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We support Presbyterian Church (USA) mission co-workers,
Rev. Dustin and Sherri Ellington, in Lusaka, Zambia, Africa.

Please silence your cell phones.

**All who are able may stand.*

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

September 13, 2020

11:00 A.M.

The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation.

"Ah ne'er so dire a Thirst of Glory boast, Nor in the Critick let the Man be lost!

Good-Nature and Good-Sense must ever join; To err is Humane; to Forgive, Divine."
Alexander Pope, 1711, *An Essay on Criticism, Part II*

(Note: "Humane" was the accepted spelling of "Human" in the early 18th century)

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from the Calvin Institute of Christian Worship for the study and renewal of worship.

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Doxology"

arr. Mark Hayes
Chris Brinkley, pianist

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Elder Dan Robinson

Leader: God is with us!

All: We are not alone, abandoned!

Leader: Christ redeems us!

All: We are surrounded by Christ's love.

Leader: The Holy Spirit breathes hope and peace into our lives.

All: We are one in the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit!

Leader: And the people of God said.....

All: AMEN!

Hymn #443 (verses 1 & 2)

"There Is a Redeemer"

GREEN

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord of mercy, who resists the proud and receives the humble, we ask for honesty to accept responsibility for our errors and to understand the reasons for our failures. We ask for the courage to make our confessions, to seek your forgiveness for our offenses, to make restitutions where possible, and to extend the same forgiveness to others that you extend to us. May we have the grace to submit our lives to the Lordship of Jesus Christ. For all our sins, O Lord, forgive us. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)



Assurances of Pardon

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: The Lord is full of compassion and mercy, slow to anger and has not dealt with us according to our sins. Instead, God loved the world so much God sent God's only Son.

All: It is because of Jesus Christ that our sins are forgiven. This gift of forgiveness makes us able, with the power of Holy Spirit, to choose to forgive, renew and live again in right relationship with each other and with our God. In the name of Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Gloria Patri

Glory Be to the Father

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Gracious God, as we turn to your Word for us, may the Spirit of God rest upon us. Help us to be steadfast in our hearing, in our speaking, in our believing, and in our living. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Colossians 3:12-17

Elder Dan Robinson

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 18:21-35

Sermon

"The Table of Forgiveness"

Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection

Pastoral Prayer with 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.

"One who forgives an affront fosters friendship, but one who dwells on disputes will alienate a friend."

Proverbs 17:9 (New Revised Standard Version)

"For you, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you."

Psalms 86:5 (New Revised Standard Version)



GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

“Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.”
Ephesians 4:32



“Forgive others as quickly as you expect God to forgive you.”
Unknown

Offertory

“Think About His Love”

arr. Mark Hayes
Chris Brinkley, pianist

*Think about His love, think about His goodness;
Think about His grace that's brought us through.
For as high as the heavens above,
So great is the measure of our Father's love.
Great is the measure of our Father's love.
So great is the measure of our Father's love.*

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

The Affirmation of Faith: *(from The Confession of 1967 in The Book of Confessions)*

In Jesus Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself. Jesus Christ is God with humankind. He is the eternal Son of the Father, who became human and lived among us to fulfill the work of reconciliation. He is present in the church by the power of the Holy Spirit to continue and complete his mission. This work of God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit is the foundation of all confessional statements about God, humanity, and the world. Therefore, the church calls all people to be reconciled to God and to one another.

Hymn #754 (verses 1 & 3) **"Help Us Accept Each Other"**

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Benediction

Postlude

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 13	10:00 am	Zoom Sunday School
	11:00 am	In-person and Live-stream worship
Monday, September 14	7:00-8:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
Tuesday, September 15	10:30 am	Circle #3 via Zoom and in-person in Fellowship Hall
	7:00 pm	Session Meeting via Zoom
Wednesday, September 16	10:00-11:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
	7:00 pm	Circle #4 via Zoom

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Our guest musician** today is Christopher Brinkley, oldest son of our own Cheryl Brinkley. Chris is a native of Wallace, growing up here and graduating from Wallace-Rose Hill High School. He graduated from UNC-Chapel Hill with a BA in Music & Biology, and from ECU with a Masters in Biology. He currently teaches science in the Charlotte-Mecklenburg school system. We are blessed to have Chris share his musical gifts with us in worship today.

* **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible study on Matthew 20:1-16 on either Monday, September 14 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, September 16 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We will talk about Jesus' parable about the landowner who paid all of his workers the same wage, no matter how many hours they worked during the day. What's fair about that? What do you think?



JACK HOLLEY MEMORIAL BLOOD DRIVE

Thursday, September 24, 2020
2:00 - 7:00 p.m.
Fellowship Hall

Make your appointment online at

www.redcrossblood.org

or call Jemma Imwalle at 910-271-0485.



You must have an appointment to donate blood. The Red Cross will conduct the blood drive according to all safety, health, and Covid-19 safeguards and protocols.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by David & Brenda Long in loving memory of Brenda's parents Gertrude & William Vanderwel.



Church News

GIVE BLOOD.
SAVE LIVES.

