

Order of Worship May 13, 2012
Sixth Sunday of Easter / Mother's Day

*Welcome to Union United Methodist Church.
We're glad you are here! If you are seeking a church home, we
invite you to join us in this outpost of God's Kingdom.*

Prelude

Greeting and Celebration of the Church's Ministries

Opening Prayer

*Greet One Another with the Peace of Christ

*Hymn **Hymnal, # 568**
Christ for the World We Sing

New Testament Lesson **Acts 10:44-48**

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Silent Prayer, Pastoral Prayer, and
The Lord's Prayer **Hymnal, # 895**

*Hymn **Hymnal, # 417**
O For a Heart to Praise My God (Verses 1, 2, 3 & 4)
(Tune: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing)

Offering of God's Tithes and our Gifts

Doxology* and Dedication of the Offering **Hymnal, # 95

Musical Meditation

Prayer for Illumination:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your word proclaimed, we may encounter your risen presence today. Amen.

Gospel Lesson **John 15:9-17**

Moments with our Youth

Message "Choosing Friends" Rev. Way

*A Prayer for Mothers*** **Bulletin Insert**

*Hymn **Bulletin Insert**
Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth
(Tune: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee)

*Benediction

Postlude

*Please stand, as you are able.

**Our anointed altar is always open to those who come at God's call and invitation.

Pastor: Bob Way
Lay Leader: Carl Ratcliff Treasurer: Geraldine Fuqua
Pianist: Dixie Vernon Choir Director: John Berdine

Prayer List

Shut-In Members and Special Needs

(Names may be removed after three months, unless requested to be kept on list.)

Chris Andrew	04	Clyde Fuller Family	04	<i>Elected/Appointed Officials</i>	
James (Snake) Ashby	03	<i>Our General Conference</i>		Janet Ratcliff	03
Tyffanie Berdine	05	Rev. Buddy Hall	04	Paul Richmond	03
Derek Berry	05	Marvin Hamlett	03	Ritchie Richmond	03
<i>Our Bishop</i>		Pete Hamlett	02	Janice Roland	04
Beatrice Briggs	02	Joseph H. Jackson	04	Karl Roland	04
Sylvia Cates Family	04	Jonah Kirby Family	02	Franklin Rudd	04
Naomi Catlett	04	Keith Kirby	04	Lois Rudd	04
<i>Persecuted Christians</i>		Kathy Mason	05	<i>Schools, Students & Teachers</i>	
<i>Our Church & Charge</i>		Ken (Mac) McIntyre	04	<i>Our District Superintendent</i>	
Pat Cobb	05	<i>Military Members & Families</i>		Faye Talley	03
Drake & Ashlyn Curtis	03	<i>Missionaries & Families</i>		Dixie Vernon	03
Cleve Daniel	02	Doris Nance	02	Edward Vernon	02
<i>Disaster Survivors & Teams</i>		<i>Our Nation</i>		Clyde Willis	02
<i>First Responders</i>		Howard Oakley	03		

Next Week's Scriptures:

Acts 1:1-11; Psalm 47; Ephesians 1:15-23; Luke 24:44-53
 Acts 1:15-17, 21-26; Psalm 1; 1 John 5:9-13; John 17:6-19

Announcements:

Mother's Day Offering for UM Retirement Homes: Today

United Methodist Women (UMW): 7:00 pm Wed, May 16

Choir Practice: 6:00 pm Thu, May 17

Bible Study (Hebrews 4:14 –6:20): 7:00 pm Thu, May 17

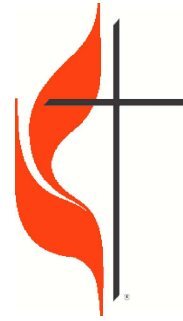
Church Council: 7:00 pm Wed, May 23

Peace with Justice Sunday Special Offering: Sun, Jun 3

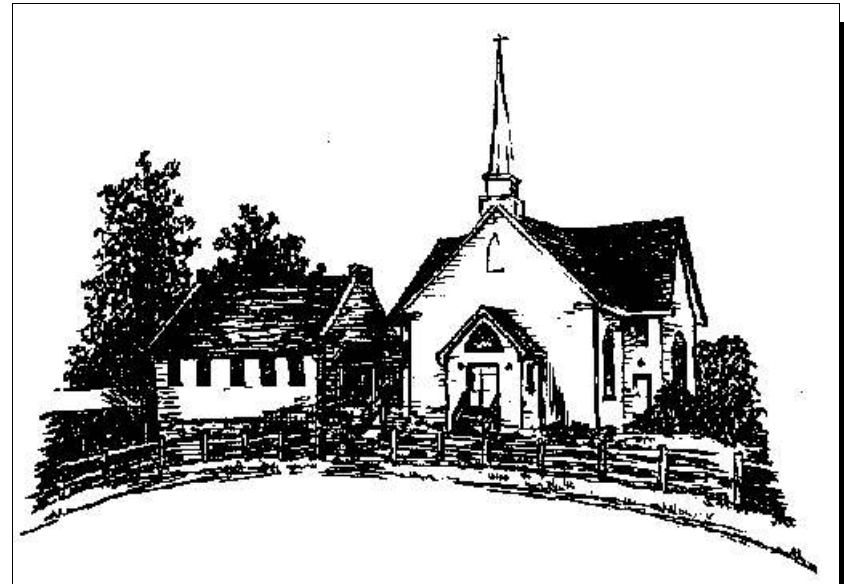
Sunday Night Sing: 6:00 pm Sun, Jun 3 (Bring a generous Love

Offering for *Coyote Ridge* Bluegrass/Gospel group)

**Please remember to bring items for
the Caswell Parish food pantry.**



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In Ministry to God Through Service to the World

Prayer Petitions for Mother's Day

Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

(Tune = O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee)

Mothering God, you gave me birth
In the bright morning of this world.
Creator, source of every breath,
You are my rain, my wind, my sun.

Mothering Christ, you took my form,
Offering me your food of light,
Grain of life, and grape of love,
Your very body for my peace.

Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,
In arms of patience hold me close,
So that in faith I root and grow
Until I flower, until I know.

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Norwich (15th Cent.)
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For our mothers, who have given us life and love,
that we may show them reverence and love,
We pray to the Lord...

For mothers who have lost a child through death,
that their faith may give them hope,
and their family and friends support and console them,
We pray to the Lord...

For women, though without children of their own,
who like mothers have nurtured and cared for us,
We pray to the Lord...

For mothers, who have been unable to be a source of strength,
who have not responded to their children
and have not sustained their families,
We pray to the Lord...

Loving God, as a mother gives life and nourishment to her
children,
so you watch over your Church.
Bless these women, that they may be strengthened as
Christian mothers.
Let the example of their faith and love shine forth.
Grant that we, their sons and daughters,
may honor them always with a spirit of profound respect.
Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

(BOOK OF BLESSINGS, U.S.A., 20th Cent., Alt.)