

**Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**August 27, 2023 - 10:00 AM**

*"But who do you say that I am?"*

**Prelude**

Pastorale on St. Columba

*Jack C. Goode*

**Introit**

Psalm 150

*John Harper*

**Call to Worship**

We come like Abraham, Sarah, and John, people with vision.

**We come like Job, Thomas, and the Samaritan woman,  
people with questions.**

We come like Moses, Jeremiah and Mary, people with self-doubts.

**We come like Joshua, Deborah and Stephen, people with courage.**

We come like David and Paul,  
people with sin and sadness in our memories.

**We come like Rebekah and Samuel, like Hosea and Esther,  
like Nathaniel and Martha, like John Mark and Priscilla,  
people with a part to play in the story of faith.**

**\*Hymn 396**

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship"

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you are always present and active amid your people. We confess that sometimes we fail to recognize and respond to your saving work in the world. We defer to power and privilege, expect the tried and true, and succumb to doubt and despair when your ways are not clear. Behold, you are doing a new thing; help us to perceive it. Forgive us when we do not respond to your call. Liberate us from our fears and self-imposed limitations. Guide us into the fullness of life and love that you are at work preparing. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.**

**Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon**

**\*Congregational Response 559** Holy, Holy, Holy

## Passing of the Peace

**Old Testament Lesson**

Psalm 138

**Anthem**

Many Gifts, One Spirit

*Allen Pote*

## A Prayer for Children

**New Testament Lesson**

Matthew 16: 13 – 28

**Sermon**

"The Question"

*Kathy Madigan*

**\*Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith, Sec. 1 & 2

## Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

## Invitation to Giving & Five Cents A Meal

## Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

**\*Hymn 69**

"I, the Lord of Sea and Sky"

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**

Dialogue

*Gilbert M. Martin*

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Worship Notes:** *Call to Worship* by David Bowman, from *Touch Holiness*, edited by Ruth C. Duck; *Prayer of Confession* by Ginna Bairby, from *The Presbyterian Outlook*, Aug 2023 edition.

**LITURGIST(S):** Ron Howard

**PROJECTIONS:** Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

**LIVESTREAM:** Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,  
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltész

**FLOWERS:** Given by Sue & Don Osterberg in  
CELEBRATION of Family, Faith, & Friends

**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:** 130

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### WORSHIP TEAM

**Senior Pastor:** Rev. Dr. Mark Stanley

**Associate Pastor:** Rev. Dwight Christenbury

**Minister of Visitation:** Sally Beghtol, C.P.

**Music Director:** Stephen Klein

**Section Leaders:** Frank Burzio, Katie Cilluffo,  
Eric McAnallen, Beth Pensiero

**Percussionist:** Don Widmayer

### TRINITY TEAM

**Maintenance Facilitator:** Jim Kisner

**Treasurers:** Tom Karvonen, Bev Luzadder

**Financial Secretary:** Diane Bowers

**Bookkeeper:** Lynne Meluch, Angela Kuykendoll

**Tellers:** Sue Robinson, Robin Hodgson,  
Pat Harter, Betty Lockwood

**Nursery Staff:** Mary Haskins, Sierrah Haskins

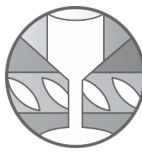
***This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors wide open. If you are passing through, Godspeed. If you are looking for a worship home, stay with us. We invite visitors to join us, but most of all, to return often.***



PC(USA)  
June 10, 1983



Presbytery of Western  
North Carolina



More Light  
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25  
Church



Fuente de Vida  
Guatemala



an Earth Care  
Congregation

### **SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL**

9:00 Summer Adult Learning Hour Electives:

- Searching for the Historical Jesus, part 3
- Circles around Poverty

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

11:00 Trinity 30 w/ Julie Carter

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

### **MONDAY**

9:00 Finance Team

10:00 New Member Subcommittee

2:00 PW Coordinating Team

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

4:00 Death Café

### **TUESDAY**

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

### **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY**

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

1:30 AA Meeting

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

### **FRIDAY**

### **SATURDAY**

### **SUNDAY - SEASON OF CREATION & COMMUNION**

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Youth Learning Hour

9:45 Adult Learning Hour:

- Issues & Concerns
- Lectionary Class

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

**DON'T FORGET!!**  
**NEXT SUNDAY — TWO SERVICES**  
**8:30 AND 11:00 AM**

### **Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week**

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**Weekly Calendar:**  
**Aug 27 - Sep 3**

**PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy:** Gayle Hover-son upon the loss of her husband Ron; Cynthia Moser upon the loss of her sister **Rehab/Nursing:** Neena Haskins, Jack Caylor (HHR); Nancy Underwood (Florida); Marian Lowry, Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana); **Home:** Carolyn Erickson; Neil Hlrshfield (Zigovsky's son-in-law); Emily Corn (Bridges' daughter); Beth Miller; Nancy Luger; Fitz Sthreshley; Paul Soltesz; Nancy Twitchen; the Green family; Katie Hankla; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Sandra Dwork; Helen Dearborn; Anne Wright; Penny Honker; Carole, Kim, & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Jim Emme; Darlene Tribby; Jim Luzzadder; Irene Lunsford, T.K. Owens (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; **Oth-ers:** Rob Stanfield (Stanfields' son); our mission coworkers and sister church, Fuente de Vida, the people of Sudan, Turkey, Syria, and Ukraine, those harmed by gun violence and by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation.

### **REGULAR LEARNING HOUR CLASSES RETURN:**

- **Issues & Concerns** (*Fellowship Hall*) A discussion session centering on contemporary events and ideas garnered from a variety of sources (periodicals, websites, etc.) Lead by members of the class.
- **Lectionary Class** (*Trinity Room*) A close reading of Bible passages from the current week's worship, followed by discussion of meanings and interpretations. Lead by Jim Kisner.

**BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME THRIFT STORE TRUCK** - Sat, Sep 15, 10am-2pm. Donated items loaded onto the truck by BMH staff. To donate early, store items downstairs in Room 108 (old pre-school). Let's fill the truck for the children! Many thanks - Local Missions & Presbyterian Women

**CONGRATULATIONS** to the extended Forsythe family upon the adoption of baby Natalie!

### **SEASON OF CREATION!**

- **Sep 3:** Listening to our Over-Heated Earth (Global Warming) with special guest Dan Turk, mission co-worker to Madagascar
- **Sep 10:** Listening to our Rivers (Water Purity and Scarcity)
- **Sep 17:** Listening to our Oceans (Plastics, Pollution, and Climate Emergencies)
- **Sep 24:** Listening to One Another (Peace & Global Cooperation)

**MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE** - Old friends and new are welcome. If you sing in your car, sing in the shower, or used to and miss it, please consider joining the Trinity choir. A great opportunity to meet people and to share your voice with the Trinity family in thanks to God.

**DEATH CAFÉ** Mon, Aug 28 at 4pm. We practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grief from deep within our hearts. Death Café meets monthly in the lounge. Light refreshments are served. New and returning members are always welcome.

### **UNITE NC TOWN HALL: TUE, SEP 5, 6:30pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Kanuga.**

We'll be 1) educating attendees about what's happened in the NC General Assembly and 2) giving attendees a chance to share their opinion on important state issues, and letting lawmakers know what they want for the future of North Carolina. Come prepared to speak! Please note - this is a non-partisan event. Refreshments provided. Kids welcome. Registration link on the Trinity website calendar.

### **ANOTHER WORLD IS POSSIBLE - De-Escalation & Bystander Intervention Training, Sat, Sep 9, 1:00pm, First Congregational:**

This two-part workshop series (De-escalation Training on 9/9, followed by the Nalaxone training on 10/7) will teach people concrete tools to create real safety in their communities for anyone who ever wished they had more options than calling 911 for every problem. From de-escalation to helping someone experiencing an overdose, these training sessions are designed to empower our community and teach us that - we are who we've been waiting for.