

# Festival Worship

A PLACE *of* BELONGING FOR ALL GOD'S CHILDREN

**WE INVITE PEOPLE** of every age, race, marital status, sexual orientation, means, ability, and spiritual tradition to join with us in the love of God and neighbor: through worship, dedication to education, and commitment to service.

## ACCESSIBILITY

- Large print bulletins, children's bulletins, & hearing devices are available from ushers.
- ASL is available at the 11:00 service in the Sanctuary.
- All-gendered handicap accessible bathrooms are throughout building.
- The elevator is in the Narthex.
- There is a ramp at the West end of the building for access to the lower floor.

## PRAYER BOOK

A prayer book is placed in Narthex before worship services. You may write prayer requests to be read during the Prayers of the Church during worship service. Please get permission before using another person's name.

## MEET OUR PASTORS

Please introduce yourself to one of our pastors and join us after the service for refreshments in the Fellowship Hall.

## NURSERY CARE

Nursery care for infants through first grade is available from 8:30am to 12:30pm every Sunday in rooms 130, 127, and 126 (our crib room). We encourage children in 2nd grade to worship with their families. Children's bulletins and bibles are available in the Narthex.

## CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We welcome families with babies and toddlers into worship. Rocking chairs are available at the back of the sanctuary for your comfort. If your child needs space to roam, privacy to nurse, or a bathroom with a changing table, you may go to the Family Parlor, directly across the Narthex. The service is broadcast and ushers will bring the sacrament to you.

UNITED CHURCH *of* CHAPEL HILL

# GATHERING *for* WORSHIP

## BELL OF INVITATION

*You are invited to use this as time to prepare for worship*

## INTROIT

*Make a Joyful Noise*

Raymond Wise

## OPENING PRAYER\*

**P:** God grant that we may open our ears;  
for you are speaking a Word among us.  
Grant that we may open our minds;  
for your Spirit is moving in this place.  
Grant that we may open our hearts;  
for as we worship, you are making us whole.

## HYMN 12\*

*I Sing the Mighty Power of God*

ELLACOMBE

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION\*

**P:** Forgive us, God of grace, when we are burdened  
by the weight of curses that we choose.  
We put our trust in earthly things,  
rather than placing our hope in the promise of grace.  
We put our faith in human efforts,  
rather than accepting your providence.  
Forgive us, God of grace, when we find ourselves in thirst,  
not seeing the water of life that you place before us.  
Shower us with your loving kindness, O Lord,  
that we may be trees planted by living water.  
Nourish our spirits, enliven our hearts,  
enlighten our minds, and ease our burdens.  
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

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**\*AS ABLE, PLEASE STAND**    **L: INDICATES LEADER**    **P: INDICATES CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE**

Please wear your name tag and turn off your cell phone

## ASSURANCE OF GRACE\*

- L: Remember the blessings of Jesus:  
Blessed are the poor, for theirs is the kingdom of God.  
Blessed are the hungry, for God promises their fulfillment.  
Blessed are those who mourn, for in Christ their hearts will be restored.  
The grace of God is like a free gift for all of us.  
Open your hearts and receive this blessing.

## SUMMARY OF THE LAW\*

- L: Our Lord Jesus said:  
**P: You shall love the Lord your God  
with your whole heart,  
and with all your soul,  
and with all your mind.**
- L: This is the greatest commandment.  
And a second is like it:  
**P: You shall love your neighbor as yourself.**
- L: On these two commandments  
hang all the law and the prophets.

## WELCOME *and* ANNOUNCEMENTS

*Please sign the friendship register in your row and share your contact information with us so that we can welcome you and help you to connect with the ministries of our congregation. Later in the service, the offering is our practice of expressing gratitude for the grace of God that has been revealed in our lives. Please consider including United Church of Chapel Hill in your household's plan of generosity by participating financially in the life of the church.*

## TODAY'S LESSON

JEREMIAH 17:5- 10

Pew Bible Pg. 628

LUKE 6:17- 26

Pew Bible Pg. 838

- L: This is the word of God for the people of God.  
**P: Thanks be to God.**

## ANTHEM

*O Lord, How Excellent*

Richard Smallwood

## CHILDREN'S BLESSING

Children are welcome to stay in the Sanctuary for the entire worship service. We encourage them to use the worship activity bags, bibles, and storybooks available in the Narthex. Children in first grade and younger may go downstairs to the nursery; infants through 2-year olds are cared for in room 130; 3-7 year olds in room 127. The Family Room, just across the Narthex, is also available for families and you can hear the service from there. As the children leave the Sanctuary, we invite the congregation to sing a blessing.

*Go Now in Peace*

GO IN PEACE

Go now in peace, go now in peace, may the love of God sur - round you  
ev - ery - where, ev - ery - where you may go.

The image shows two staves of musical notation in 2/4 time. The first staff contains the melody for the first line of the blessing, and the second staff contains the melody for the second line. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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## TODAY'S MESSAGE "Righteous Anger"

REVEREND CAMERON BARR

HYMN 547\*

*Amazing Grace*

NEW BRITAIN

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

L: God, by your grace

P: **hear our prayer.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

P: **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, for ever. AMEN.**

## PRACTICE OF GENEROSITY

### OFFERTORY

Charles Bradshaw

### DOXOLOGY\*

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Praise Christ, all creatures here below.

Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia! Praise God with all the hosts above.

Praise God in wonder, joy and love. Praise the Spirit, ho-ly

Spi-rit. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

### PRAYER OF DEDICATION\*

### INVITATION TO AN OPEN TABLE\*

- L: The Lord be with you.  
**P: And also with you.**  
L: Lift up your hearts.  
**P: We lift them to God.**  
L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

### GREAT THANKSGIVING\*

- P: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

L: This is the joyful feast of the people of God!  
P: **People will come from the north and south  
And from the east and west  
To sit at Christ's table.**

### PASSING OF THE PEACE\*

L: The peace of Christ be with you.  
P: **And also with you.**

### WORDS OF INSTITUTION

L: Great is the mystery of faith:  
P: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

### SHARING OF THE BREAD AND CUP

*We receive the bread and cup by intinction. Simply take a piece of bread and dip it in the cup from any serving station. We serve only non-alcoholic grape juice. A gluten-free vegan option is available in the basket with purple linens. If you would like to be served at your seat, please signal an usher, and we will bring the elements to you. Healing prayer is available at the back corner of the sanctuary during communion.*

### PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P: **We give thanks, gracious God, that you have refreshed us at your table by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

### HYMN 23\*

*There's a Wideness*

IN BABILONE

### BLESSING IN WORD\*

### BLESSING IN MUSIC

*Finale Jubilant*

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Please welcome visitors who are with us this morning and introduce them to one of the pastors who are waiting to greet you in the Narthex.

## *From the Library*

**For additional perspectives on the lectionary readings for this Sunday, check out the following:**

- ~Ringe, S.H. Blessings and woes. In "Luke," p91-94. 226.7 Rin L
- ~Willard, D. Who is really well off? – The Beatitudes. In "The Divine Conspiracy: Rediscovering our Hidden Life in God," p97-127. 248.4 Wil D
- ~Hill, C.C. Reversals in God's "kingdom". In "Servant of All: Status, Ambition, and the Way of Jesus," p48-51. 232.9 Hil S
- ~Bolz-Weber, N. Blessed are they. In "Accidental Saints: Finding God in All the Wrong People," p181-189. 248.4 Bol A
- ~Gordon, M. The blessed. In "Reading Jesus: A Writer's Encounter with the Gospels," p83-87. 226.6 Gor R
- ~Mattern, E. "Blessed Are You: The Beatitudes and Our Survival." 226.6 Mat B
- ~McCollough, C. Jesus' wisdom in the Beatitudes. In "The Non-Violent Radical: Seeing and Living the Wisdom of Jesus," p26-44. 226.6 McC N
- ~Thistlethwaite, S. #OccupytheApocalypse: Jesus and economic justice. In "#OccupytheBible: What Jesus Really Said (and Did) about Money and Power," p141-155. 261.85 Thi O
- ~Hobgood, M.E. An economic ethics of right relationship. In "Dismantling Privilege: An Ethics of Accountability," p66-110. 305.5 Hob D
- ~De La Torre, M.A. The liberation of ethics. In "Doing Christian Ethics from the Margins," p46-56. 241 DeL D
- ~Brown, R.M. Act one: Commitment to the poor (praxis). In "Gustavo Gutierrez: An Introduction to Liberation Theology," p50-74. 230 Bro G
- ~Brueggemann, W. Like a tree planted by water. In "A Commentary on Jeremiah: Exile & Homecoming," p158-162. 224.7 Bru C

**These and other related items can be found on top of the center shelves in the library, and instructions for borrowing books are near the doorway. Please serve yourself.**

# SERVICE TIMES

**FESTIVAL WORSHIP: 8:45AM**  
**WORSHIP AND THE WORD: 11:00AM**  
**LA MESA SERVICE\* : 11:00AM**  
\*en español e ingles

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## SERVICE NOTES

**ALTAR FLOWERS:** Today's flowers are given by Lisa Stuckey in loving memory of her father, Alexander J. Riker.

**COFFEE HOSTS:** Gina Upchurch, Glen & Lynn Martin

**SOUND SYSTEM:** Toby McCoy

**CHOIR:** United Voices of Praise; Charles Bradshaw, director and pianist; Vera Bennett, conductor; Brad Kintner, bass; Odessa Shaw, drums

**LITURGIST:** Jeanne Allen

**USHERS:** Paul DeJongh, Susan and Phil Renwick

**DEACON:** Natalie Boorman

## THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

# ALL ARE WELCOME HERE

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Elements of this service taken from:

Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu, Ed., *Abingdon Worship Annual 2019*, Nashville: Abingdon Press (2018).

*Book of Common Worship*, Office of Theology and Worship for the Presbyterian Church (USA), Louisville: Westminster John Knox Press (2019).