A close-up, artistic photograph of the American flag. The stars are prominent in the upper left, and the stripes are visible on the right. A bald eagle is perched on the stripes, facing left. The lighting is dramatic, with strong highlights and deep shadows.

For you have been called to live in freedom,
my brothers and sisters. But don't use your
freedom to satisfy your sinful nature.
Instead, use your freedom to serve one
another in love.
Galatians 5:13

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14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

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A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

(As we prepare to worship, please silence all mobile devices.)

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mindy Douglas

PRELUDE

In Memory – H.H.L.

Dan Locklair

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mindy Douglas

Leader: O God, who called all life into being,
People: **the earth, sea, and sky are yours.**
Leader: Your presence is all around us,
People: **every atom is full of your energy.**
Leader: Your Spirit enlivens all who walk the earth,
People: **with her we yearn for justice to be done,**
Leader: for creation to be freed from bondage,
People: **for the hungry to be fed,**
Leader: for captives to be released,
All: **for your kingdom of peace to come on earth.**

*HYMN NO. 331

God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

National Hymn

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**We could offer peace to all we meet, God who creates land out of waters,
but we hand them rejection instead.**

**We could invite folks into your community of hope
but would rather shut and latch the doors.**

**We could give them the large print edition of grace
but point them to the fine print of the conditions we would impose.**

Forgive us, God who creates mercy out of our mendacity.

May we stop trying to fool ourselves with our arrogance and live with humility.

May we not point to our efforts but tell others of your grace and hope.

**May we go forth to remind others of how near your love is to them,
as near as the One who comes speaking peace,**

Jesus the bearer of the good news for all.

Silent Confession

*Please rise in body or in spirit.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Come and hear what God does! Our God sings peace to us.
Come and see what God does! Our God forgives us.
Come and do what God does! Our God sends us forth to serve others.

People: **We will not grow weary in doing what is right, in working for justice.
We will not grow weary in doing what is good, in caring for others.
We will not grow weary in doing what God does, in sharing mercy with all.**

All: **Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.**

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Jane Wettach

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Lord God Almighty, who has made all the peoples of the earth for your glory,
to serve you in freedom and in peace:
Give to the people of our country a zeal for justice
and the strength of forbearance,
that we may use our liberty in accordance with your gracious will;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 10:1-11, 16-20

(Pew Bible, NT page 71)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Jane Wettach

People: **Thanks be to God!**

EPISTLE LESSON

Galatians 5:1, 13-25

(Pew Bible, NT page 190)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

Mindy Douglas

People: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"Freedom"

Mindy Douglas

*HYMN NO. 753

Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A Brief Statement of Faith

John Weicher

**In a broken and fearful world,
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Lenore Champion

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to the Offering

John Weicher

Interlude

Lift Every Voice and Sing
Soloist: Jada Poteat
The words can be found in the hymnal, # 339.)

J. Rosamond Johnson
James Weldon Johnson
arr. James Dargan

John Weicher

Prayer of Dedication

**Glory be to God our Creator,
who raised our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead.
Glory to him who will raise us up
and bring us into the fullness of the holy kingdom.
We give our lives to you,
that you may take us and transform us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS

Mindy Douglas

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.**

*HYMN NO. 340

This Is My Song

Finlandia

*BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

Leader: Now, let us go in God's love,
People: **to comfort others with God's life and wonder.**
Leader: Now, let us go in the grace of Jesus,
People: **to carry all who have been tripped up by life,
to share the burdens of those around us.**
Leader: Now, let us go as the community of the Spirit,
People: **to plant the seeds of peace,
to water them with the water of life. Amen.**

*POSTLUDE

Intermezzo

H. Schroeder



Welcome! Let us know you have joined us for worship by scanning this QR code.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship here. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, sexual orientation, economic circumstance, and ability to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Ritual of Friendship pad*, pass it along the center pew across to the shorter side pew, and then return it to the starting point, noting the names of those sitting near you.

The *flowers* are given to the glory of God by *Mary Ann Ruegg* in memory of her husband, *Don Ruegg*.

~ Our Concerns ~

CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to the following:

- *Cherrie, Andy, and Sam Henry* on the death of Cherrie's father, **Bob Barton** on June 28;
- *Margaret and Miguel Rubiera* on the death of Margaret's sister-in-law, **Bea Martin**, on June 1.

Franzi Rokoske, at Wake Medical Center, Raleigh, following a serious fall.

Follow her journey via Caring Bridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/franzirokoske2>.

Mitzi Leshner-Thomas is currently on medical leave from duties as Associate Pastor.

Follow her journey via Caring Bridge: <https://www.caringbridge.org/visit/mitzilesner-thomas/journal>.

Wes Carson

Paul Cornsweet

Kerry Holbrook

Jancy Johnstone

George Kafula

Katy Loeblich

Phyllis Verhey

Carol Wills

Care Communities

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: *Arthur Clark*

Durham Ridge Assisted Living: *Phillip Herndon*

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: *Julian Boswell, Walter Chambliss* (Will's dad),

Maxie Honeycutt, Jim Wolfe

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Gladys Arrowood, mother of Al Arrowood

Bob, friend of Fred and Jo Ann Moore

Tom Cotton, friend of Michael Honeycutt

Susan Cyr, friend of FPC

Grace, Chris James' great-niece

The Knight family, friends of Vernon Cooper

Rosalind Mbugua, sister of Mercy Ndambiri-Curlett

Richard Smith, husband of Laura Casteel's co-worker

John Wakefield, cousin of Vernon Neece

Alice Weicher, mother of John Weicher

Chris Wood, stepfather of Sharon Hirsch

Annik Barrett and family, friends of Walk-in

Nicky Clegg, granddaughter of Jeanne Hervey

Mimi Cummings, mother of Drew Cummings

Bill Estes, cousin of Judy Arrowood

Doc & Theresa Huntley, parents of Lesley Curtis

Vivian Mast, friend of Josh Walters

Aaron Pritchard, friend of Kathy Parkins

Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

Deb Walsh, friend of Celia Dickerson

Janice Faye West, mother of Randy Lang Howard

Children's Book Reviews

Families with young children are invited to participate in a book review activity this summer. Lenore Champion will give you a copy of a picture book for you and your family to read and review. Video a short review of the book and send it to Lenore. What's in it for you? You get to keep the book! What's in it for us? We get to know about a new book!

Sign up to participate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0d4ba8a82ca6f5ce9-book>.

Children's Classroom Leaders Needed this Summer

Please sign up for one Sunday to read a book and help with a prepared activity with children ages rising 1st grade to rising 6th grade during the Faith Formation hour:

- 9:45-10:30 a.m., Faith Formation
- 10:30-10:45 a.m., outside play time on the playground

Signup: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0949a8ad2daafc1-summer2>

Music Notes:

Thank you to Gordon Campbell (organist) for providing music leadership for worship.

We are particularly fortunate to have ***Jada Poteat*** with us as our soloist this morning. Jada is a native of Greensboro, NC. She recently received her Bachelor of Music in Music Education from UNC-Chapel Hill. This fall, she will pursue a Master of Music in Choral Conducting at UNC-Greensboro in hopes of eventually becoming a collegiate choral director.

Dan Locklair wrote the quiet meditation “In Memory – H.H.L.” as a tribute to his mother after her death. On this Fourth of July weekend, when our national tradition is to wallow in self-praise of our being a nation of liberty and justice for all, it seems fitting to take this time to reflect upon the irony of how, in our nearly 250 years, we have never even come close to being so.

“***Lift Every Voice and Sing***” is often thought of as the anthem of African America, a hymn of hope for a nation born of God’s justice and love, a nation born of non-violence and commitment to God’s truth rather than through the carnage of bombs bursting in air. James Dargan’s arrangement gives a nuanced, ironic, dissonant, and challenging interpretation of this classic text.

James Dargan is a friend of First Presbyterian Church, having played violin here and sung many times while he was in high school and college. He studied at the NC School of the Arts and continued his studies at Boston University where he sang in the famed choir at the “Church of the Advent.” After further studies in the U.K., he now lives in New York City.

Hearing Assistance Receivers are available from the ushers. Before you leave the sanctuary, please turn off the receiver and place it in the specially marked receptacle by the door or return it to an usher.

Childcare: A staffed nursery and children’s playroom are available on the second floor of the education building during worship. ***Activity bags*** are available in the foyer for children.

Restrooms are to the left and right as you exit the rear of the sanctuary, on the second floor of the education building, and on the first and second floors of the church house. There is an infant changing table in the restroom area located to the left as you exit the rear of the sanctuary.

Sources of today’s liturgy:

Call to Worship: *Iona Abbey worship book;*

Collect: *Book of Common Prayer of the Episcopal Church;*

Prayer of Dedication: *Prayers for the Church: Year C* by David Ada;

Benediction: *Confession, Assurance and Sending*, © 2019 Thom M. Shuman.

These Days devotional books for July-September 2022 have arrived. Copies are free and available from the table in the foyer.

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This Is My Song

1 This is my song, O God of all the na - tions,
 2 My coun - try's skies are blu - er than the o - cean,
 3 This is my prayer, O Lord of all earth's king - doms:

a song of peace for lands a - far and mine.
 and sun - light beams on clo - ver - leaf and pine.
 thy king - dom come; on earth thy will be done.

This is my home, the coun - try where my heart is;
 But oth - er lands have sun - light too, and clo - ver,
 Let Christ be lift - ed up till all shall serve him,

here are my hopes, my dreams, my ho - ly shrine;
 and skies are ev - ery - where as blue as mine.
 and hearts u - nit - ed learn to live as one.

but oth - er hearts in oth - er lands are beat - ing
So hear my song, O God of all the na - tions,
So hear my prayer, O God of all the na - tions:

with hopes and dreams as true and high as mine.
a song of peace for their land and for mine.
my - self I give thee; let thy will be done.

753 Make Me a Channel of Your Peace

Prayer of St. Francis

D Bm A7 D Em A7

1 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 2 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. Where
 4 Make me a chan-nel of your peace. It

D Bm G Em A7

there is ha-tred, let me bring your love. Where
 there's de-spair in life, let me bring hope. Where
 is in par-don-ing that we are par-doned, in

Em A7 Em7 A7

there is in-ju-ry, your par-don, Lord, and
 there is dark-ness, on-ly light, and
 giv-ing of our-selves that we re-ceive, and in

Em A7 D 1 2, 4 (Fine)

where there's doubt, true faith in you.
 where there's sad-ness, ev-er joy.
 dy-ing that we're born to e-ter-nal life.

G Em D Bm

3 O, Mas-ter, grant that I may nev-er seek so

Em A7 D A7 D D7

much to be con-soled as to con-sole, to be

G Em F#m Bm

un - der - stood as to un - der - stand, to be

E E7 A E A A7

loved as to love with all my soul.

to Stanza 4

331 God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand

(optional)

1 God of the a - ges, whose al-might - y
 2 Thy love di - vine hath led us in the
 3 From war's a - larms, from dead - ly pes - ti -
 4 Re - fresh thy peo - ple on their toil - some

hand leads forth in beau - ty all the star - ry band
 past. In this free land by thee our lot is cast.
 lence, be thy strong arm our ev - er sure de - fense.
 way. Lead us from night to nev - er - end - ing day.

of shin - ing worlds in splen - dor through the skies,
 Be thou our rul - er, guard - ian, guide, and stay:
 Thy true re - li - gion in our hearts in - crease.
 Fill all our lives with love and grace di - vine,

our grate - ful songs be - fore thy throne a - rise.
 thy word our law, thy paths our cho - sen way.
 Thy boun - teous good - ness nour - ish us in peace.
 and glo - ry, laud, and praise be ev - er thine.

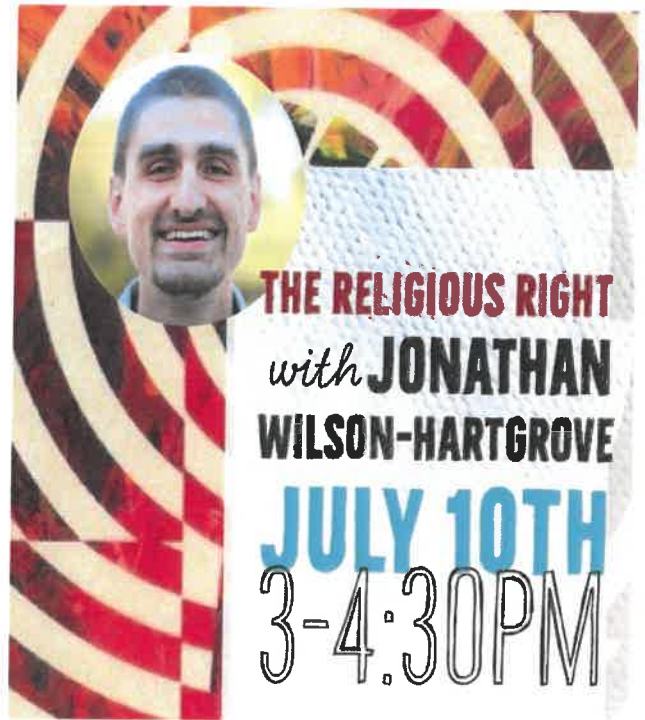
The Mt. Level Community Partnership for Racial Justice

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Jonathan Wilson-Hargrove will be sharing from his latest book, *Revolution of Values*, which details how the religious ‘right’ taught America to misread the Bible and reject our deepest Christian values. This is a hybrid event, and you may choose to attend in person at **Epworth United Methodist Church** (3002 Hope Valley Rd, Durham) or virtually. In person attendance is limited to the first 150 registrants, requiring social distancing and masks.

Here is the link to the page to register:

<https://durhamcares.org/event/religiousrightcampaign/>



All-Church Summer Fellowship Event Midsummer Serendipity

This is an FPC summer evening of fellowship, recreation (re-creation) and dinner for all ages. More details to come, so mark your calendars for **July 17, 4:00-8:00 p.m.** at the shelter at Forest Hills Park. All are invited!

Fellowship Hike/Saunter through Duke Forest /New Hope Creek with Cris Rivera and Beth Stringfield Saturday, July 9

Meet at 8:30 a.m. at Hollow Rock Nature Park at 692 Erwin Road.

It will likely be hot so please bring water, and prep with sunscreen and bug spray.

Depending on the weather and group, we will likely do a 3 mile out and back with short rock scramble and optional rock hop.

Sign up to participate: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EABAC28A75-fellowship>

Contact Cris (mcrisrivera@gmail.com) with any questions.

The Week at a Glance!

Today	Monday, July 4	Tuesday, July 5	Wednesday July 6
<p>Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship will not meet this evening.</p>	 <p>The Church office is closed in observance of this national holiday.</p>	<p>1:00 PM Worship Planning</p> <p>2:00 PM All Staff Meeting</p>	<p>No Chancel Choir</p> <p>6:30-8:00 PM Youth Rediscovering Duke Gardens event with games, strolling, and treats</p>
Thursday, July 7	Friday, July 8	Saturday, July 9	Sunday, July 10
		<p>8:30 AM Fellowship Hike/Saunter through Duke Forest /New Hope Creek</p>	<p>9:45 AM Faith Formation</p> <p>11:00 AM Worship & Communion Heidi Biermann, preaching</p> <p>3:00-4:30 PM Racial Justice Event with Jonathan Wilson Hargrove at Epworth UMC (and Zoom)</p> <p>8:00 PM Meaning in the Middle MnMs Fellowship (via Zoom)</p>

Commemorate Independence Day with a community reading of Frederick Douglass' address, "What to the Slave is the Fourth of July."

Gather at 10:00 a.m. at the Historic Stagville Site (Horton Grove area).

Bring a chair or blanket to sit on the grounds. This free event will last about one hour, with the option to tour the original slave dwellings at Horton Grove available afterwards.

You must register for this event:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/frederick-douglass-community-reading-tickets-246008366647>

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