

† Please stand if you are able.

L. A. Cothorn, Organist

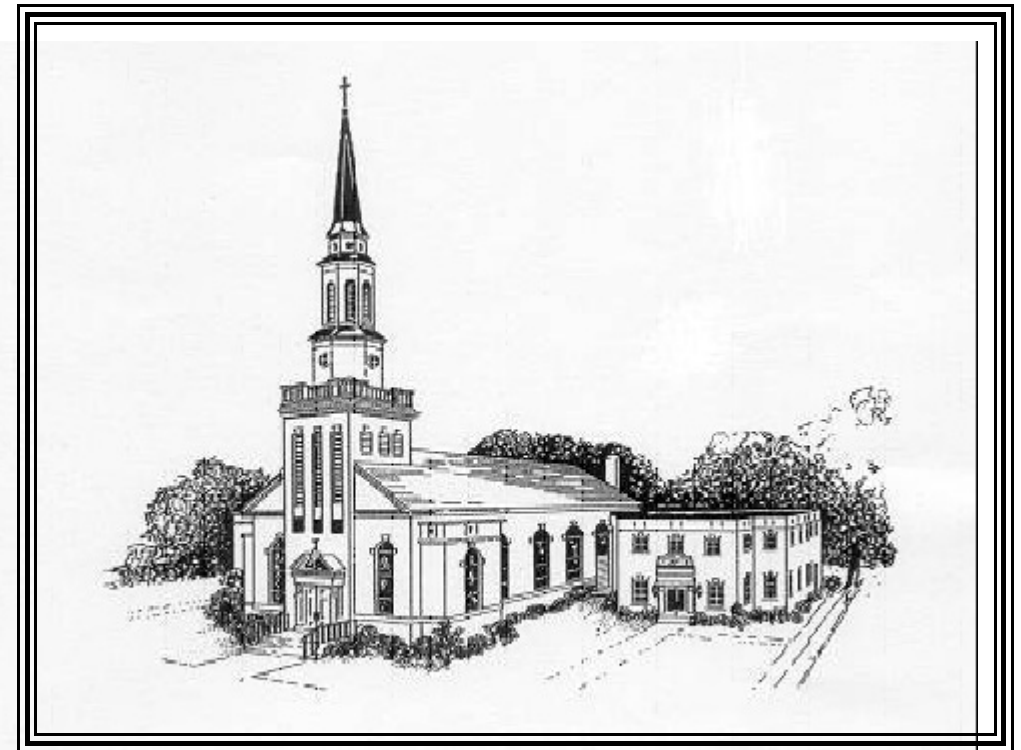
*Nick and Hope High are his proud parents and Olive Shuping is his proud grandmother.
Sydney High is Jaxson's happy big sister.*

Greeters:	Tom Leggett, Brien Inman, and Rob Conway
Acolyte:	Grace High
Music Director:	L. A. Cothern
Organist:	L. A Cothern
Pianist:	Geneva Ashley
Altar Committee:	Elizabeth Gibson, Celia Lynch, Margie Rabon, Kathy Simmons, Sandy Turner, and Gina Deans
Soundboard:	Suzanne Hall

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Sixth Sunday of Easter
Mother's Day
May 9, 2021



As people of the body of Christ, we will gather for and be strengthened by Word and Sacraments, participate in loving fellowship, grow in discipleship, and serve our community and the world in Christ's name.

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church

Thank you for worshipping with us today! We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in our worship, program, and ministry life here at Whiteville. We hope the worship will inspire and comfort you as we hear God’s message proclaimed. During this time, now more than ever, may the grace and love of Christ surround you.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Please use a microphone.) Brien Inman

PRELUDE “Invocation”/John Marsh L. A. Cothern, Organist
(Entering the sanctuary and preparing for worship, you are invited to discover the theme of today’s service by reading through this order of worship. Also, please pray for those on the prayer list and for all persecuted people around the world.)

Nursery care is available on request; please ask Suzanne Hall or Lynne Inman.

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES Grace High
(Symbolizing the presence of the Spirit of the Lord in our service.)

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

WELCOME

✠ RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP
Pastor: Sing a new song, a song of love for all.
People: **Sing of the Spirit of love, the Spirit who loves us all.**
Pastor: Sing of God’s abiding love, that we might love one another and all of the world.
People: **Sing a new song, a song of love for all.**

✠ HYMN OF PRAISE “Victory in Jesus” #370 UMH

✠ UNISON OPENING PRAYER
Spirit of love, abide in us and in our worship. Whisper your song of love in our hearts, that love may flow through every word we hear, every thought we think, every word we speak, and every song we sing. Spirit of power and grace, abide in us, that we may abide in your love and proclaim your song of love for all. Amen.

✠ APOSTLES’ CREED
I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence he shall come to judge the quick 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.

✠ GLORIA PATRI
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.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE AND RESPONSE
Pastor: God’s Spirit is with us, embracing us with forgiveness and grace.
People: **Abiding in us with the power of love for all.**

PASTORAL CONCERNS AND PRAYER

THE LORD’S PRAYER

OFFERING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD L. A. Cothern, Organist
“The Gift of Love”/arr. Hall Hopson

✠ PRESENTING OURSELVES AND OUR GIFTS TO GOD (“Praise God”) #95 UMH

✠ HYMN OF PREPARATION “Spirit of the Living God” #393 UMH

SCRIPTURE READING I John 5:1-6

SERMON “A Mother’s Love” Rev. Dr. Terry Hunt

✠ HYMN OF DISCIPLESHIP “Blessed Assurance” #369 UMH
(You are invited to pray at the Communion railing.)

✠ CARRYING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD

✠ BENEDICTION

✠ CHORAL RESPONSE “Shalom to You” #666 UMH

VICTORY IN JESUS

1. I heart an old, old story, how a Savior came from glory,
how he gave his life on Calvary to save a wretch like me;
I heard about his groaning, of his precious blood's atoning,
then I repented of my sins and won the victory.

Refrain

*O victory in Jesus, my Savior forever!
He sought me and bought me with his redeeming blood;
he loved me ere I knew him, and all my love is due him;
he plunged me to victory beneath the cleansing flood.*

2. I heard about his healing, of his cleansing power revealing,
how he made the lame to walk again and caused the blind to see;
and then I cried, "Dear Jesus, come and heal my broken spirit,"
and somehow Jesus came and brought to me the victory.

Refrain

3. I heard about a mansion he has built for me in glory,
and I heard about the streets of gold beyond the crystal sea;
about the angels singing and the old redemption story,
and some sweet day I'll sing up there the song of victory.

Refrain

SPIRIT OF THE LIVING GOD (sung twice)

Spirit of the living God, all afresh on me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Sprit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

BLESSED ASSURANCE

1. Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain

*This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long;
this is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.*

2. Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of reapture now burst on my sight;
angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love.

Refrain

3. Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I in my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love.

Refrain

SHALOM TO YOU

Shalom to you now, shalom, my friends.
May God's full mercies bless you, my friends.
In all your living and through your loving,
Christ be your shalom, Christ be your shalom.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome to Whiteville United Methodist Church on this Sixth Sunday of Easter. Visitors, please complete a Visitor's Card, which can be found in a pew rack, and place it in the offertory basket in the Narthex. Thank you.

To ensure the health and safety of our church family, an advisory team, that includes healthcare professionals, has been assembled to develop guidelines for re-gathering who will also implement and monitor these guidelines.

Twice per week our sanctuary is sanitized. This includes wiping down pews, doors, knobs, and handles, and hymnals. Our air conditioning system filters are being replaced frequently to help purify the air quality in the Worship space. Some pews are roped off to allow for social distancing. Masks are available in the Narthex as well as hand sanitizer at all entrances. In addition, an offertory basket will be in the Narthex each Sunday morning to place your contributions in as you enter the Sanctuary, eliminating the passing of offering plates. Also, the microphone used for announcements will be sanitized between each person using it.

Holy Communion will be celebrated followed by Bible Study (Methodist Beliefs) this Wednesday, May 12 at 6:00 p.m. Come and refresh your understanding, or learn something new, about our beliefs as Methodists.

Next Sunday, May 16, Amy Sessions will speak for the Missions Moment on Rotifunk Hospital. Their mission is to share God's love with the people of Sierra Leone by facilitating a self-sustainable, high quality and fully functioning health care facility and community health care program that serves Rotifunk Township and the surrounding area.

Graduation Sunday will be celebrated on June 6, 2021 at the 10:00 a.m. Worship Service. If you have a high school senior in our church, please call the Church Office (642-3376) or Betty Gray (642-6028) as soon as possible so they can be included. Also, let us know of any college graduates!

Prayer Concerns: Butch Dutton (brother-in-law of Sabra Allen), Trent Young (son of Sabra Allen), Ann Sauls, Dale Cichero, Bob Deans, Debbie Simmons, W. C. Butler, John and Louise Barkley, Clara Hunsucker, Marty Ward, Betty and Gary Faircloth, Jane Bullard, Jimmy and Nancy Oakley, and Bill and Sara Brooks.

Prayer Requests: Via email to the Church Office at wumc@whitevilleumc.org.

Adult Sunday School: Fellowship Hall at 9:00 a.m.

Children's Sunday School (ages 3-12): Upstairs classroom at 9:00 a.m.

Christians Under Construction Sunday School: Via Zoom at 9:00 a.m.

(Receive a link to join by emailing Carolyn Hankins at carolynjhankins@msn.com)

Boy Scouts: Mondays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Rehearsals on Wednesdays: On Break.

Cub Scouts: Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

Fifty-Plus Exercise Class: Canceled due to Covid 19.

Sunshine Circle: Third Mondays at 11:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Canceled due to Covid 19.

United Methodist Men: Canceled due to Covid 19.

United Methodist Women: First Mondays at 6:30 p.m. in the Parlor.

United Methodist Youth Fellowship: Canceled due to Covid 19.

Wednesday Evening Bible Study/Holy Communion Service: Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Parlor.

WOW Meal: Occasional Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

2021 Church Budget	\$299,933.00
As of 05/02, Needed	\$103,824.00
As of 05/02, Received	\$88,443.02
Needed Each Sunday	\$5,768.00
Received on 05/02	\$3,769.00
Attendance 05/02	In-person 49
	Virtually 35