

Festival **WORSHIP**

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 19, 2021



UNITED CHURCH *of* **CHAPEL HILL**

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

PRELUDE *Improvisation on Servant Song* arr. Julie Mitchell

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Hear our prayers, O God

And give ear to the words of our mouths

O God, you are our help in times of trouble,

And your faithfulness will endure forever.

We give thanks to you, Lord God, for you are good;

Your graciousness and love forever live triumphant.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Loving and merciful God, your goodness is shed throughout Creation and your faithfulness is renewed day by day. We give thanks for the everlasting covenant we share with you and praise your wonderful works that sustain us in life and community. Bless us, Holy One, with the love of righteousness, that our lives may reflect your glory and our communities respond to your justice. Save us from self-righteous convictions and deliver us from uncharitable assumptions. Your love is pure, your grace sufficient, and your faithfulness everlasting. Amen.

HYMN *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant* SERVANT SONG

LESSON PROVERBS 31:10-31; WISDOM OF SOLOMON 1:16-2:1, 12-22

Peter Schay

This is the word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Varieties of Virtue*

Rev. Cameron Barr

OFFERING

An offering will be collected by the Deacons during the anthem.

ANTHEM *Christ, Be Our Light* Bernadette Farrell, arr. John Barnard

***DOXOLOGY**

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

Oh Praise God, Alleluia. Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.

Creator Christ and Holy Ghost, Oh Praise God. Oh Praise God. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

*All rise for the presentation of the offering and join in **by signing** as the choir sings the doxology.*

PASTORAL PRAYER

Rev. Mary Elizabeth Hanchey

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, for ever. Amen.

COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to God.

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

This is the Lord's table....Together we lift our voices in thanksgiving and praise:

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

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

Let us proclaim together the great mystery of our faith:
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Fughetta* Johann Gottfried Walther

WELCOME & THANK YOU FOR JOINING US!

*No matter who you are, or where you are on life's journey,
you are welcome here.*



SERVICE NOTES

CHOIR: Chancel Choir
SOLOIST: Charlotte Carter
ORGAN: Julie Mitchell
DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jennifer Anderson
LITURGIST: Peter Schay
DEACON: Lori Carter
SOUND BOARD: Peter Schay
REFRESHMENTS: Fellowship Board
FLOWERS: Flower Committee
COVER ART: Coral Tree by Black Point, Honolulu,
O'ahu by Arman Manookian

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