

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost**  
**ORDER OF WORSHIP**  
**10:00 a.m.**

Sunday, June 9, 2024

Seasonal Color: Green

**WE GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

*(Please take a moment to silence your cell phones and electronic devices.  
And, with the gift of music, let us prepare our hearts, minds, and souls  
for this special time with God and with one another.)*

MOMENT FOR MISSION: Valle Crucis Mission Trip Patrons Laura Sparks

PRELUDE: “It Is Well with My Soul” arr. Philip P. Bliss

*(Please stand in body or spirit and let us join together in the Call to Worship)*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP:

I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing  
your praise.

**I bow down before you and give thanks for your steadfast love and  
faithfulness.**

On the day I called, you answered me and increased the strength of my  
soul.

**Your steadfast love, o Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work  
of your hands.**

Let us worship God!

\*PRAYER OF PRAISE AND ADORATION:

**Our souls awake, O God, to the thrill of your splendor. With our voices  
we praise you from dawn until dusk. We greet the new day warmed by  
your love for us; we rest secure in the night, comforted by the light of  
your Spirit. Each hour you give us is a moment of blessing, a time to  
rejoice and abound with new life. We exalt your name to the heavens, O  
God, as your glory is seen over all the earth. Amen.**

\*OPENING HYMN: “I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say” GTG #182

*(During the singing of the hymn, worshipers are invited to bring their Daily  
Change offering forward as an act of worship and place them in the  
containers in front of the sanctuary.)*

**WE ARE RENEWED IN GRACE**

\*LITANY OF AFFIRMATION:

Since we have the same spirit of faith as he had who wrote, “I believed, and  
so I spoke,” we too believe, and so we speak.

**So we do not lose heart. Our inner nature is being renewed every day.**

Knowing that God who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus  
and bring us with you into God’s presence.

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For is it all for your sake, so that grace, as it extends to more and more people,  
may increase thanksgiving, to the glory of God.

**So we do not lose heart. Our inner nature is being renewed every day.**

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: “Glory Be to the Father” GTG #581  
**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.**

**WE RECEIVE GOD’S WORD**

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION:

**Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our  
learning: grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest  
them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of  
everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

FIRST LESSON: 2 Corinthians 4:3 – 5:1 pg. 168

ANTHEM: “Morning Has Broken” arr. Shawn Kirchner

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES: Laura Sparks

SECOND LESSON: Mark 3:20-35 pg. 37

SERMON: “A Long Strange Trip!” Rev. David Roquemore

\*HYMN: Be Thou My Vision” GTG #450

COMMISSIONING SUMMER YOUTH/ADULT TRIP PARTICIPANTS  
Valle Crucis Mission Trip (June 15-20)

**WE RESPOND TO GOD’S GRACE**

\*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND 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.**

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY: “When Everybody Comes Home”  
(A.W.E. Group) Mike Brewer & Tom Shipley

\*DOXOLOGY: “Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow” GTG #606  
**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.**

**WE LEAVE TO SERVE**

\*CLOSING HYMN: “God of Grace and God of Glory” GTG #307

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: “Washed in the Blood” Elisha Hoffman  
(A.W.E. Group)

Join us in the fellowship hall for a lunch honoring Rev. David and Susan  
Roquemore on David’s retirement.

\*Please stand in body or spirit  
**Bold** print words are read in unison.

Lay Leader this morning is Scott Cranford.  
Elder on Call this week is Jim Ten Kate.

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**WELCOME NEWCOMERS – THERE ARE NO STRANGERS WITHIN THIS SANCTUARY: If you would like more information about the church and our programs, please stop by the visitor’s table in the narthex.**

1. You are in God’s House. We want you to feel God’s presence.
2. All around you are Christian people. They will want to shake your hand and greet you in the name of Christ. Won’t you meet them with a friendly smile? We would not have you leave this place without a warm welcome and a feeling that you want to come back.
3. Please sign the Friendship Book.
4. Those interested in membership information or who desire to join are asked to call the church office, or check the Friendship Book.

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** (10:00am) Worship bags for children are located in the entryway. In addition, children (ages 3 yrs. old – 2nd grade) are welcome to stay with their families for the entire service, or they may attend B.L.A.S.T. Children's Church following the *Time for Young Disciples*, when children will be led from the Sanctuary to our Children’s Church room and they will return to the sanctuary before the closing hymn.

**THE PEACE CANDLE:** The smaller glass candle on the Communion table is a *peace candle*, and here is the candle’s story and meaning.

In 1986, a group of Americans attended a Russian Orthodox worship service. At the close of the service, an elderly woman pressed a three-ruble note into the hand of a Presbyterian pastor (only about \$5 in American dollars, but a significant gift for this elderly woman). The woman asked him to buy a *candle* with it, and light that candle in his church as a symbol for *peace*. That Presbyterian pastor purchased a *candle* with the money, placed it on the Communion table in his sanctuary, and lit it during each worship service. Then the church bought other candles, in glass containers, and sent them to other churches with the request that they be lit during their worship services, as a symbol of our common hope for *peace*.

These *peace candles* have since spread across our world and across denominations. Our congregation received our *peace candle* on Sunday, November 16<sup>th</sup>, 2014. And, we have shared a *candle* with our sister church of El Redentor in Guatemala. Together with sisters and brothers in Guatemala and around the world, we light our candles every time we worship to remind us to pray for peace in our lives, in our communities, and in our world.

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**THE SESSION**

**Class of 2024**

Gary McDougal (1)  
Charles Moody (3)  
Amy Owensby (1)  
Amy Yenderusiak (3)

**Class of 2025**

Lynette Inscoe (2)  
David McCart (3)  
Mimi Michael (4)  
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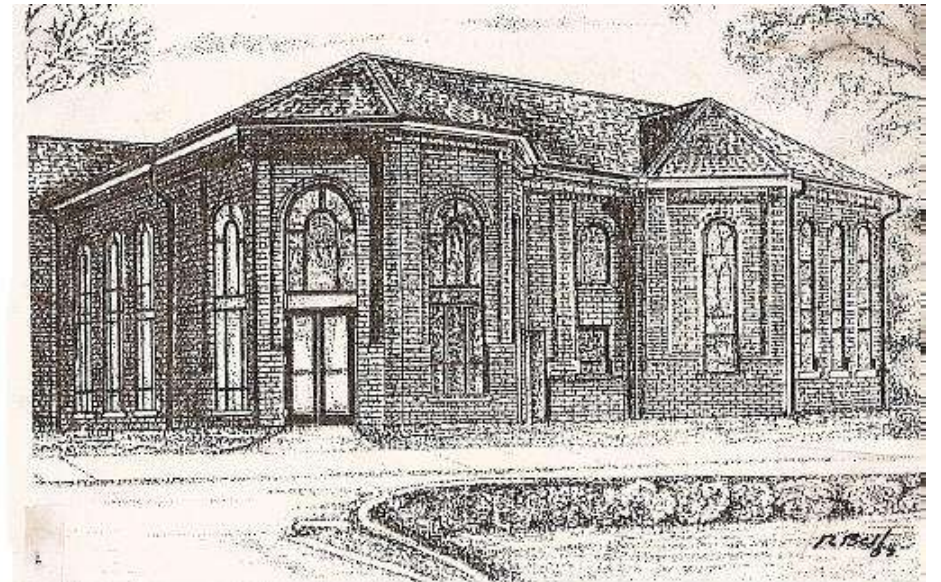
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| (2) Council on Caring         | (5) Council on Praise  |
| (3) Council on Administration |                        |

Amy Owensby - Clerk of Session

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*Following Christ together in witness, love and service.*