Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 18, 2021
8:45 and 10:55 a.m.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY

“Green and Golden” Ralph Towner
Andy Jurik, classical guitar

CALL TO WORSHIP

*HYMN 57

“O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing” AZMON
(Stanzas 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7)

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
   my great Redeemer’s praise,
   the glories of my God and King,
   the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
   assist me to proclaim,
   to spread through all the earth abroad
   the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
   that bids our sorrows cease;
   ’tis music in the sinner’s ears,
   ’tis life, and health, and peace.

4. He breaks the power of canceled sin,
   he sets the prisoner free;
   his blood can make the foulest clean;
   his blood availed for me.

7. In Christ, your head, you then shall know,
   shall feel your sins forgiven;
   anticipate your heaven below,
   and own that love is heaven.
AFFIRMATION OF FAITH  The Apostles’ Creed

Let us affirm our faith.

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 Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI  (Hymnal, 70)

ANTHEM
“A Simple Song”  Leonard Bernstein
Joanna Beck, soloist; Andy Jurik, classical guitar

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERTORY
“Shepherd of My Heart”  Tunney/Baldwin
Joanna Beck, soloist

*DOXOLOGY  (Hymnal, 94)

“Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow”

CHILDREN’S TIME

The nursery is available for children ages infant to 5 years old (not yet in kindergarten) in Room 104. For children in kindergarten and older, there are fidget toys and worship bags (with coloring books and crayons) at the back of the sanctuary AND at the table out front of the library. The library is also available for families wanting to watch the livestream during worship.

SCRIPTURE  Ezekiel 17:22-24


HYMN 121  WELLESLEY
“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”  WELLESLEY

1. There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea; there’s a kindness in God’s justice, which is more than liberty.

2. There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good! There is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.

3. For the love of God is broader than the measure of our mind; and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.

4. If our love were but more simple, we should rest upon God’s word; and our lives would be illumined by the presence of our Lord.
BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

VOLUNTARY “Praeludium in C” J.C. Kellner

*Please stand, if you are able*

The flowers in the Chancel this morning are given by Marvin and Mimi Cole in honor of the Serendipity Sunday School Class.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Women’s Weekend

Journey to Joy

Friday, September 17—Sunday, September 19

The Mountain Retreat and Learning Center

Highlands, NC

Reserve your spot TODAY to gather with your sister-sojourners at the trailhead on this path that God desires for us. Leigh Young will be out guide through Paul’s Inspired writings in Philippians.

Cost for 2 nights lodging and 6 meals:

$290 Double Occupancy (twin beds with bath)
$360 Single Occupancy (twin bed with bath)

$150 deposit due upon registration before August 1st. Full payment due August 15th. Scholarships are available.

Questions? Contact Cyndy Douglas at cyndy.douglas1@gmail.com.

VBS Kids Have Huge Missional Impact!

Ann Henderson Owen

Each year, Vacation Bible School offers a variety of ways for children to engage with Bible stories. One of those opportunities is Missions. This year, we decided to be more hands-on with our missional impact and our children were up to the challenge. Our group of 35 kids should be very proud of all that they accomplished!

On Monday and Tuesday, we learned that compassion means making room at the table for everyone. For Missions those days, we learned about the ways UMCOR shows compassion to people all around the world. We had supplies to pack 125 hygiene kits ($12 value each) for natural disaster relief in the U.S. These would be sent directly to people displaced from their homes after a hurricane or other natural disaster. The kits included a hand towel, wash cloth, nail clippers, comb, toothbrush, soap and bandages. At the end of the first day, I was informed that ALL of the kits had been assembled! In one day, 18 children assembled 125 kits! However, we still had the other 17 kids ready to assemble kits the next day. So, Eleanor Campbell and I went shopping to get more supplies. This last week, we mailed 200 kits to UMCOR!

On Wednesday and Thursday our Missional focus was C4C. The children learned about the ways we show compassion in our local community. In the span of two days, the same 35 children put labels, with words of compassion, inside 800 children’s books! The children’s hard work was impressive.

Thank you Central UMC for the ways you show compassion! I have so much gratitude for all of the dedicated volunteers who made VBS thrive this year.
If you have a friend or family member who is going through a difficult time--such as a death in their family, illness, surgery, or entering a care facility--a Prayer Shawl could give them comfort and the knowledge that prayers are being said for them. Please contact Pastor Lisa or Anne Frick at africk440@gmail.com for a prayer shawl. You can also contact Anne if you are interested in learning more about the Prayer Shawl Ministry.

We try to keep our struggles hidden. We try to be strong.

But God intends for us to support each other. Stephen Ministers are ready to share your burden. Call Pastor Lisa at 253-3316 ext. 1305 or Cindy Oak at 298-1045.