

First United Methodist Church  
11:00 AM Service of Worship  
May 12, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER/MOTHER'S DAY

GATHERING

Before the Service Begins

Please write your praises or prayer concerns and either give them to the ushers or bring them to Pastor Mike during the Passing of the Peace. Prayer request slips are available in the Registration Pads in each pew and on the table in front of the Church Office.

GREETING

The Lord is risen!  
He is risen indeed!

WELCOME, REGISTRATION OF ATTENDANCE, ANNOUNCEMENTS. . . . . Rev. Mike Brown

(Please sign and pass the attendance pad down your pew.  
Guests: please include your phone number and complete address.)

OPENING VOLUNTARY. . . . . "Christ Is Arisen" . . . . . anonymous text and tune  
"Small Fugue" . . . . . Johann K. F. Fischer (1600's)

CALL TO WORSHIP. . . . . Rev. Brown and Congregation

So now we come to a moment of transition.  
**"For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven."**  
People and places, faces and names change,  
**yet we are still bound together in the tie that truly binds.**  
Is that tie found in friendships and relationships?  
**No, for friendships and relationships change.**  
Is that tie found in church affiliations and denominational loyalties?  
**No, for we may feel it necessary to change our church membership or find another denomination in which to serve.**  
So what is the tie that truly binds?  
**It is the love of God made real for us in Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.**  
As we worship You today, O God, help us to claim this tie that truly binds,  
**so that wherever we may find ourselves, we will always be bound to You and to one another.**

--written by Rev. Mike Brown specifically for this service

\*HYMN NO. 145 . . . . . "Morning Has Broken"

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 881 . . . . . "The Apostles' Creed, Traditional Version"

\*RESPONSE NO. 70 . . . . . "Glory Be to the Father"

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM . . . . . Harper Wrenn Rogers

CELEBRATION OF MINISTRY--2018 Awards

SHARING PRAISES AND CONCERNS

CALL TO PRAYER . . . . . "Lead Me, Lord". . . . . Samuel S. Wesley . . . . . Chancel Choir

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE . . . . . Rev. Brown and Congregation

Gracious and Almighty yet All-loving God:

We as Your family gather once again in this sacred space to meet You in a special way. We know You are ever-present, yet You invite us to this time and place so that we can celebrate the unearned, undeserved love and favor You have shown us through Your Son Jesus. So as we continue in our celebration of His life, death, and resurrection, we ask that You would send Your Holy Spirit upon us to work in us and through us, so that all we say and do, not just in this hour but in all the hours and days that You give us, may be pleasing and acceptable and would glorify You.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We come at a time of transition in the life of this congregation and in the lives of two parsonage families. We pray for the Browns as they move to Waycross, and we pray for the Travers as they come to Bainbridge. But we would pray as well for other churches and pastors who are in transition in these coming weeks, as well as for ministers who are moving into the retired relationship and new district superintendents who are undertaking a different form of ministry.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We pray for Lawson, our Resident Bishop, and for Doreen, our District Superintendent. We pray for the other churches and ministers that are not undergoing transitions. We pray for all ministers of the Gospel and all who seek to serve You faithfully, whether lay or clergy. And we pray, O Lord, for our beloved United Methodist Church, that by Your divine hand we may find the stability that will allow us to get on with Your mission of making disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Hear us, O God, as we give thanks for Your healing work in so many lives. Hear our intercessions for the sick, whether their illness be physical, emotional, or spiritual. Hear us as we pray for those who are moving from this life to the next, that they may depart this world in peace. Grant Your comfort and strength to all who mourn, that they may find Your peace in the midst of their sorrow and Your light in the midst of their darkness.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We praise You, we bless You, and we glorify You, for all You have done, for all You are doing, and for all You will do, as we ask all of this in the blessed and holy Name of Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, praying as He taught us with these words:

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## THE LORD'S PRAYER

\*HYMN....."Be Thou My Vision"

Be Thou my Vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;  
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father and I Thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise;  
Thou mine inheritance, now and always;  
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won,  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my Vision, O Ruler of all.

OFFERTORY PRAYER .....Rev. Brown  
OFFERTORY ..... “Holy, Holy, Holy” ..... arr. by Ron Huff ..... Josie Navarra, soloist  
\*PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS NO. 95 ..... “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN’S MOMENT ..... Ida Cooksey  
(Children, Kindergarten and younger, are invited to leave the Sanctuary for age-appropriate learning activities.)

ANTHEM ..... “Canon of Praise” ..... arr. by Hal Hopson ..... Chancel Choir

**PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

SCRIPTURE ..... Ephesians 2:21-22 ..... Rev. Mike Brown  
(Pew Bible NT p. 193)  
SERMON ..... “The Tie That Truly Binds” ..... Rev. Mike Brown

**RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

\*HYMN NO. 557 ..... “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

**SENDING FORTH**

\*BENEDICTION .....Rev. Brown  
\*RESPONSE ..... “The Lord Bless You and Keep You” ..... Peter C. Lutkin ..... Chancel Choir  
CLOSING VOLUNTARY ..... “Thine be the Glory, Risen, Conquering Son” ..... tune, *Judas Maccabeus*

\*PLEASE STAND (AS ABLE)

**Bulletin Baskets:** are found at the back of the Sanctuary for your convenience to discard your bulletins.  
**Reminder to parents: Safe Sanctuary Policy** - “No child is left unsupervised for any reason at any time.”  
Parents are encouraged to take their children to the restroom before any worship service begins. If a child needs to go to the restroom during worship, an adult or buddy needs to go with him/her.

**Members Who Minister**

**Ushers for May 2019:** Keith Kerper, Earl Begley, Ward Cole, Butch Yarbrough  
**Greeters for May 12, 2019:** 11:00 AM Wes & Martha Stant  
**Contemporary Worship Leader for May 12, 2019:** Jackie Fleetwood  
**Acolytes for May 12, 2019:** Mercer Murray and Jacey Murray  
**Snack Supper for May 12, 2019:** Meredyth Earnest

**Our New Music Director**



Our new Director of Music Ministries, Mrs. Yuliia Billa, will be visiting with us today. She is joining us for worship and will then visit with the Youth Choir later this afternoon. Take the time today to welcome Yuliia to the Bainbridge FUMC family.

Due to outstanding obligations, Yuliia will not be on staff full-time until July. She will, however, begin to meet church members and music ministry participants while she makes plans for our music ministry

**Did You Know?**

For those of you who have had trouble hearing Pastor Mike’s sermons (especially recently) or who have missed worship, those sermons are available on our church website, [www.bainbridgefirstumc.org](http://www.bainbridgefirstumc.org).

## Calendar for May 12, 2019

### Sunday, May 12, 2019 - Mother's Day

\*9:00 AM-----Contemporary Worship Service, J.O. Smith Building  
\*9:45-10:45 AM----- Sunday School, Sharp Building and Adult S. S. Building  
10:00 AM-----Reception for The Browns, Simmons Parlor  
\*11:00 AM-----Traditional Worship Service, Sanctuary  
4:30 PM-----Youth Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room  
5:00 PM-----Children's Snack Supper, J. O. Smith Building  
5:30 PM-----Children's Fellowship, Sharp Building  
5:30 PM-----Youth Pool Party, Harpers

### Monday, May 13, 2019

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building  
11:30 AM-----Clark-Morris UMW Circle, Ricky's  
6:00 PM-----Board of Trustees Meeting, Library

### Tuesday, May 14, 2019

9:00 AM-----Food Bank, Adult S. S. Building  
5:00 PM-----MMO End of Year Program, Sanctuary  
6:00 PM-----MMO Fundraiser @ Uncle Bills Pizzeria

### Wednesday, May 15, 2019

3:00 PM-----Knitting/Crochet Ministry, Simmons Parlor  
\*6:00 PM-----Christian Fellowship Dinner, J. O. Smith Building  
\*6:25 PM-----Preschool Music and Arts, Circle Room  
\*6:25 PM-----Children's Worship Arts, Drama Room  
\*6:40 PM-----Youth Small Group Bible Study, Youth Basement  
\*7:30 PM-----Chancel Choir (with Youth Choir) Rehearsal, Choir Room

\* denotes 'nursery provided'

### Mother's Day Offering

The annual Mother's Day Offering for The League of the Good Samaritan at Magnolia Manor, our South Georgia Annual Conference Ministry for Senior Living, will be received today. The funds raised from this offering support the work of the League in keeping a promise that no one will ever have to leave Magnolia Manor because of an inability to pay for their care. For more information about Magnolia Manor, visit [www.magnoliamanor.com](http://www.magnoliamanor.com).

### 2019 Graduation

Our Graduate Recognition service will be Sunday, May 19, during our 11:00 AM Unity Worship Service. Our graduates will be leading all parts of the service. The United Methodist Men invite the graduates and their families to a breakfast honoring their accomplishments on May 19 at 8:30 am in the J.O. Smith Building. Please RSVP to the Church Office.

This year, as in the past, we will create a PowerPoint presentation to honor our Seniors. Seniors and Senior parents, please bring the following to the Church Office: One (1) baby photo, one (1) elementary school photo, one (1) middle school photo, and one (1) Senior photo. If you have any group photos of your Senior with any other FUMC Seniors, please include those as well. Please turn these in by May 12. All photos will be returned to you.

### Vacation Bible School

Our Mission to Mars and Beyond begins on Sunday, June 16, at 5:30 p.m. We are doing things a little differently this year. We are going to have VBS at night. The dates are Sunday, June 16-Wednesday, June 19. Blast-off time is at 5:30 p.m., and our daily mission will be completed at 8:00 p.m. You can join in the mission if you are 3 years old to a rising 5<sup>th</sup> grader. Sign up will begin Sunday, May 19. We need youth and adults to join our flight crew!! If you are interested, please contact Ms. Ida or the Church Office.