

Clemmons Moravian Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2021



***Please wear your mask at all times while on the CMC campus**

Prelude: Terry Hicks

Welcome and Prayer Rev. Christopher C. Thore

Call to Worship: "All People That on Earth Do Dwell"
Jonathan Sidden & Terry Hicks

*Liturgy: The Liturgy of Compassion Insert
Suzanne Mann

The Presentation of Tithes and Offerings
Offertory: "How Firm a Foundation"
Jonathan Sidden & Terry Hicks

*Doxology & Offertory Prayer Rev. Paul Stutzman

Scriptures: Acts 8: 26-40
John 15: 1-8

Congregational Response: "Thanks Be To God"

Message: Rev. Christopher C. Thore

*Hymn: "Welcoming God"
Jonathan Sidden & Terry Hicks

*Benediction Rev. Christopher C. Thore

*Postlude Terry Hicks



We extend our Christian sympathy to:

Judy Yarbrough and the entire extended family on the passing of her son-in-law, Craig Robert McCliment.

*At the conclusion of the service, please remain seated until an usher dismisses you.

**Please stand, if able*

July 18-24, 2021, Online

Registration is open now!

Please make plans to connect and learn with Moravian and non-Moravian sisters and brothers, of all ages, from across the continent and around the world, as we share our love of the Savior, joy of music, in a variety of online and virtual musical and educational experiences during the week-long Moravian Music Festival. 2021 will use platforms such as Zoom and YouTube to allow us to connect and share over the internet. The Festival this year will be focused on education and will have a wealth of concerts, devotions, preludes, recordings, videos, webinars, demonstrations, round tables, collaborations, lessons, master classes, Zoom socials, interest groups, games... and much more!

www.moravianmusicfestival.org

REGISTRATION is required to participate in choral and band programs, other ensembles, sessions, and the children and youth programs.

All the information and links to registration at

www.moravianmusicfestival.org

Registrants may participate in:

- Virtual Chorus
- Virtual Band
- Concerts shared on YouTube and other platforms
- Educational opportunities: webinars, master classes, roundtables
- Zoom Discussions and Games
- Online Social opportunities
- Youth and Children's programs – a musical named ACTS!

A Liturgy of Compassion

God hears the cry of the needy and does not wait for us to call before coming to our aid;

While humanity was still lost in its brokenness, God came to us in the person of Jesus Christ, lived among us, died our death and rose to lead us into life.

And so we come to worship, to offer God our devotion and love, our thanksgiving and praise.

For God is worthy of our praise.

Holy One, you are a God of compassion. You desire that all might be whole.

In the brokenness of our lives you continue to turn toward us with the hope that we will accept your renewing love and find new meaning for our lives in you.

You have established compassion as the foundation for all relationships and societies.

You commanded us to love our neighbors as ourselves and to treat others in the same manner that we ourselves wish to be treated.

Yet at times we find ourselves preoccupied with our own self-interests at the expense of helping others.

Teach us to love ourselves in a way that embraces others also. Give us courage to make room at the center of our world where others might be renewed by your healing presence.

Fill us with your spirit of compassion, Lord, that we might not act or speak out of our own self interests.

Fill us with the desire to alleviate the suffering of our fellow creatures. Heal our hearts that we might refrain from acting in ways that will cause pain.

Open the hearts of all people to the profound truth of Jesus Christ.

Lord, redeem us from actions that deny our common humanity.

We desire peace over war, generosity over greed, patience over intolerance, compassion over callous judgment.

At the root of God's compassion is the sacrifice of our Lord, Jesus Christ. We are each in need of Christ's compassion. Gratitude is our true response to God who calls us to be Christ's compassion in the world. *How is God inviting you to offer greater compassion?*

(Silent Reflection)

Jesus, in extravagant compassion, has already revealed our forgiveness and calls us to live as those who are renewed and thankful. Receive this grace and share it.

We are grateful; we live differently because of what you, Lord Jesus, have done for us.

As one body with one voice we share the prayer our Lord has taught us.

**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 trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass against us,
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.**

Note: We thank the Rev. Rick Beck for this liturgy and permission to share it