FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

Eleventh Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2024

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

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

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, JOYS, AND CONCERNS

Esther Hethcox

PRELUDE

Ornamented Chorale

Larry Visser

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Esther Hethcox

Leader: **People:**

The bread of heaven, the food of life, awaits us here. We are hungry and long for God's abundance.

Leader:

The promise of deep forgiveness surrounds us here.

People:

We are lost and yearning to be found.

Leader:

God waits to pour out the gifts of the Spirit, that we might live the life of faith.

All:

Come, let us worship God.

*HYMN No. 263

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Coronation

*CONFESSION OF SIN

John Weicher

Call to Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Leader:

Eternal God, you desire truth in our very beings.

We treat others unjustly, but do not admit our sin against you.

All:

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader:

We are outraged when someone else is unjust, but do not admit our own guilt.

All:

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader:

We demand punishment for others, but do not admit our own fear of punishment.

All:

Put a new and right spirit within us.

Leader:

O God, teach us again that you desire honesty of heart. Forgive us; put a new and right spirit within us,

All:

and open our lips to declare your praise.

Silent Confession

Declaration of Pardon

*THE PEACE

John Weicher

Bunessan

*REGATHERING HYMN (No. 702, verse 3)

Christ be in all hearts thinking about me;

Christ be on all tongues telling of me.

Christ be the vision in eyes that see me;

in ears that hear me Christ ever be.

Those who are able, please stand.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Carl Rist

Leader:

The Lord be with you.

People:

And also with you.

Leader:

Let us pray.

People:

Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit,

that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.

PSALTER LESSON

Psalm 51:1-12

(Pew Bible, OT Page 520)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

Carl Rist

People:

Thanks be to God!

EPISTLE LESSON

Ephesians 4:1-16

(Pew Bible, NT Page 193)

Leader:

The Word of the Lord.

Susan Dunlap

People:

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Susan Dunlap

(silent reflection)

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

From The Confession of 1967

Esther Hethcox

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

The new life takes shape in a community in which people know that God loves and accepts them in spite of what they are. They therefore accept themselves and love others, knowing that no one has any ground on which to stand, except God's grace.

*HYMN No. 618

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High

Deo Gracias

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

John Weicher

DEDICATION OF OFFERINGS

Invitation to Give

John Weicher

Offertory Music

In Organo Pleno

Larry Visser

*Doxology with Alleluias

Lasst uns erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia; Alleluia;

Praise God above, ye heavenly host;

Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia!

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

John Weicher

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Esther Hethcox

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: It is our delight and our privilege to lift our hearts to you, our Lord and God,

because in this Eucharistic feast you give us the pattern of our salvation.

In the inadequacy of loaves and fishes

we see our paltry offerings from the gift of your creation;

but just as in incarnation, cross, and resurrection

you took, and blessed, and broke, and shared our human nature in Jesus,

so he took, blessed and broke, and shared the loaves and fish

to be an overflowing banquet of glory for your hungry people.

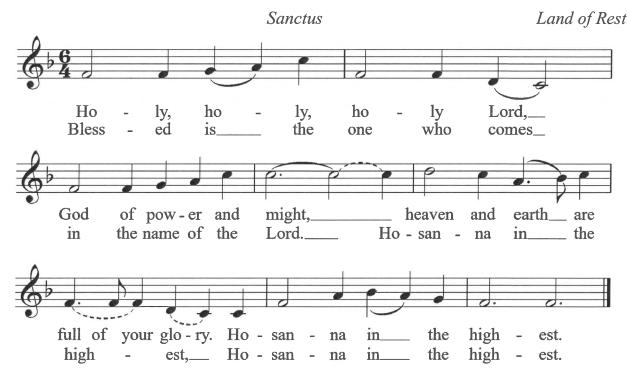
Through the abundance of twelve baskets left over

you restore Israel's twelve tribes to service in your kingdom,

and you invite us to share your feast, with angels and archangels,

and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise.

All (sung):



Leader:

Out of nothing, God of mercy, you made your creation;

and out of slavery and wilderness you called your chosen people.

Out of flesh and blood and dust and ashes you summon us to be your church. Send your Holy Spirit upon us now, that we may become holy, even as you are holy.

Sanctify this bread and this wine, that they may transform our hearts and minds

and souls and voices as they become for us the body and blood of your blessed Son our Lord. Great is the mystery of faith.





Christ has died;

Leader:

God of all who struggle, you wrestled with Jacob until daybreak.

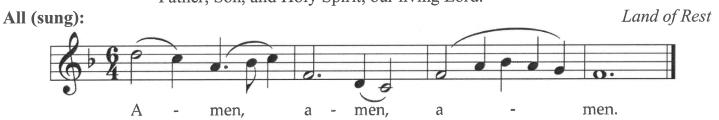
Open the eyes of all who fight all night, to learn if their battle is indeed with you.

Visit the hearts of any who limp because of an old wound, to understand if that wound was part of your redemption.

As you gave Jacob a new name, and as in baptism you seal each one of us with your name as your adopted children, bless those who search to find their true identity or to discover who you truly want them to be.

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession.)

Come among all who are oppressed, that they may see you face to face and in you find life and hope, until the day when your glory is fully revealed and you are all in all, ever one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, our living Lord.



THE LORD'S PRAYER

The Lord's Prayer (Ecumenical version★)

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Esther Hethcox, John Weicher

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE (The bread is gluten free, and the elements were prepared in a glutenfree area. Servers will sanitize their hands prior to distributing the elements. As you are able, come forward to receive communion. The bread server will dip a pre-cut piece of bread in the common cup for you and then pass it to you. After eating, please return to your seat. Anyone who is unable to come forward may remain in the pew to be served by the clergy.)

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All:

O God of the table, you have gathered us together to be fed.

Now send us out together to feed others, in body, mind, and spirit.

We pray in your son's name. Amen.

*HYMN No. 769

For Everyone Born

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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Susan Dunlap

*Postlude

Praeludium

J. S. Bach



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We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Jesus Christ. First Presbyterian welcomes individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender identity, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate fully in the life of the church. So that you may know who is sitting nearby, please sign the *Friendship Pad*, pass it along the 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 *Jane and Bill Brown* in honor of *Marilyn and Bill* Brown.

We are grateful to Andy Lang (organist) for leading our music this morning while Kathy Parkins is on vacation with her family.

*The Lord's Prayer when Holy Communion is celebrated: From the beginning, one of the hallmarks of Reformed worship has been liturgy in the vernacular—in the common language of the people of God. Many, however, continue to use the language of another era (the Tudor dynasty) when praying the prayer Jesus taught. We hope that by using this ecumenical version, new generations will learn and understand this prayer in a fresh way.

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 to use during worship. Please return bags to the foyer at the end of worship.

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 the audio/visual console. Receivers are sanitized after each use.

Restroom locations: 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.

Portions of today's worship texts are reprinted from Call to Worship (Year B Volume 42.1), Book of Common Worship (2018), Eucharistic Prayers, and Glory to God (The Presbyterian Hymnal). Music is reprinted under Onelicense.net A.713926.

An Update from the Retirement Committee

Members as of 29 July: *Doug Butler* (Chair), *Al Arrowood, Carol Carson, George Bernhardt, Michael Honeycutt, Deborah Momsen-Hudson, Alice Raney, Laurie Ray, David Sappenfield, Phyllis Supple, Ashley Swavely.*

Progress: The Committee has met most weeks since it was commissioned at the end of April. Teams have met with the three Administrative Staff who have told us of their retirement plans, to learn more about the tasks and how those tasks interconnect. The focus is on learning how the staff structure works and how the structure should change or stay the same going forward.

The committee is beginning to benchmark our church staff structure with other churches of similar size and focus to us. We still have plenty to do to look for new people and to plan suitable celebrations for these people who have devoted their time and talents to these important positions. We appreciate the support of staff and congregation for these efforts.

SUMMER SIZZLE

All-Church Fellowship and Dinner Sunday, August 11

5:00-7:00 p.m. (rain or shine) at the home of Tyler and Deborah Momsen-Hudson 1339 Holden Roberts Farm Road, Hillsborough

Remember to bring:

- ✓ water bottle (Note: water and lemonade will be provided by the Fellowship Committee.)
- √ lawn chair(s)
- ✓ a picnic/potluck dish to share.

SIGNUP to attend and volunteer at this link: https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094EA4A D2DA46-50505348-summer#/

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EMANUEL FOOD PANTRY— volunteer opportunities all year long!

Service, helping others, building community — all part of our commitment at FPC to be a Matthew 25 church. We have an easy and wonderful way for you to give 2 hours of your time, right here in Durham. No need to pack your bags and travel, just come be part of the incredibly impactful ministry at the **Emanuel Food Pantry!** We love welcoming new volunteers, and are always grateful for donations of food, rice, beans, and financial support. For more information, contact Margaret Rubiera.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

MEMORIAL SERVICE: Julian Lincoln Boswell passed away on July 25th. He was age 99 and a resident of Hillcrest. A Service of Witness to the Resurrection will be held in the sanctuary of FPC on Saturday, August 10 at 12 noon. The family will receive friends at a catered reception in Watts-Hill Hall following the service.

CONDOLENCES: The love and concern of the congregation are extended to *Shirley Frederick* on the death of her brother. Ray Frederick of Johnson City, NY, age 86, who was being treated for cancer, died unexpectedly on July 26th.

CONCERNS:

Fred Callaway remains a patient at UNC Memorial, recovering from a severe fall.

Judy Arrowwood Jenni James

Paul Cornsweet

Susan Cyr Mitzi Lesher-Thomas Madge McKeithan

Kerry Holbrook Jo Ann Moore

Lee House

Ruth Roberson

Franzi Rokoske

Keith Rokoske

Alfred Tisdale

Vernon Neece

Care Communities

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Dub Gulley** Durham Ridge: Phillip Herndon

Hillcrest Convalescent: Maxie Honeycutt, Carol Wills, Jim Wolfe

Family and Friends of the Congregation

Tim Bover, cousin of Fred Moore Kim Cummings, father of Drew Cummings Isla Foster, cousin of Deborah Momsen-Hudson Ford Holbrook, brother Kerry Holbrook Alan Petersburg, brother-in-law of Jenni James Joe & Mary Kay Robinson, former members of FPC Jim Vacca, father of Jamie Chambliss

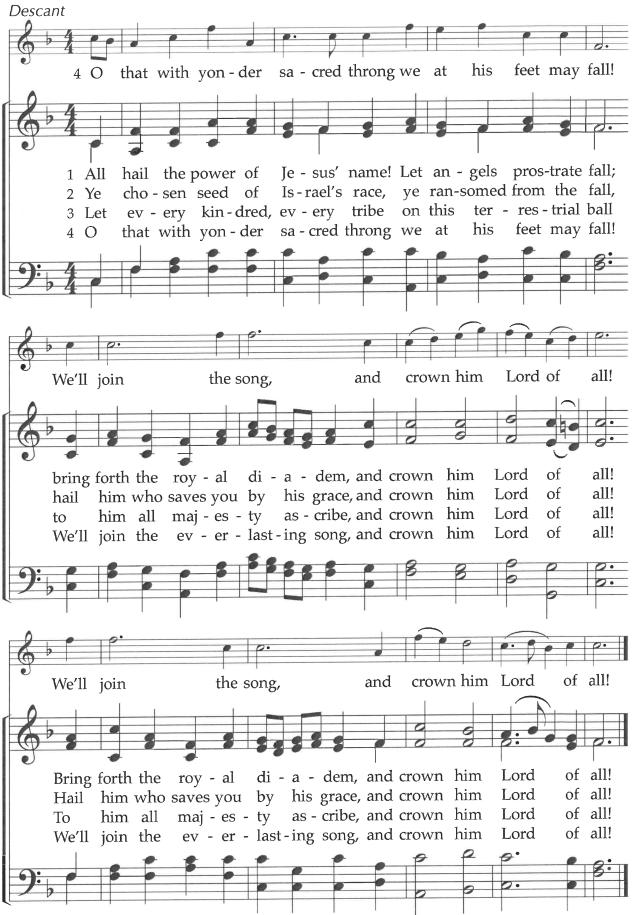
Francisca Cristobal, family of Al & Judy Arrowwood Larry and Lynn Farrell, parents of Rachel Bethune Andrew Holbrook, nephew of Kerry Holbrook Katie Jackson, wife of Matt Hirsch Doug Rimmer, brother of Steve Rimmer Elizabeth Romska, daughter of Bob Lewis John C. Weicher, father of John Weicher



YOUTH STOCK SALE BRUNCH Sunday, August 25 following worship

Thank you to everyone who has supported our youth via their (first) Stock Sale. Thanks to your generosity, we raised \$2690! Many of you have already gotten letters from Charleston or Appalachia. If you haven't, and you bought a stock, fear not – yours will be coming from Montreat. Meanwhile, all stock sale holders are invited to a brunch after worship on Sunday, August 25 (12:15-1:30 pm) in Watts-Hill Hall. In addition to a scrumptious meal, you'll hear youth from these three trips tell stories and share photos. So, save the date!

263 All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!



Christ Be Beside Me



1 Christ be be - side me; Christ be be - fore me; Christ be be - 2 Christ on my right hand, Christ on my left hand, Christ all a -

→ 3 Christ be in all hearts think-ing a - bout me; Christ be on



hind me, King of my heart. Christ be with - in me; Christ be be - round me, shield in the strife. Christ in my sleep - ing, Christ in my all tongues tell - ing of me. Christ be the vi - sion in eyes that



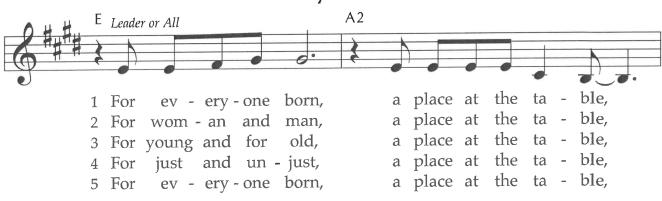
part. nev -Christ be a bove me, low me; ris -Light of my life. Christ in my ing, ting, sit -Christ ev - er be. ears that hear me in see me;

O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High



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For Everyone Born



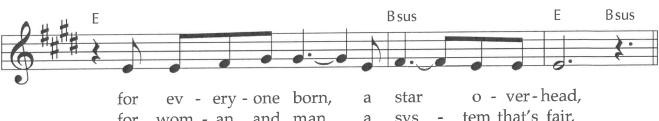


bread, clean wa - ter and for ev - ery - one born, share, the roles, de - cid - ing the re - vis - ing a part in the song, voice to be heard, with need to for give, a - bused, a - bus - er, and sim - ply be, to live with - out fear, to

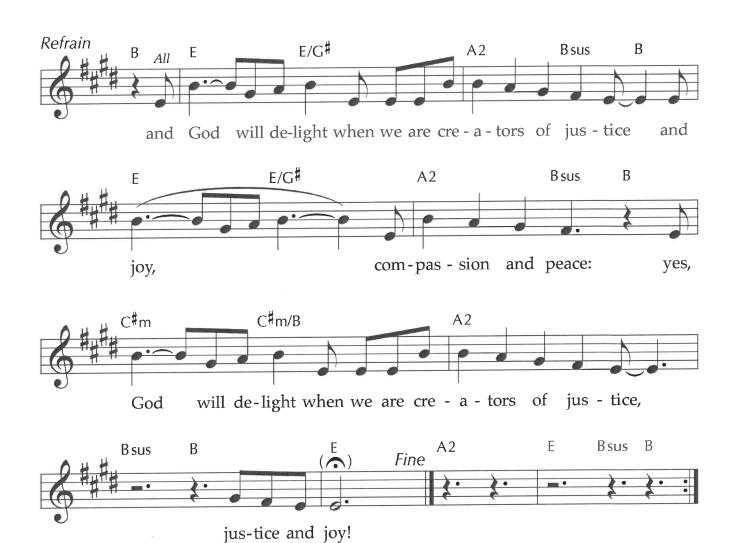


a shel-ter, a space, with wis-dom and grace, the hands of a child in an-ger, in hurt, to work, to speak out,

a safe place for grow - ing, di - vid - ing the pow - er, in hands that are wrin - kled, a mind - set of mer - cy, to wit - ness and wor - ship,



tem that's fair, sys for wom - an and man, a be - long, young and for old, the right to live, just new way to for and un - just, a the right to be free, ev - ery - one born, for



The Week at a Glance!

Later Today

12:10 PM Racial Equity Task Force (Wilson Parlor)

1:00-5:00 PM Youth Group (Fantasy Lake)

MnM's Fellowship on summer break.

Monday, August 5

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-in Ministry interviews
Presbyterian Women on summer break.

Mindy Douglas returns from sabbatical!

Tuesday, August 6

Hiroshima Day

Wednesday, August 7

1:00 PM Program Staff

6:00 PM Stewardship Committee (Daye Meeting Room)

Chancel Choir on summer break.

Thursday, August 8

9:00 AM-12 Noon Walk-In Ministry Interviews

Friday, August 9

Saturday, August 10

Sunday, August 11

12th Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 AM Summer Faith Formation Class for Children Lectionary Class for Adults

11:00 AM Worship

5:00-7:00 PM Summer Sizzle All-Church Fellowship & Potluck (at the home of Tyler & Deborah Momsen-Hudson)

MnM's Fellowship on summer break.

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
Lenore Champion, Children's Ministry Director
Vernon Cooper, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff (Sabbatical)
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate
Omar Guess, Sr., Sunday Morning Sexton
Joseph Harvard, Pastor Emeritus



Amy Heit, Parish Associate
Esther Hethcox, Associate Pastor
Sybil King, Administrative Assistant
Mitzi Lesher-Thomas, Associate Pastor (Medical Leave)
Valerie McMillian, Parish Administrator
Kathy Parkins, Minister of Music
John Weicher, Associate Pastor

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