them. Bless them with peace and joy now and forever. Amen.**

SHARING OF JOY AND CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison. "Forgive us our **trespasses...**")  
**Please address God in the way that is most comfortable to you: "Our Father," "Our Father and Mother," "Our God," etc.**

PRESENTING TO GOD OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

The Call to Give

The Giving of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY Meditation arr. Bowen/Cortez  
*Dillon Drummond and Jeremy Wood*  
*Eden Esters Brown, piano*

† THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below! Sing your praises, Alleluia! Praise God above you heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

† OFFERTORY PRAYER

## Sending God's People

† HYMN 252 Savior, Like A Shepherd Lead Us BRADBURY

† BENECTION

† POSTLUDE Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Setting by John A. Behnke (b. 1953)

† You are invited to stand as able at these moments.