**Weekly Updates**

**THANK YOU** to all of you who’ve joined us for worship this Sunday, here and at home. For the foreseeable future, we’ll be worshipping this way each week - some of us in person and some at home. Nevertheless, we are always one united body of Christ. A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. If you would, please let us know you were here with us by emailing our church office at hello@firstonthird.org.

**STREAMING AND WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES**

We are now open to a limited number of people for in-person services for both the 9AM blended service in Gilmour Hall, and the 11AM Sanctuary service. Reservation links for both will be emailed Wednesday and will close at noon Friday, or when we have reached our current maximum capacity, whichever is sooner. We encourage you to reach out to others in your safe group to sign you up together. The 11AM service will also be streamed on the church website and on Facebook.

**COMING UP - SUMMER READING GROUP**

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**COMMUNITY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES – HELP NOW**

Our service to others is an essential part of providing hope and support for our community members who may be struggling. Your time, donations, and special skills and talents are gifts to your neighbors, and make a positive impact on our community. For the most current opportunities and information, check the HELP NOW page of the church website. Please email questions or comments to Nikki McLaurin, nikki@firstonthird.org. Thank you!

**HELP NOW - SHARE CAPE FEAR**

Please visit Share Cape Fear at https://sharecapefear.org to learn of other meaningful volunteer and donation opportunities in our Cape Fear region to make it stronger!

**ALL ABOARD the ‘Rocky Railway’!** Vacation Bible School 2021 is June 21-24 for kids from age 3 through fifth graders. A signup link can be found in the Saturday email and on the member page of the church website. Email Anna Martin, anna@firstonthird.org with any questions you may have!

**THE FLOWER** committee is asking for donations for the chancel. The donated flowers are then distributed to our homebound members. Please contact Emily Warren to reserve your Sunday. 910-246-0369.

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**Blended Service** Gilmour Hall 9:00 AM

**GATHERING MUSIC**

**WELCOME**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

**WORSHIP MUSIC** - “Hosanna” , Balche

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

**THE PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The Peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

**TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH**

**PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION**

**FIRST LESSON**  Psalm 90

**SECOND LESSON**  Galatians 1: 13 - 17 - 2: 15 - 21

**SERMON** “New Life in Christ” Richard Aylor

**HYMN 240** - “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**OFFERING** - “Great Are You Lord (All Sons and Daughters)”

**CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**SENDING MUSIC**

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**Leading in Worship**

| Dan Lewis, Pastor | Richard Aylor, Associate Pastor |

**Participating in Worship Music:**

| John Tabler, Music Director, Organ, Piano | Jake Stephenson, Percussion |
| Phil Bevilaqua, Band Director, Piano | Zeb Mims, Audio Technician |
| Jordan Hathaway, Vocals | Clay Zava, Acoustic Guitar, Vocals |
| Doug Lees, Bass Guitar, Vocals | |

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**WE GATHER TO WORSHIP**

The music of the Opening Voluntary draws us from the outside world into the presence of God. In preparation for worship, you are invited to use this time for prayerful reflection.

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

“Sonata in F Major” Beverly Andrews, violin George F. Handel John Tabler, organ

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**MOMENT FOR MISSION**

**COMMUNITY SERVICE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP** from Psalm 32

Happy are those whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Happy are those to whom the Lord imputes no iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Many are the torments of the wicked, but steadfast love surrounds those who trust in the Lord. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, and shout for joy, all you upright in heart.

**HYMN 307**

“God of Grace and God of Glory” Lord

God of grace and God of glory, on thy people pour thy power; God of grace and God of glory, bring its bud to glorious flower. Many are the torments of the wicked, crown thine ancient church’s story; and in whose spirit there is no deceit. Be glad in the Lord and rejoice, O righteous, for the facing of this hour.

Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! from Psalm 32 and rejoice, O righteous, for the facing of this hour.

for the living of these days, Lo! the hosts of evil round us scorn thy Christ, assail his ways! for the facing of this hour.

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PASSING OF THE PEACE
The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!
And also with you!

TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH
WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON
Psalm 90
The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON
Galatians 1: 13 - 17; 2: 15 - 21
The Word of the Lord.
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SERMON
“New Life in Christ”
Richard Aylor

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

HYMN 223
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
Hamburg

CURE THY CHILDREN’S WARRING MADNESS;
bend our pride to thy control; 
shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rice in things and poor in soul. 
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,  
lest we miss thy kingdom's goal.

Save us from weak resignation 
to the evils we deplore. 
Let the gift of thy salvation 
be our glory evermore. 
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, 
serving thee whom we adore, 
serving thee whom we adore.

CALL TO CONFESSION
Brothers and sisters, why do we confess our sin even on the day of resurrection? 
Because new life in the Risen Christ compels new life from us. 
But why do we do it together? 
Because we are a community, 
a covenant people of hope. 
Let us pray together...

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave, you shattered the power of sin and death. We confess that too often we remain captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. We overlook your suffering ones and abuse your good creation. We hide your good news and forget your claim on our lives. Forgive us, God of Mercy, and help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new, through Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord... (our silent prayers of confession) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON
Brothers and sisters, if for this life only we have hoped in Christ, 
We are of all people most to be pitied. 
But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, 
The first fruits of those who have died. 
For as all die in Adam, 
So all will be made alive in Christ. 
Let us all believe this good news; 
In Jesus Christ, there is life eternal!

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH
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.

OFFERING
OFFERTORY SOLO
“Love at Home”
Robert P. Manookin
There is beauty all around When there's love at home; There is joy in ev'ry sound When there's love at home. Peace and plenty here abide, Smiling sweet on ev'ry side. Time doth softly, sweetly glide When there's love at home. In the cottage there is joy When there's love at home; Hate and envy ne'er annoy When there's love at home. Roses bloom beneath our feet, All the earth's a garden sweet, Making life a bliss complete When there's love at home. Love at home; Kindly heaven smiles above When there's love at home; All the world is filled with love When there's love at home. Sweeter sings the brooklet by; Brighter beams the azure sky; Oh, there's one who smiles on high When there's love at home.

Jordon Hathaway, tenor

WE GO IN GOD’S NAME

CHARGE & BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY
“Allegro”
Gioseffo H. Fiocco