

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

*When we gather together for the worship of God,
we are embraced and confronted by a Reality greater than ourselves.
God is our Creator, our Father, our Mother, our Source, our Rock.
As we share in the liturgy, prayers, and affirmations of worship,
you are invited to use language that respects the integrity of your spiritual
journey, while also welcoming the language meaningful
to others.*

(* invites the congregation to stand as you are able.)
Bold type denotes congregational response.

Chiming the Hour
Greetings and Announcements
Preparation for Worship

*Call to Worship

Merger, by Judy Chicago

One: And then all that has divided us will merge
And then compassion will be wedded to power

Many: And then softness will come to a world that is harsh and unkind

One: And then both men and women will be gentle

Many: And then both women and men will be strong

One: And then no person will be subject to another's will

Many: And then all will be rich and free and varied

One: And then the greed of some will give way to the needs of many

Many: And then all will share equally in the Earth's abundance

One: And then all will care for the sick and the weak and the old

Many: And then all will nourish the young

One: And then all will cherish life's creatures

All: And then everywhere will be called Eden once again.
Let it be so! Come, Holy Spirit, Come!

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

*Hymn of Dedication **#609** *Take My Life and Let It Be* Francis Havergal

Sending Out Disciples

*Benediction

*Congregational Response **#560** *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*
verses 1 and 2 Elisha Hoffman

Worship Notes

Communion liturgy in parts from UCC Book of Worship and Marcia McFee.

Our thanks for today's Liturgist—**Nancy Farina**; Greeter—**Dave & Kathy Leuck**;
Coffee Hour Hosts—**Bob & Martha Nilsen**; Sound System Technician—**Dave Kinney**;
Pianist—**Robert Wicker**; Music Director—**Robert Cox**.

Worship Schedule

Sunday, November 12, Ron Adams, "From Good to Great"

Sunday, November 19, Rev. Sam Walker

Pastor Martha will be away from Nov. 8-19. Should you need pastoral care during those days, please contact either Marian Maroney or Mary Scott Arnold from the Spiritual Care Ministry team.

Next Week's Lectionary Texts: Psalm 19:7-14, James 3:13-4:3, Mark 9:30-37

Food Collection Reminders

- On the **1st (first) Sunday** of every month we will be collecting food for two hunger-relief programs as listed below along with the foods they seek:

S/M Coalition for Human Care: *For Families:* Non-perishable items like cereal, rice, canned veggies, pasta, peanut butter.

For Children: Backpack Pals - bags of fresh fruit or applesauce cups.

- On the **3rd (third) Sunday** of every month, we will be collecting food for:
North Moore Family Resource Center - bags of fresh fruit

Jesus takes the bread and breaks it and says, "We love because to love is to bring the kingdom of God right here. Whenever you break bread, remember me, remember each other, remember love."

Jesus takes the cup and offers it and says, "We pour a cup to quench each other's thirst for justice. For all need love, all need to know they are God's own. So whenever you lift a cup, remember me, remember each other, and remember the forgotten ones."

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving; we offer ourselves in service and love; laying a banquet for all because of this mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this congregation at this table and all the tables we represent. Make this bread and cup extend beyond these walls to the grace broken and poured for the world through us.

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Mother and Father who art in heaven...

Breaking of the Bread and Sharing of the Cup

One: The bread we break is the communion of the body of Christ....

The cup of blessing we bless is the communion of the blood of Christ....

The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Many: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table through the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*Opening Hymn **#637**

For All the Saints

William How

During the hymn you are invited to create a communal altar of all the saints in your lives by placing a photograph or memento on the table in front of the pulpit.

Prayer of Confession (Unison)

Holy God, we thank you for all the saints in our lives who show us the way. Forgive us when we stumble, when we get caught up in anxieties and forget to see through your lens of abundance. Remind us that we have and we are enough through you. Cleanse our hearts with your living waters, and restore our souls. In the Name and Way of Jesus, Amen.

Assurance of Grace

Friends, hear this good news: through Christ we are forgiven and made new. We rejoice in our hope and sharing in the glory of God. **Amen**

Choral Anthem

Reasons To Thank You

Pepper Choplin

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

Hebrew Reading

Psalm 107

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*Alleluia **#41**

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

*Gospel Reading

Matthew 5:1-12

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Pastor: God is still speaking

People: We are listening with our lives.

Sermon

"The Way"

Terry Yasuko Ogawa, Guest Preacher

—a brief period of silent reflection—

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

*Hymn of Response **#501** *There Is A Balm In Gilead* African American Spiritual

The Prayers of the People

Sharing Joys and Concerns

Call to Prayer **#305**

Prayers of the People

—*Silent prayer*—

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Give

Offertory

*Doxology **#47 Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God, all creatures here below
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

One: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene, On that same day sat at the table with two disciples, and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

Many: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. All genders, young and old, come from the east and the west, from the north and the south, and gather about Christ's table.

One: In the taking of bread and cup we join all who have come before, are present now, and will follow. The bread we break is connected to

scarcity, abundance, production, and jubilee, and in its consecration all that divides us falls away in a communal remembrance of Christ. This table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to share in the community of God's people.

Communion Hymn **#414**

Eat This Bread

Robert Batastini

Communion Prayer

One: God be with you in your joy and your sorrow.

Many: And also with you.

One: Whether they be heavy or light, lift up your hearts to God.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God, ever with us.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, oh God. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Many: Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the highest!
Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ who came and offered the world a new way to live in love with one another. He ate with those others considered unworthy, he challenged the rich to share their banquets, he called ordinary people to extraordinary acts of mercy. By his life, death, and resurrection the church was birthed as his living Body in the world.

And every time this Body gathers at tables, whether it is here or in our homes, Jesus is present just as he was that last time with his disciples.

Life in Our Church and Community

Today, 11/5	Choir Rehearsal	8:45am
	Worship with Rev. Yasuko/Communion	10:00am
	Keep It Simple Beginners (AA) Group	2:00pm
	Community of Mindful Living	4:00pm
	DVD Richard Rohr discussion series	7:00-8:30pm
Mon 11/6-		
Fri 11/10	The Garden Preschool	8am-2pm
Wed 11/7	Fellowship Team	3:30pm
	Choir Rehearsal	7:00pm
Fri 11/10	Keep It Simple Beginners (AA) Group	8-10 pm
Sun 11/12	Choir Rehearsal	8:45am
	Worship with Church members	10:00am
	Keep It Simple Beginners (AA) Group	2:00pm
	Community of Mindful Living	4:00pm

Coming Up:

Sunday, November 19, Thanksgiving Offering to benefit Habitat for Humanity.

"A house is built with wood and nails, but a home is built with love and joy." We are in need of volunteer groups to come out and help us build at our sites in Southern Pines and Aberdeen, **Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 8AM To 1PM.** Construction experience is not needed. Construction supervisors are available to work with you and train you on the various tasks of the day. All you need is an open heart that will be filled with joy knowing that you have been part of building a home for someone in your community who probably would never have owned her own home. If you can help us build, please call Rosemary Weber [910-295-1934](tel:910-295-1934).

Communities of faith are joining in an Interfaith Service of Thanksgiving on **Sunday, November 19** at 4pm at the Chapel in the Pines in Seven Lakes. Everyone is welcome and invited to stay for music and refreshments following the service.

The church is hosting an all-new **Madrigal** program on Friday and Saturday evenings, **December 8 and 9**. It has been a sellout hit and promises to be an equally fun, joyful, and entertaining event this year! The Madrigal is now a prime fundraiser for the church. Unlike past years when we have split the proceeds with a non-profit organization that provided additional people power, this year the setup, food preparation, and kitchen work, etc. will depend entirely upon us! SO, we need everyone to contribute time and/or food. A Madrigal sign-up board will greet you in the narthex each Sunday. Please offer your help where able. Thank you.