

Hopewell United Methodist Church

May 31, 2020

We're glad to have the opportunity to worship with you today!

ORDER OF WORSHIP

The Welcome Announcements

The Prelude *On the Wings of a Dove* *Quintukes*

The Call to Worship (Unison)

Come! Let us bless the Lord who commands the wind!

Come! Let us worship the Three-in-One who appoints fire and flame as messengers!

Come! Let us bless our great and glorious Maker, Giver of All Good Gifts!

The Songs of Praise

Open The Eyes of My Heart Lord *Chris, JoEllen, Deb & Karen*
Everlasting God *Chris, JoEllen, Deb & Karen*

The Morning Prayer (Responsive)

God of rushing wind, coming from where it wants and going to where it wants,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of fire, flaring on gathered disciples and burning away their stubborn pride,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of miraculous speaking and hearing, amazing the faithful and riveting their attention to what is about to happen,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of the young who see visions, of the old who dream dreams, of male prophets and female prophets,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of wonders above the signs below, God of blood, fire and billowing smoke,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

You raised up Peter to prophesy on Pentecost, Peter to preach straight truth to a crooked generation, Peter to accuse people he loved of complicity in the death of Jesus.
pour out your Spirit upon us.

God of wind and fire and tongues, God of visions and dreams and prophecies, God of signs and wonders,
pour out your Spirit upon us.

You raised up Peter to preach Jesus to a skeptical audience, and with the two-edged sword of Peter's word you cut through the armor of a crooked generation, you pricked their hearts and saved them.
Great God, send your Spirit to save us too.

You sent your Spirit to assail hard hearts. You sent repentance and faith, baptism and forgiveness, teaching and fellowship, communion and prayer.
Great God, send your Spirit to save us too.

The Song of Preparation	<i>Come, Holy Spirit, Like the Wind</i>	<i>Chris & JoEllen Borton</i>
The Prayer of Illumination (Unison)	God of All Power, Open our ears, our eyes, and our hearts with a spirit of wisdom and revelation. Help us to hear your voice, to see your ways, and to receive with joy your truth. In Jesus' name, Amen.	
The Psalm of Centering	<i>Psalm 104:24-34, 35b</i>	
The Reading of Scripture Lessons	<i>Acts 2:1-21 / 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13</i>	
The Reading of the Gospel Lesson	<i>John 7:37-39</i>	
The Message	<i>"What Does This Mean"</i>	<i>Rev. Donald R. Brown, pastor</i>
The Prayer of Confession (UNISON)	God of fire and wind, we confess we have missed the movement of your Spirit in our lives and in your world. We have not been a Spirit-led church. We have not pursued your anointing or your sanctifying presence. We have not lived in holiness. Forgive us, we pray. Free us from bondage to life in the Spirit, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.	
The Assurance and Pardon	<p>Pastor: Hear the good news! All who believe in Jesus Christ will have streams of living water flowing from within, streams of refreshing and of power. In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and empowered.</p> <p>Congregation: In Jesus Christ, you are forgiven and empowered.</p> <p>ALL: Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Amen!</p>	
The Pastoral Prayer and the Lord's Prayer		
The Affirmation of Faith	<i>The Apostle's Creed</i>	
The Parting Song	<i>We Fall Down</i>	<i>Chris, JoEllen, Deb & Karen</i>
The Benediction		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Graduate Recognition Next Sunday

Are you or someone you know graduating this year? Be sure to submit your pictures and details to the church by Wednesday of this week to be included in the recognition video next Sunday morning!

Mid-Week Children's Chapel Online

You are invited to join Pastor Don as he leads a mid-week chapel/story time for children and any who would like to watch via the church Facebook page using Facebook Live each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. If you do not have a Facebook account simply follow the directions on the church webpage.

Note: We will continue Children's Chapel though the summer!

In-Person Worship Scheduled to Resume

Bishop Holston has set June 14th as the first date that United Methodists in SC can worship together in person. We at Hopewell will gather at the arbor on the front lawn at **9:30 a.m.**

See all the details on the church website.

NOTE: For those who are not comfortable gathering in large groups are invited to continue worshipping online.

Prayer Requests

While we are worshipping online only you may easily submit prayer requests on the church website using the "Prayer" tab. www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com. You may also call or text your prayer requests to Pastor Don directly at (864)630-0164

Tithes/Offerings

Please plan to maintain, or increase, your normal level of giving during this time of uncertainty. Giving is a vital part of our worship and spiritual lives as well as a critical need of our church to maintain ministry requirements. Thank you for your dedicated efforts in this area! You may give in four (4) ways:

1. Online by clicking the button on the welcome page of our church website
www.hopewellumcsimpsonville.com
2. Mail your check to the church
1420 Neely Ferry Road
Simpsonville, SC 29680
3. Set up automated checking with your bank. Your bank can direct you how to do this.
4. Text keyword **hopewell** to **73256** and follow the link.

Online Bible Study

Pastor Don is facilitating an online discussion on the **book of Ephesians** in the New Testament on Monday nights at 7:00 p.m. Each week we will discuss just one chapter. This week we will discuss **chapter 4**. Register by clicking the button in the "announcements" page of the church website.

