

# Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church of Landrum

## An Order for the Service of Holy Communion

5<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30 AM

APRIL 29, 2018

PRELUDE Ms. Becky Oliver, Organist

WELCOME AND COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Mike Bowers, Pastor

GATHERING HYMN *The Church in the Wildwood* Cokesbury # 121

GREETING

*Pastor:* The Grace of Our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**Congregation:** And also with you.

*Pastor:* The risen Christ is with us,

**Congregation:** Praise the Lord

OPENING PRAYER

**Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from you no secrets are hidden.**

**Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy  
Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify  
your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE *Be Thou My Vision* UM Hymnal # 451

PRAYERS OF THE COMMUNITY AND PASTORAL PRAYER Rev. Bowers

MOMENTS WITH CHILDREN AND YOUTH

OFFERING The Ushers

OFFERING PRAYER Rev. Bowers

THE DOXOLOGY Congregation

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

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  
hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

PSALTER READING *Psalms 22: 25-31* UM Hymnal # 752

SCRIPTURE LESSON *Acts 8: 26-40 (p 119)* Rev. Bowers, Reader  
*1 John 4: 7-21 (p 226)*

THE HOLY GOSPEL *John 15: 1-8 (p 103)* Rev. Bowers, Reader

*Pastor:* The Holy Gospel of St. John, containing the Word of God for the  
people of God.

**Congregation:** Thanks be to God.

SERMON *A Time to Stay; a Time to Go* Rev. Bowers

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

THE APOSTLES' CREED

*—Traditional version*

**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.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Rev. Bowers

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly  
repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another.  
Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Congregation

**Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole  
heart. We have failed to be an obedient church.  
We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have  
rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors,  
and we have not heard the cry of the needy.  
Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Rev. Bowers

HYMN

*Standing on the Promises*

UM Hymnal # 374

THANKSGIVING AND COMMUNION

TAKING THE BREAD AND CUP

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Responsively

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 made us in your image,  
to love and to be loved.

When we turned away, and our love failed,  
your love remained steadfast.

By the suffering, death, and resurrection of your only Son Jesus Christ  
you delivered us from slavery to sin and death and made with us a  
new covenant by water and the Spirit.

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Congregation

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Community

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Congregation

**Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you  
have given yourself to us.**

**Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,  
to give ourselves for others,  
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

SENDING FORTH

PARTING HYMN

*Love Divine, All Loves Excelling*

Cokesbury # 22

BENEDICTION AND SENDING FORTH:

Rev. Bowers

POSTLUDE

Ms. Oliver

*Welcome* A cordial welcome is extended to all who visit with us today! It is a delight to be able to worship with you! Come back soon and often. If we can help you in any way, please let us know.

The **flowers** on the altar are provided by Marjorie and Hugh Porter to the glory of God and in celebration of Hugh's 80th birthday.



Have you considered honoring or remembering someone special by placing flowers in the sanctuary? There are several dates available. If you are interested you may sign up for the date of your choice on the calendar at the church entrance. For more information you may contact Susan Davis at 864-510-3199 or [jacksonsgroveumc@gmail.com](mailto:jacksonsgroveumc@gmail.com).

Welcome to Jacksons Grove United Methodist Church of Landrum! Our ministry here dates from the 1830s, when the family of Captain Thomas Jackson, a Revolutionary War veteran, established the congregation and built a meetinghouse on the site where our current sanctuary now stands. Our sanctuary and grounds evoke a long history of worship and service. Virtually everything in the sanctuary was built by hand, by local artisans who carefully selected materials that have stood the test of time. Those who worship at Jacksons Grove are privileged to have such a unique place of worship and are committed to keeping this historic church building as authentic as possible. The fieldstone markers in the adjacent cemetery suggest that it was in use long before the earliest documented burial in 1859. It is our hope that this meetinghouse will remain a simple place of quiet dignity and beauty where people may worship God in spirit and truth for generations to come. Please pick up a brochure and visit our website for a more complete history of our delightful church building. We are delighted that your path has led you here and would like nothing more than for you to share in the journey as part of our community.

### *Our Sympathy*

Please remember the family of Fred Ellis who passed away April 19, 2018.

We extend our love and sympathy to Pastor Mike and his family upon the passing of his father, Bill Bowers, April 22, 2018.

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**How to Join:** If you are interested in joining Jacksons Grove Church, please contact the pastor. Persons are received into the membership by profession of faith and baptism or by transfer of membership from another church.

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“Sometimes hymn singing invites us to connect with the saints who have gone before. Such is the case with the famous Irish hymn, **“Be Thou My Vision.”** The original poem, found in two Irish manuscripts in the library of the Royal Irish Academy, may be dated as early as the 8th century.”

~Michael Hawn

Excerpt taken from *History of Hymns*: “Be Thou My Vision” by Michael Hawn, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/resources/history-of-hymns-be-thou-my-vision>

To read the complete article, visit our webpage!  
[www.jacksonsgroveumc.org](http://www.jacksonsgroveumc.org)

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### *Dates to Remember in May*

- 3<sup>rd</sup> National Day of Prayer
- 10<sup>th</sup> Ascension of the Lord
- 13<sup>th</sup> Mother's Day  
*Offering for Epworth Children's Home*
- 20<sup>th</sup> Pentecost
- 27<sup>th</sup> Trinity Sunday

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United Methodist Church  
of Landrum, SC



*Circa 1830*

*The Community Church . . . In the Wildwood*

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