

# *The Worship of God*

## *A Community Prayer Service*

*in support of Emanuel AME Church, Charleston, South Carolina  
and with concern for our community*

June 23, 2015

7:00 P.M.

PRELUDE: A Hymn for the Nation

arr. Gilbert Martin

WELCOME

Rev. Jody Wright

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Richard Joyner

Minister: Come, sisters and brothers, gather together.

**People: From all the bruises of a busy week, gather.**

Minister: Plunge your sorrow and worry into the fountain of life.

**People: Here, find comfort and hope.**

Minister: Place your dreams and concerns on the table of blessing.

**People: Here, find courage and renewal.**

Minister: Give your questions and doubts to the heart of God.

**People: Here, find a peace that lightens the load and restores the faith.**

Minister: Come all of you in this place;

**People: Become a family of faith, a people of prayer, a community of song.**

\* HYMN 67: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

ST. ANNE

*Please stand as the organist begins the hymn.*

INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. John Dutton

INTROIT: "Come to the Water"

John Foley, S.J./arr. Lynda Hasseler

O let all who thirst, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without price. Why should you pay the price, except for the Lord? And let all who seek, let them come to the water. And let all who have nothing, let them come to the Lord: without money, without strife. Why should you spend your life, except for the Lord? And let all who toil, let them come to the water. And let all who are weary, let them come to the Lord: without labor, without rest. How can your soul find rest, except for the Lord? And let all the poor, let them come to the water. Bring the ones who are laden, bring them all to the Lord: bring the children without might. Easy the load and light, come to the Lord.

### AN OPEN DOOR OF HOSPITALITY

SCRIPTURE: Matthew 7:7-11; Matthew 11:28-30

Rev. Haywood Parker

MEDITATION

Rev. Jody Wright

PRAYER

SOLO: "Give Me Jesus"

arr. Jeremy Camp

When I am alone, O, when I am alone, give me Jesus. You may have all the rest, give me Jesus.

O, when I come to die, give me Jesus. And when I want to sing, give me Jesus.

Audrey M. Mikell, soloist

### AN OPEN DOOR OF COMPASSION

SCRIPTURE: Psalm 116:12-17

Rev. Elizabeth Edwards

IN MEMORIAM

Rev. Johnny Phillips

We light candles in thanksgiving for the lives of:

Rev. Sharonda Coleman-Singleton

Cynthia Hurd

Susie Jackson

Ethel Lance

Rev. Depayne Middleton-Doctor

Rev. Clementa Pinckney

Tywanza Sanders

Rev. Daniel Simmons Sr.

Myra Thompson

The Congregation of Emanuel AME Church

ANTHEM: "Pié Jesu"

Mary Lynn Lightfoot

*Pié Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem.*

*Merciful Jesus Lord, grant to them rest.*

*Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,*

*Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world,*

*dona eis requiem sempiternam.*

*Grant them rest everlasting.*

### AN OPEN DOOR OF COURAGE AND CONVERSATION

SCRIPTURE: Joshua 1:1-9; Ephesians 4:25-32

Rev. Richard Gurganus

PRAYER

Rev. James Gailliard

\* HYMN 546:

"Amazing Grace"

NEW BRITAIN

### AN OPEN DOOR TO COMMUNITY

SCRIPTURE: Romans 12:9-18

Rev. Tyler Williams

MEDITATION

Rev. Glenn Orr

PRAYER

Rev. Alice Johnson-Curl

### AN OPEN DOOR OF LOVE AND HOPE

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Rev. George Greer

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God gifts us with generous hearts, forgiving spirits, trustworthy friends, supportive families, and healed relationships.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God raises up our discarded dreams, forgives our poor choices, brightens the dark corners of our lives, and offers us the promise of a better tomorrow.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God blesses our sorrow, promises an end to our grief, lifts our spirits, and restores our laughter.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God teaches us that harmony trumps conflict, compassion overturns apathy, and self-worth is rooted in God's redemptive love for us.**

**We are people of ceaseless hope because God lives among us, shares our lives, claims us as his own, surrounds us with his love, and offers us his salvation. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* HYMN 630:

"We Shall Overcome"

MARTIN

\* BENEDICTION

Rev. Jim Bell

\* POSTLUDE: Variations on *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God*

Martin Luther

\* *Please stand as you are able.*

A SERVICE OF PRAYER  
for  
EMANUEL AME CHURCH  
Charleston, South Carolina  
and  
OUR COMMUNITY

**THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP**

Rev. Jim Bell, First United Methodist Church  
Rev. John Dutton, Englewood United Methodist Church  
Rev. Elizabeth Edwards, Lakeside Baptist Church  
Rev. James Gailliard, Word Tabernacle Church  
Rev. George Greer, St. Andrews Episcopal Church  
Rev. Richard Gurganus, Church on the Rise  
Rev. Alice Johnson-Curl, Trinity Lutheran Church  
Rev. Richard Joyner, Conetoe Missionary Baptist Church  
Rev. Glenn Orr, St. Mark's AME Church  
Rev. Haywood Parker, Truth Tabernacle Church  
Rev. Johnny Phillips, First Christian Church  
Rev. Tyler Williams, First United Methodist Church  
Rev. Jody Wright, Lakeside Baptist Church

Audrey Mikell, Soloist, Word Tabernacle Church  
Amy Shortt, Minister of Music, Lakeside Baptist Church  
Chris Watkins, Organist, West Haven Presbyterian Church

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