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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 20, 2020

11:00 A.M.

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

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude "Now Thank We All Our God" *setting by Molly Ijames*

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences Elder Christy Johnson

Leader: O give thanks to the LORD.

All: Sing to the LORD, tell of God's wonderful works.

Leader: Let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.

All: Seek the LORD's strength and presence continually.

Leader: Remember the wonderful works of the LORD.

All: Let us worship God!

Hymn #643 (verses 1 & 2)

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"Now Thank We All Our God"

Unison Prayer of Confession

Lord, your provision is generous, but we are envious of others; Lord, have mercy. Jesus, we are unmindful of all that you give us and are not content with what we have; Christ, have mercy. Lord, our narrow spirits cramp our growth, when we fail to be thankful; Lord, have mercy. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. You are bountiful in your love for us and shower us generously with all that we need. By your grace give us generous hearts that we may declare your goodness and offer our lives back to you in thankful worship, for the sake of him who came among us as your gift of love, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

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

*"For by grace you have been saved through faith, and this is not your own doing; it is the gift of God — not the result of works, so that no one may boast."
Ephesians 2:8-9*

Today's Prayer of Confession is taken from "Giving in Grace: Liturgical Services."



Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Blessings are showered on all who seek God. Come and rejoice!

All: God has given us such love and mercy.

Leader: Amazing grace, how sweet the sound!

All: In Jesus Christ, our sins are forgiven.

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

O God, prepare our minds to hear your Word, move our hearts to embrace what we hear, and strengthen our will to follow your way. This we pray through Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*“Remember that when you leave this earth, you can take with you nothing that you have received – only what you have given: a full heart, enriched by honest service, love, sacrifice, and courage.”
St. Francis of Assisi*

Epistle Lesson

Romans 3:21-31

Elder Christy Johnson

Gospel Lesson

Matthew 20:1-16

Sermon

"Amazing, Unfair Grace"

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.





GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

"In the just reward of labor, God's will be done. In the help we give our neighbor, God's will be done. In our worldwide task of caring for the hungry and despairing, in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done."

Hymn #36,

"For the Fruit of All Creation," Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal

Offertory **"Now Thank We All Our God"** setting by Mark Hayes
*Now thank we all our God with heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done, in whom this world rejoices.*

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.*



"For the harvests of the Spirit, thanks be to God. For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God. For the wonders that astound us, for the truths that still confound us, most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God."

Hymn #36, "For the Fruit of All Creation," Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal

The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Hymn #649 (verses 1 & 3)

AMAZING GRACE

"Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

Benediction

Postlude

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, September 20	10:00 am	Zoom Sunday School
	11:00 am	In-person and Live-stream worship
Monday, September 21	7:00-8:00 pm	Zoom Bible Study
	10:30 am	Circle #1 in-person Fellowship Hall
Wednesday, September 23	10:00-11:00 am	Zoom Bible Study
Thursday, September 24	2:00 - 7:00 pm	Jack Holley Memorial Blood Drive, Fellowship Hall

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible study on Matthew 21:23-32 on either Monday, September 21 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday, September 23 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. We will talk about doing the will of God in our lives. What do you think?

* **Circle #1 will meet** Monday, September 21 at 10:30 am in the fellowship hall. All members are reminded to follow pandemic guidelines: Wear a mask; social distance and your temperature will be taken on arrival.

* **Jack Holley Memorial Blood Drive**, Thursday, September 24, 2020, from 2:00-7:00 pm, in 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 blood drive according to all safety, health, and Covid-19 safeguards and protocols



Congratulations to James Sills for being selected to serve on the 2020-2021 Youth Council of the Presbytery of Coastal Carolina. He joins Madelyn Coombs and Zach Casteen from our congregation. The Youth Council plans and leads all presbytery youth activities for youth in approximately 180 churches.



The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Bob & Carol Steen in honor of the men and women fighting fires in the West. God be with them!