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**Second Sunday in the Season of Creation**  
— “Listening to Our Rivers” —  
**September 10, 2023 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

“Love your neighbor as yourself.” Love does not wrong to a neighbor;  
therefore, love is the fulfilling of the law.”—Romans 13: 9b-10

**Prelude**                      Prelude on “For the Beauty of the Earth”                      *David Lowe*

**Introit 637**    O Sing to the Lord

**Land Acknowledgement** (*responsive*)

L: The General Council of the Presbytery of Western North Carolina has adopted a motion that we begin our meetings with an acknowledgement of some of the traditional Native inhabitants of the land in which we live and minister.

**P: The Indigenous peoples of the Americas are the inhabitants of the Americas before the arrival of the European settlers in the 15th century, and the ethnic groups who now identify themselves with those peoples. By so doing; we offer recognition and respect and seek to cultivate a deeper awareness of the history that has led to the present moment, and we invite reflection on our responsibilities as descendants of that history. Today we continue our acknowledgement by specifically remembering that we live, worship, and serve in the region of the Native lands of the Catawba, Sugaree and Cherokee peoples among others; paying our respects to elders of the past and present, known and unknown.**

L: Let us do our faithful work mindful of them.

**Call to Worship**

Breathe upon us.

**Open our ears and move our hearts.**

Turn us from our inward gaze.

**Teach us to contemplate your creation,**

And listen for the voice of each creature declaring your glory.

**\*Hymn 370**

This Is My Father's World

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

**Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves; When our dreams have come true because we have dreamed too little; When we arrived safely because we sailed too close to the shore. Disturb us, Lord, when with the abundance of things we possess we have lost our thirst for the waters of life. Having fallen in love with life, we confess that we have ceased to dream of eternity, and in our efforts to build a new earth, we have allowed our vision of the new Heaven to dim. Forgive us as we seek new orientations in our lives. Amen**

## Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

**\*Congregational Response 562** Holy, Holy, Holy

## Passing of the Peace

**First Reading** Psalm 119:33-40

**Anthem** Sing to the Lord a Jubilant Song, *Dave & Jean Perry*

## A Prayer for Children

**Second Reading** Romans 13:8-14

**Sermon** "The Creation As Neighbor" *David Garnett*

**\*Affirmation of Faith** A Brief Statement of Faith, Sec. 1 & 2

## Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

**Minute for Ministry** Global Missions: Special Offerings *Betty Lockwood*

## Invitation to Giving

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

**\*Hymn 375** Shall We Gather at the River

## \*Charge and Blessing

**Postlude** Prelude & Fugue in B flat *J.S. Bach*

*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

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**Worship Notes:** *Worship Resources are adapted from "Season of Creation, The Pacific Conference of Churches".*

**Special thanks** to our guest preacher, *David Garnett*.

**Stewardship Meditation:** *"Stewardship is the hallmark of life on earth."—Sunday Adelaj*

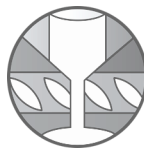
***This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors 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.***



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Presbytery of Western  
North Carolina



More Light  
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25  
Church



Fuente de Vida  
Guatemala



an Earth Care  
Congregation

### **SUNDAY - SEASON OF CREATION**

#### **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**

4:00 Moms Demand Action Mtg.

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

### **MONDAY**

9:00 Finance Team

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

### **TUESDAY - STYROFOAM RECYCLING DAY**

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons' Meeting

### **WEDNESDAY**

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

4:00 Global Missions Ministry - Hybrid

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **THURSDAY**

10:00 Zoom: New Member Ministry

11:00 Zoom: "Between the Lines" Book Group

11:30 Crossnore Communities

1:30 AA Meeting

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

### **FRIDAY**

4:00 Silent Vigil for Immigration Reform

### **SATURDAY**

10:00 Black Mountain Home Trailer

10:00 Picnic Set-up

### **SUNDAY - SEASON OF CREATION & CHURCH PICNIC**

9:00 Youth Learning Hour

9:00 Adult Learning Hour:

- Issues & Concerns
- Lectionary Class

9:30 Special Session Meeting

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

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

11ish Church Picnic

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

**SINGLE FOAM SERVICE!!  
PICNIC AFTER**

**LITURGIST(S):** Jan Prichard, Robin Hodgson

**PROJECTIONS:** Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

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

**FLOWERS:** Given by Margaret Bolick in memory of  
her husband, Don Bolick, on their anniversary

**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:** 133

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

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**Weekly Calendar:  
Sep 10 - 17**

**PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy:** Brian Tribby upon the loss of his wife Darlene; Gayle Hover-son upon the loss of her husband Ron **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:** Doris Youngdahl; Joe Strange; Natalie (Forsythes' granddaughter); Jeremy King's daughter; Bruce Crossman (Carole Ball's brother); Carolyn Erickson; Neil Hlrshfield (Zigovsky's son-in-law); Emily Corn (Bridges' daughter); Beth Miller; Fitz Sthresley; Paul Soltesz; Nancy Twitchen; the Green family; Katie Hankla; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Sandra Dwork; Helen Dearborn; Anne Wright; Carole, Kim, & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Barbara Nichols; Bud Weeks; Jim Emme; Jim Luzadder; Irene Lunsford, T.K. Owens (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; **Others:** Rob Stanfield (Stanfields' son); our mission coworkers in Madagascar and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Lahaina Maui, Sudan, and Ukraine, and those harmed by new anti-LGBTQIA+ legislation and by gun violence.

### **SEASON OF CREATION! - Listening to Creation**

- **Sep 3:** Listening to our Over-Heated Earth
- **Sep 10:** Listening to our Rivers
- **Sep 17:** Listening to our Oceans
- **Sep 24:** Listening to One Another

**MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE - TODAY, 4PM** (Fellowship Hall): You don't have to be a mom to advocate for gun violence prevention - just have to be an advocate for community safety. Come learn about this grass-roots organization with speaker John Owen. This is a Matthew 25 initiative. Join us!

**BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME THRIFT STORE TRUCK** - Sat, Sep 16, 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

### **PICNIC DETAILS - GRAB A FLYER IN NARTHEX!**

**THANK YOU SUMMER TRINITY 30 HOSTS** for the wonderful fellowship time! Mary Louise, Kathryn, & Bob Forsythe, Betty Sloop, Jim & Bev Luzadder, Lorraine & Phil Talbot, Becky Stanley, Cindy Stanfield, Kathy Steinbaugh, Susan Mangrum, Vickie Hugger, Diane & Jim Smelker, Cynthia Moser, Julie Carter, Chris & Fritz Becker.

### **41<sup>ST</sup> ANNUAL HUNGER WALK - Sat AM, Sept. 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

Walkers are encouraged to register online at [hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org](http://hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org) (click the dropdown menu to choose Trinity's team). Registration/sign-in begins at 7:30 at Jackson Park Shelter #1. Walk beginning around 8:00. T-shirts for the first 300 walkers. Sign-up table on Sundays in the narthex thru the 17<sup>th</sup>. If not a walker, please sponsor walkers by putting your name and contribution amount on walker envelopes. Checks should be made out to Trinity with "Hunger Walk" in the memo line. Trinity was a founder of the Hunger Coalition 41 years ago. We had the largest number of walkers of any group last year. Let's repeat that support this year! Thank you!

### **BRUNCH TIME! Thu, Oct 12, 10AM-12PM:** ALL the women of Trinity, not just Circle members, are invited to **Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering.**

This fun and fascinating program includes speaker Terri Forsyth, one of the WNC Presbytery's representatives to Malawi to deliver the Luo Pads. Terri interacted with the women and girls whose lives were changed by this project, and will share a slideshow from the trip, answer questions, and get us excited about this year's Luo Pad efforts. Free to attend this gathering, but registration required. Sign up in the narthex Sept. 24, Oct. 1, or 8. See you there!

**SPECIAL LEARNING HOURS, SEP 24 & OCT 1: "Our Sung Theology & the Season of Creation"** with Mel Bringle. Hymns shape our beliefs and actions in deep ways. In this two-part series, we will explore hymns in light of environmental threats and opportunities. First, we will consider why **"It Isn't Easy Singing Green."** Second, we will confront the puzzle: **"Where Have All the Critters Gone?"**