

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 23, 2023 - 10:00 AM

“O Lord, you have searched me and known me. You know when I sit down and when I rise up: You discern my thoughts from far away.”—Psalm 139: 1 & 2

Prelude

Give Me Jesus

Trad., arr. Paul Johnston

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

God's Spirit gathers us

We are not alone

God's Spirit calls us

We are to discern together God's will

God's Spirit sends us

We are to shine like the sun, bearing witness to Christ our Savior

***Hymn 366**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Sovereign God, we have been so busy with our own pursuits that we have not noticed the treasure hidden in our midst. We have not learned to value things by your standards. We do not see lasting worth in the old we discard, nor have we discovered the dawning merit of much that is new. We are content to live in the ruts of life, rather than climb the mountains of new possibilities. Forgive us, expand our vision, and grant us fresh opportunities to serve your purpose. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

New Testament Lesson

Matthew 13: 24-30; 36-43

A Prayer for Children

Old Testament Lesson

Psalm 139: 1-12, 23-24

Sermon

“God Knows Your Middle Name!” *Mark Stanley*

***Affirmation of Faith**

A Brief Statement of Faith, *section 2 & 5*

Minute for Ministry

Caring for the Earth: Keep It Plastic-Free!, *Enrique Sanchez*

Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

***Hymn 29**

O God, You Search Me

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude

Simple Gifts

*Joseph Brackett, Jr.
(Arr. Paul Johnston)*

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: Our Call to Worship is used by permission from Presbyterian Outlook.

Special thanks to our guest musician, Eric McAnallen (piano)

LITURGIST(S): Diane Smelker

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

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

FLOWERS: Given by Richard and Cindy Householder in loving memory of Dick Householder, father of Richard Householder

LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 128

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

Treasurer: 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.



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North Carolina



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a Matthew 25
Church



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala



an Earth Care
Congregation

SUNDAY

- 9:00 Youth Learning Hour
- 9:00 Summer Adult Learning Hour Electives:
 - "In the Writer's Room" with Dwight C.
 - Circles around Poverty

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 11:00 Trinity 30 w/ Cindy Stanfield
- 5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

- 9:00 Finance Team
- 10:00 New Member Subcommittee
- 3:30 Tai chi - Beginners
- 4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate
- 4:00 Death Café

TUESDAY - STYROFOAM DAY AT THE CONVENIENCE CEN

- 9:00 Staff Meeting
- 10:00 Coffee Group
- 3:00 Origami Group
- 5:30 St. Gerard House Family Night

WEDNESDAY

- 10:30 Friends in Christ
- 1:00 Spanish Class
- 7:00 Zoom: Spanish Class

THURSDAY

- 9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
- 1:30 AA Ladies
- 3:30 Tai chi - Beginners
- 4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

FRIDAY

SATURDAY - PRESBYTERY MEETING

- 3:00 Parish Party - 7

SUNDAY - 5 CENTS A MEAL

- 9:00 Youth Learning Hour
 - 9:00 Summer Adult Learning Hour Electives:
 - Searching for the Historical Jesus, part 3
 - Circles around Poverty
- #### 10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP
- 11:00 Trinity 30 w/ Susan Mangrum & Kathy Steinbaugh
 - 11:15 Nominating Committee Meeting
 - 5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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**Weekly Calendar:
Jul 23 - 30**

PRAYER CONCERNS Rehab/Nursing: Jack Caylor (Lakepointe Life Care); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Julia Sellers (Durham); Ruth Mills, Marian Lowry (CV Care Center); Jerry Miller (Indiana); Nancy Underwood (The Bridge); Ron Hoverson (The Lodge at Mills River) **Home:** Glenn Walker; Beth Miller; Nancy Luger; Bob Lux; Fitz Sthreshley; Paul Soltesz; Joe Strange; Leslie Nissen; Nancy Twitchen; the Green family; Katie Hankla; Gillian Vaughan (Edie Clark's granddaughter); Sandra Dwork; Jan Bridges; Helen Dearborn; Anne Wright; Penny Honker; Carole, Kim, & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Jim Wetton (Kathy Steinbaugh's brother); Lauren McBride (Kuykendoll's daughter); Ron Leach (Smelker's brother-in-law); 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; **Others:** 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.

SUMMER LEARNING HOUR ELECTIVES:

- **July 23 - In the Writer's Room w/ Dwight Christenbury** On the eve of his sabbatical, Dwight invites you to join him for a presentation and discussion of the book project that he will be working on while he's away.
- **July 30 - Searching for Historical Jesus** cont.
- **Until Sept - Circles Around Poverty** (*Trinity Room*) Learn about the dynamics of poverty and how to eliminate it in our community. Resources: *Bootstraps and Benefits* by Scott Miller, *Getting Ahead in a Just-Getting'-By World* by Philip E. Devol, and *A Framework for Understanding Poverty* by Ruby Payne. This is a Matthew 25 initiative. All are invited.

41ST ANNUAL HUNGER WALK - Mark your calendars! Join all of us on Saturday September 23rd at Jackson Park. Stay tuned for more details in the coming weeks.

DEATH CAFÉ returns next Monday July 24 (tomorrow) at 4pm. We sit in circles to practice gentle listening, sharing stories of loss, fear, and grieving from deep within our hearts. Death Café meets monthly in the lounge off the atrium. Light refreshments are served. New and returning members are always welcome.

VOLUNTEERS WANTED - St Gerard House is looking for help for Family Group Night - a monthly opportunity for families of special needs kids to get resources and support. **4th Tuesdays, 5:30-7pm, at Grace Lutheran.** Volunteers assist with childcare, arts & crafts, outdoor play, administrative tasks, and/or food prep/clean-up. Volunteers are provided with dinner before families arrive. If you'd like to play games or glue glitter with some great kids, contact 828-692-4223 or cristina.lopez@stgerardhouse.org

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sat, Jul 29** Parish Party! (Parish 7)
- **Sat, Aug 5** Celebration of Life: Karel Bodamer
- **Sun, Aug 6** Pool Party (details below)
- **Sun, Aug 20** Keefer **Twins** Baby Shower
- **Sat, Aug 26** Join Local Missions and many others for "Back to School" Fest at Sullivan Park.

POOL PARTY! AUG 6 12-3PM: Due to Covid-19 and necessary repairs to Carole's pool, summer pool cookouts and pool parties have been on hold since the summer of 2020. It is now time to give our kids and families a time to get together again for some summer fun. All Trinity family are welcome. Swimsuits and children are welcome but not required. You might just like somewhere to socialize with a chance to get to know our young families this summer after church. Meat, lemonade and iced tea, will be furnished. You are asked to bring a dish to share: salad, vegetable, fruit, or dessert. You might also like to bring your special lawn chair. We look forward to seeing you soon. **PLEASE SIGN UP ON THE KIOSK IN THE NARTHEX.** Carole Ball 828-692-8774, 1962 North Rugby Road.