

## 8:30 am Worship with Praise Music

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

<b>Chiming of the Trinity</b>		Andrea Turner
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
<b>* Opening Praise Songs</b>	God So Loved A Thousand Hallelujahs	Praise Team
<b>* Opening Prayer</b>		Don Warsing
<b>* Passing of the Peace</b>	The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>	
<b>First Scripture Reading</b>	Romans 5:1-8	Darleen Tibbs
<b>Children's Moment</b>	Julie Scroggs <i>Nursery (ages 5 &amp; under) is available (116). A calming room (109), sensory room (115), and nursing room (114) are available. The Sanctuary offers rocking chairs and a PrayGround. Activity bags are available in the Narthex. Children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	
<b>Second Scripture Reading</b>	Genesis 18:1-15; 21:1-7	
This is the Word of God for us, the people of God. <b>Thanks be to God.</b>		
<b>Sermon</b>	"Keep Some Room"	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
<b>Prayer</b>		
<b>* Response Praise Song</b>	Living Hope	Praise Team
<b>Prayers of the People</b>		Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
<b>The Lord's Prayer</b>		
<b>Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings</b>	<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad and pass it down the row and back again.</i>	
	<b>Offertory</b>	
	<b>* Offering Praise Song</b>	
	<b>* Prayer</b>	
<b>* Closing Praise Song</b>	Cornerstone	Praise Team
<b>* Dismissal with Blessing</b>		

## 11:00 am Traditional Worship

Assisted Listening Devices are available at the A/V booth.

### Gathering

<b>Chiming of the Trinity</b>		Andrea Turner
<b>Welcome</b>		Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
<b>* Prelude</b>		Paula Scicluna
<b>* Call to Worship</b>	Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth! <b>We worship with gladness and enter God's presence with singing.</b> Know that the Lord is God — it is God who made us, and we are God's own. <b>We give thanks and bless the name of the Lord.</b> Even when we have forgotten how to hope, even when our imaginations have grown small, God's faithful love endures forever. <b>Thanks be to God!</b>	
<b>* Opening Hymn</b>	My Hope is Built (vs 1-3)	UMH, 368
<b>* Opening Prayer</b>		Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye
<b>God of Abraham and Sarah, God of promises greater than we can imagine: We bring you the full weight of who we are this morning. Some of us are open and expectant. Some of us have learned to be careful with hope. All of us are yours. Meet us here, and through your Holy Spirit, help us to keep some room in our hearts, even a little, for what you might do next. Amen.</b>		
<b>* Confession and Words of Assurance</b>	In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. <b>Glory to God. Amen.</b>	
<b>* Passing of the Peace</b>	The peace of Christ be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> <i>As a forgiven and reconciled people, we exchange peace with others in the congregation.</i>	

### Proclamation

<b>Prayer for Illumination</b>		David Hodges
The Lord be with you. <b>And also with you.</b> Let us pray:		
<b>First Scripture Reading</b>		Romans 5:1-8

<b>Children's Moment</b>	Rev. Carol Van Buskirk <i>Nursery (ages 5 &amp; under) is available (116). A calming room (109), sensory room (115), and nursing room (114) are available. The Sanctuary offers rocking chairs and a PrayGround. Activity bags are available in the Narthex. Children must be accompanied by an adult.</i>	
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<b>Proclamation Song</b>	Peace Like a River	Chancel Choir
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<b>Sermon</b>	"Keep Some Room"	Rev. Laura Fine Ledford
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### Response and Thanksgiving

<b>* Responsive Hymn</b>	It is Well with My Soul (vs 1-3)	UMH, 377
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<b>* Affirmation of Faith</b>		UMH, 881
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<b>* Gloria Patri</b>		UMH, 71
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### Prayers of the People

### The Lord's Prayer

<b>Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings</b>	<i>Please sign the Fellowship Pad, pass it down the row, and back again.</i>	
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### Offertory

<b>* Doxology</b>		UMH, 94
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### \* Prayer

### Sending Forth

<b>* Closing Hymn</b>	Standing on the Promises	UMH, 374
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### \* Blessing and Sending Forth of Jessica Slessman

### \* Dismissal with Blessing

<b>* Postlude</b>	* Please stand as you are able.	
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The flowers on the altar are given by Greg & Katie Cable in celebration of our 18th wedding anniversary.



Jimmy Cobb & Family at the death of his stepmother, Sharon Foster, Linda Roberts, Joe Jones

### Visiting for the first time? We're glad you're here!

Please text "Welcome" to 919-689-4300, scan the QR code, or write your name and phone number in the attendance pad. We'd love to greet you by text and email. Stop by the Welcome Center to receive a gift and learn more about us!



### Upcoming News & Events

Sign up for events and learn more by visiting our website.

#### "Koinonia" & "All the Good"

This summer, all adults are invited to join our pastors in Room 200 through August 23 (no class on July 5) for a special Sunday School series focused on deepening our faith, strengthening our relationships, and living out Christ's call in the world.



#### Celebrating Danny Peck!

What a gift it has been to serve and learn with Danny Peck in his 9 years at Soapstone UMC. On Sunday, June 21st, between the 8:30 & 11 am services, we will celebrate Danny with a reception. Join us for light refreshments and the opportunity to share our gratitude for all that Danny has offered to this community. If you would like to bring cards or gifts, there will be a table set up in the Narthex.



A Reception for Danny!

#### Water, Games, Friends, & More!

Uniquely Fun Outings at Soapstone UMC are designed to have fun in many ways for youth and adults who are uniquely abled. Water games, June 20, 1-3 pm, backfield & Narthex. Sign up to participate or to volunteer!



#### Charge Conference

We will hold a charge conference on Tuesday, June 23 at 7 pm on Zoom to approve our Lay Leadership for 2026/2027. All are welcome to attend; only Church Council (CC) may vote.

Register for **VBS**  
July 20-23



Morning Session – 9:30 am - Noon  
Age 3 – Kindergarten  
Evening Session 6 -8 pm  
Kindergarten - 5th grade

Help Us Bring VBS to life!  
Help us create decorations and prep materials for VBS!

Tuesday, June 23 – 10 am &  
Wednesday, July 8 – 10 am & 6 pm

#### Looking Ahead at Future Dates

6/28: Safer Sanctuaries Training, 9:45 am  
7/8: Women's Dinner Out at Milton's, 6 pm, 8853 Six Forks Rd  
7/14: TLC at Outback, 11:30 am, 7500 Creedmoor Rd

### Opportunities for Worship and Ministry

Zoom & Microsoft Teams links can be found at [soapstoneumc.org/calendar](https://soapstoneumc.org/calendar)

#### Sunday, June 14

8:30 & 11:00 am Worship Services  
9:45 am Sunday School for all ages  
5:00 pm Youth Group Gathering, 200  
7:00 pm Finance Meeting, 108/110, online

#### Monday, June 15

6:30 pm Boy Scouts, at the Chapel

#### Tuesday, June 16

9:00 am Intercessory Prayer Group, 114  
1:15 pm Pilates, 200  
7:00 pm Church Council, 108/110

#### Wednesday, June 17

6:00 pm Eagle Boards, 111, 114  
6:30 pm Cub Scout Leader Meeting, 108/110  
7:00 pm Choir Practice, 119

#### Thursday, June 18

Annual Conference, Greenville  
9:45 am Pilates, 200  
6:00 pm Coast Guard Auxiliary, 108/110  
7:30 pm Praise Team, Sanctuary

#### Friday, June 19, No Church Events

Annual Conference, Greenville

#### Saturday, June 20

Annual Conference, Greenville  
1:00 pm UFO, outside+

#### One Worship Service, Sunday, July 5

We will have one 10 am Worship Service on July 5.  
We will not have Sunday School.

#### Pastors and Directors serving today:

Lead Pastor: Rev. Laura Fine Ledford, [lfineledford@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:lfineledford@soapstoneumc.org)  
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dr. Damion Quaye, [dquaye@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:dquaye@soapstoneumc.org)  
Director of Music Ministries: Andrea Turner, [aturner@soapstoneumc.org](mailto:aturner@soapstoneumc.org)

**Office hours:** Monday – Thursday, 9 am – 3:30 pm, 919-846-2212

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**June 14, 2026**

**3rd Sunday after Pentecost**

We're so glad you've joined us today.

Whether you come from a place of peace and wholeness or from the fringe with a heart of despair and confusion, know that you are loved and accepted by God and his son Jesus Christ.