

PRAYER LIST — May 6, 2018

HEALTH CONCERNS

Members:

Rocky Newton (recuperating from cancer surg. on 4/27)
Norma Stikeleather (health issues)
Vivian Stowe (health issues – at Piney Grove Nursing & Rehab. Center)
Kay Sudderth (cancer treatment)
Ellen Watts (recuperating from arthroscopic knee surg. on 4/24)
Rodgers White (health issues)

Friends & Family:

N. Bolen Megan Hedgecock (health issues); Jim Fields (heart attack); Faye Dean
Watson, Amy Ikerd, Cindy Strickland (diabetes and health issues)
Henderson Jeff Briggs (home in Walkertown)
Hodges Michelle Ivey (Randall's wife—health issues)
Myers Janet Ruff (92 yr. old—flu)
Watts Denise Gray (Dale's sister—Metastatic lung cancer)

SPECIAL CONCERNS

N. Bolen Employees of MSG Services (business hit by Sunday's tornado)
S. Sharp Paulo Correa (job issues)
Smith Dear friend needs prayers for serious medical decision to be made
Vernon Family Member (silent)



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May 6, 2018—Sixth Sunday of Easter

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE

GATHERING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come all who are born of God; abide in the love revealed in Jesus Christ.

People: We come in response to the one who calls us friends. We are here in obedience to Christ's command.

Leader: Remember God's steadfast love and faithfulness. Let hands and voices echo God's praise.

People: Let our lips pour out a joyful noise. Let our hands reflect a serving Savior.

Leader: Sing a new song to God who does marvelous things. Obey God's commandments which are not burdensome.

People: We clap our hands and sing for joy. We live by faith that conquers the world.

All: Let us worship God!

*HYMN NO. 14

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

DIX

CALL TO CONFESSION

*Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Ever-present God, we confess to you our unloving thoughts and deeds. We live by standards that we bend and break in our own favor, while ignoring the commandments you have given. We find it hard to love everyone, for so many act in unloving ways. It is easier to treat people as things than to listen for their needs. We withhold ourselves rather than offer our lives, even for our friends. We hoard the gifts you entrust to us instead of letting them bear fruit for you. Cleanse us from these destructive ways, freeing us to love you as you have loved us, we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Even now, God is giving us victory over the limitations we impose on ourselves. When we trust God's love, we can emerge from the shell of self-protection to celebrate the joy of friendship in Christ. We can dare to show that love is not dependent on others' responses. We can serve without the need for recognition. Friends, believe the good news...

People: *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

***RESPONSE**

Alleluia, alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord. Alleluia, alleluia! Give praise to his name.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

(Please share a sign of peace with others.)

ANTHEM

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Psalm 98

1 John 5:1-6

SERMON

"True Victory"

Rev. John Pruitt

*Those who are able, please stand.

SENDING

***HYMN NO. 846**

"Fight the Good Fight"

DUKE STREET

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

"The 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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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; and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

***DOXOLOGY**

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

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***HYMN NO. 839**

"Blessed Assurance, Jesus Is Mine!"

ASSURANCE

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Serving Today (May 6)

Greeters/Ushers: Lorna Foster
Faye Hodges
Lay Reader: Dee Barham

Serving Next Sunday (May 13)—Communion

Greeters/Ushers: Anne Waddell
Dale Watts
Lay Reader: Dottie Roudabush
Element Prep: Dottie Roudabush
Bernie Krecklow
Assisting Elders: Sam Henderson
Priscilla Henderson
Bob Myers
Nancy Sharp
Rusty Sudderth

*Those who are able, please stand.