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***“Reflecting God’s love at the heart of the community.”***

***Order of Worship – August 2, 2020***  
***9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost***

***We Gather in God’s Name***

Prelude

Community Matters

Call to Worship

Greeting from Isaiah 55:1-5 (*The Message*)

Hey there! All who are thirsty, come to the water!

**Are you penniless? Come anyway—buy and eat!**

Come, buy your drinks, buy wine and milk.

**Buy without money—everything’s free!**

Why do you spend your money on junk food, your hard-earned cash on cotton candy?

**Listen and listen well: Eat only the best fill yourself with only the finest.**

Pay attention, come close now, listen carefully to God’s life-giving, life-nourishing words.  
God says,

**“I’m making a lasting covenant commitment with you, the same that I made with David:  
sure, solid, enduring love.**

I set him up as a witness to the nations, made him a prince and leader of the nations,

**And now I’m doing it to you: you’ll summon nations you’ve never heard of,**

and nations who’ve never heard of you will come running to you

**Because your God, the Holy One of Israel, has honored you.”**

***We Glorify God***

Opening Hymn – *Break Thou the Bread of Life, No. 599*

**Break thou the bread of life, dear Lord, to me,  
as thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;  
beyond the sacred page I seek thee, Lord;  
my spirit pants for thee, O Living Word!**

**Bless thou the truth, dear Lord, to me, to me,  
as thou didst bless the bread by Galilee;**

then shall all bondage cease, all fetters fall;  
and I shall find my peace, my all in all.

Children's Message

***We Thank God with Our Gifts***

The Offering

The Doxology

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God all creatures here below;  
praise him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayers of the People***

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayer

***We Listen for God***

Anthem

Gospel Testament Lesson – Matthew 14:13-21

Sermon – Rev. Dr. Ed McKinney

***We Respond and Go Forth for God***

Hymn of Preparation – *Let Us Break Bread Together*, No. 618 – verses 1-3

**Let us break bread together on our knees,  
let us break bread together on our knees,  
when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us drink wine together on our knees,  
let us drink wine together on our knees,  
when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

**Let us praise God together on our knees,  
let us praise God together on our knees,  
when I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,  
O Lord, have mercy on me.**

The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth. You formed us in your image and breathed into us the breath of life. When we turned away, and our love failed, your love remained steadfast.

You delivered us from captivity, made covenant to be our sovereign God, and spoke to us through the prophets. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. Your Spirit anointed him to preach good news to the poor, to proclaim release to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty those who are oppressed, and to announce that the time had come when you would save your people.

He healed the sick, fed the hungry, and ate with sinners. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit. When the Lord Jesus ascended, he promised to be with us always, in the power of your Word and Holy Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

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

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at his heavenly banquet.

Through you Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

**Lord's Prayer**

**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.  
Forgive us our trespasses**

**as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory forever. Amen.**

Sharing the bread and cup

Closing Hymn – *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling, No. 384*

**Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down;  
fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown!  
Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.**

**Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast!  
Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest.  
Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be;  
end of faith, as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.**

**Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;  
Suddenly return and never, never-more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,  
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.**

**Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.  
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;  
changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise.**

Benediction

Postlude

## Information for the week of August 2, 2020

All small groups and gatherings are suspended until further notice.

### CURRENT OFFICE HOURS:

**Monday, 9 am – 2 pm and Thursday, 9 am – 2 pm**

If you need to contact Linda, send an email to [LindaCurtis@StokesdaleUMC.org](mailto:LindaCurtis@StokesdaleUMC.org) or call the church office and leave a message on the phone.

If you need to contact Pastor Ed he can be reached by email at [PastorEd@StokesdaleUMC.org](mailto:PastorEd@StokesdaleUMC.org) or his cell at 336-609-2359.

### LINDA ON VACATION

*Linda will be on vacation through Tuesday, August 4<sup>th</sup>. She will be in the office this week only on Wednesday and Thursday from 9 – 2.*

### PROJECT AGAPE

***We will continue to accept offerings to Project Agape this week. The funds we receive will be used to help ship a container of clothing, school supplies and household items. It cost between \$6,000 and \$9,000 to ship a 40 foot container.***

*The MRC has re-opened to accept volunteers to help sort and pack materials. COVID-19 guidelines will be followed. The warehouse will be open for limited hours on the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays and 3rd Saturday of each month. Number of volunteers is limited to eight persons. Also, hours of operation depend on staff availability. **Anyone willing to go, please contact Mahalia and she will schedule our group.***

*We can take clothing, material for sewing projects, dishes, towels, bed sheets, etc. as we go. All items must be clean and in good repair. Items, such as wool coats, need to be dry cleaned before they are packed for shipping. No used toys or used shoes can be shipped.*

### END RACISM SIGNS

*A member of the church as purchased a number of **END RACISM SIGNS**. If you would like to know more about this go to the website [www.UMC.org/EndRacism](http://www.UMC.org/EndRacism). If you would like a sign to display in your yard please see a staff member after church on Sunday. There are a limited number of signs so it's first come, first serve basis.*

**MISSIONS MEETNG** - Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup> at 7 pm in the Fellowship Hall and on ZOOM.



Come join local farmers and small businesses in Stokesdale UMC's front yard as we build community, support the local economy, and provide locally grown produce for your family. All COVID-19 precautions are observed. Contact Charles Southard at 336-509-7314 for more information.

**HANDBELL PRACTICE** – Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:45-6:30 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**CHOIR PRACTICE** – Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm via ZOOM – Jeff will send out the invitation.

**WORD & TABLE** – Join us Thursday evening, August 6<sup>th</sup> at 6:15pm via Facebook Live.

### **FOOD PANTRY**

We are continuing to receive monetary funds for food pantry items.

### **SENIOR RESOURCES – a note from Connie Hicks & Marsha McDaniel**

*Hello everyone in our Stokesdale Senior Lunch Group! Beginning in August we will start doing drive thru hot lunches!!*

*When: Thursday, Aug.13<sup>th</sup>*

*Where: Stokesdale UMC parking lot*

*Time: From 11-12 noon only*

*You MUST RESERVE a lunch by either email to [ruraloutreach@senior-resources-guilford.org](mailto:ruraloutreach@senior-resources-guilford.org) or calling 336-373-4816 ext. 265 and leaving a message on our answering machine with your NAME and LOCATION (STOKESDALE) and any other name you are picking up for. This is a drive thru pick up ONLY and is for those who are already registered with our program and on our sign in sheets.*

*No one will be allowed to pick up a lunch unless we have your RESERVATION by email or on our answering machine by THURSDAY, JULY 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*Thank you, and we're looking forward to seeing you.*

### **GOSHEN BOOK CLUB**

Next meeting time is Thursday August 20<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm. Remember to wear your Mask and social distancing is required. We will be discussing two books – “Educated, A Memoir” by Tara Westover and “This Tender Land” by William Kent Krueger. The book of the Bible we will discuss is Psalms.

### **SECRET PALS message from Leigh Southard . . .**

#### **Attention College Students and Parents for the 2020/2021 School Year**

Below are the names of students for the upcoming year. If anyone has been left off, please let me know. If your information is the same this year as last, then email me to let me know this.

\* means I have received updated information. My email is [ncpenquin@aol.com](mailto:ncpenquin@aol.com)

Luke Branham  
Christian Kasai

Madison Belton  
Payton Simmons

Sydney Branham  
Madelyn Hilton

#### **Secret Pals Needed for the 2019/2020 School Year**

***I'm in need of 4 Secret Pals.*** If you are interested please let me know as soon as you can by email at [ncpenquin@aol.com](mailto:ncpenquin@aol.com) or call me at 336-545-7734

## Giving

During this time, please continue to support our church through giving. We currently offer four ways to give, they are as follows:

1. Give on-line by clicking the online-giving tab on our web-site. Go to [www.stokesdaleumc.org](http://www.stokesdaleumc.org) and click on the "GIVE" tab. If you would like to learn more about the on-line giving option contact Pastor Ed or Linda at 336-643-4850
2. Bring your check to the church office on Monday or Thursday from 9am-2pm
3. Mail your check to Stokesdale United Methodist Church, P O Box 38, Stokesdale, NC 27357
4. Set up on-line bill pay through your bank to Stokesdale United Methodist Church.

### General Budget as of July 27, 2020

CONTRIBUTION	\$130,892
EXPENSES	\$112,353
Amount Needed Year-to-Date	\$153,424

### Land as of July 27, 2020

CONTRIBUTIONS	\$13,712
EXPENSES	\$13,559

## In Memory of

*Donations have been received in memory of Ron Tiesler from Rachel & Bobby Gauldin*

### Prayer Requests – please continue to lift these individuals in prayer:

#### For our Shut-Ins:

Betty Shelton	Carole Pegram	Diane Preddy
Faye Case	Judy York	Leola Vaughn
Lucille Friddle	LuAnn Joyce	Mike Hall
Pat Thacker	Peggy Joyce	Ruby & Clifton Matthews

#### For our Servicemen:

Brandon Estrada – Army	Chris Seagraves – Air Force
Christopher Quesenberry – Air Force	Craig Rush II – Army
Jay Christopher – Navy	Mike Tumlin – Army
Roger Rich – Army	Will Quesenberry – Marines

#### Others:

Ann Grose	Becky Gilfillan	Becky Westmoreland
Betty Hawkins	Billy Hanks	Brian Landreth
Carmen Wilmer	Dee Mullins	Dennis Finnk
Elise Jones	Gene Tiesler	Jillian Jalovec
Jodie & Billy Smith	Jolene Shaw	Julie McCormick
Kathy Watson	Kaye Peoples	Kay Smith
Lewis Dodson	Linda I. Shields	Matt Wray
Mindy Brame	Opal Smith	Phyllis Greene
Ruth Thomas	Rylie Cole	Sandra H. Leach

Scott Richardson  
Steve Joyce  
Vartkes Ajemian

Sharon Ozment  
Ted Southern  
Yorkie York

Shay Black  
The Tucker family

Family of Frances Marshall  
Nick Reid  
Family of Elaine Stephens Smith  
Doris Moody  
Linda Drye Family  
Bonnie & David Stratton  
Doug Reed Family  
John Murphy  
COVID patients and caregivers  
Our Country  
End to the violence and safety for all people  
Local and Small Businesses  
Those residing in hospitals and nursing homes  
All Healthcare Workers and First Responders  
Essential employees working every day  
America and our Leaders  
Local & Small Businesses