

Festival **WORSHIP**

FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

SEPTEMBER 5, 2021



UNITED CHURCH *of* **CHAPEL HILL**

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

PRELUDE *Dona Nobis Pacem* Trad. canon, arr. John Behnke

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

The rich and poor have this in common:

The Lord is maker of them all!

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord, O my soul!

I will praise the Lord as long as I live; I will sing praises to God my whole life long!

The Lord will reign forever, and our God will live for all generations.

God's love is steadfast and God's mercy endures forever.

***OPENING PRAYER**

Gracious God, your vision of love enfolding all of humankind opens our hearts and stretches our imaginations. Christ Jesus extends to all of us the assurance of your grace and awakens in us wonder, gratitude, and praise. Give us the blessing, Loving God, of neighbors who speak in love and authenticity. That through the varieties of human experience we may be corrected when we are mistaken, converted when we worship falsehoods, and saved from our selfish delusions. Through Christ, perfecting us in love. Amen.

HYMN *Blessed Assurance* ASSURANCE

LESSON PROVERBS 22:1-2, 8-9, 22-23; MARK 7:24-37

Jack Allen

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

SERMON *Jesus's Apology Tour*

Rev. Cameron Barr

OFFERING

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

ANTHEM *I'll Fly Away* Traditional

***DOXOLOGY** LASST UNS ERFREUEN

All rise for the presentation of the offering as the choir sings the doxology.

PASTORAL PRAYER

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 *From God Nothing Can Move Me* Trad, chorale, arr. John Behnke

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

MUSIC GROUP: The LowKeys (Alyson Scoltock, voice and harmonica; Greg Travlos, voice; Dan Uyesato, guitar)

ORGAN: Julie Mitchell

DIRECTOR OF MUSIC: Jennifer Anderson

LITURGIST: Jack Allen

REFRESHMENTS: Fellowship Board

FLOWERS: Flower Committee

COVER ART: Working in the Cotton Fields, by Earle Richardson

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