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Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 16, 2026

[The Canaanite woman] said to [Jesus],

"Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from the master's table."

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude "Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing" arr. David Maxwell

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 67)

May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face
to shine upon us, that your way may be known upon earth,
your saving power among all nations.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

Let the nations be glad and sing for joy, for you judge the peoples
with equity and guide the nations upon earth.

Let the peoples praise you, O God; let all the peoples praise you.

The earth has yielded its increase; God has blessed us.

May God continue to bless us;

let all the ends of the earth revere him.

***Hymn 33** "Praise the Lord! God's Glories Show"

Call to Confession & Prayer

Merciful God, your world cries out. The fruits of our disobedience are harming your creation. You tasked us to be good stewards of your creation and we have fallen short. You challenged us to love God and love our neighbor, and we have failed to show that love. You promise to bring all people joyfully together in a house of prayer on your holy mountain. We find ways to stay apart. Bring us together, O Lord. Empower us with a spirit of love for you and love for all our neighbors. Help us live lives of service to you so that all your children will know your peace. Forgive us when we fall short and continue to transform your world, leading us to your promised kingdom. In Jesus' name, Amen.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Response 656** "We've Come This Far by Faith"

Passing of the Peace

Canticle "Speak, O Lord" Keith Getty & Stuart Townend
1st scripture Isaiah 56:1,6-8

Congregational Solo 649 "Amazing Grace, My Chains Are Gone"

A Prayer for Children

2nd scripture Matthew 15:21-28

Sermon "Drawing Lines and Then Erasing Them", David Garnett

*Hymn 317 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

*Affirmation of Faith (from The Confession of 1967, inclusive language ed.)

God’s sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. Human thought ascribes to God superlatives of power, wisdom, and goodness. But God reveals divine love in Jesus Christ by showing power in the form of a servant, wisdom in the folly of the cross, and goodness in receiving sinful men and women. The power of God’s love in Christ to transform the world discloses that the Redeemer is the Lord and Creator who made all things to serve the purpose of God’s love. Amen.

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

Prayers of the People & the Lord’s Prayer

*Hymn 295 "Go To The World"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty" arr. K. Varner

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: Our Confession of Sin was written by Teri McDowell Ott and provided for free distribution.

LITURGIST(S): Ron Howard	FLOWERS: Given by Claire Lux In memory of
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Catherine Langsdorf	Bob on his 81st birthday.
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,	LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 111
Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz	

<u>WORSHIP TEAM</u>	<u>TRINITY TEAM</u>
Transitional Pastor: Rev. David Garnett	Maintenance Facilitator: Jim Kisner
Associate Pastor: Rev. Dwight Christenbury	Treasurers: Bob Forsythe, Bev Luzadder
Minister of Music: Rev. Lesley Bush	Financial Secretary: Diane Bowers
	Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll

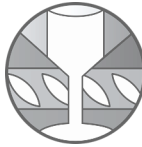
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina -
our regional leadership



More Light
Presbyterians -
LGBTQ+ affirming



an Earth Care
Congregation -
eco-stewardship



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala - global
partnership



a Matthew 25
Church - social
justice advocacy

SUNDAY

9:00 DONUTS! Summer Youth Learning Hour
9:00 Hashing It Out
9:15 Children's Sunday School
10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP
11:15 General Assembly Report
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
5:15 Local Missions Ministry
6:30 Session Meeting

TUESDAY - MALAWI MISSION NETWORK (MONTREAT)

9:30 Staff Meeting
10:00 Coffee Group
5:30 Circles Meeting
6:00 Zoom: Worship Ministry
6:30 Social Justice Network Meeting
(Grace Lutheran)

WEDNESDAY - MALAWI MISSION NETWORK (MONTREAT)

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

THURSDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

& MALAWI MISSION NETWORK (MONTREAT)

10:00 Aging Resources Expo
(Blue Ridge Mall)
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:30 Cub Scouts
6:30 Mountain True "Riverkeepers"
(St. James Episcopal)

FRIDAY - MALAWI MISSION NETWORK (MONTREAT)

8:00 Toastmasters
4:30 Postcard Party (Trailside Brewing)

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal
10:00 Service of Committal and Interment:
Jane Sugawara

SUNDAY

9:00 Hashing It Out
9:15 Children's Sunday School
10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP
11:15 ¡Guatemala Bazar!
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: The family of Nugent Sharp **Rehab/Nursing:** Don Widmayer (FL); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Twitchen (Harmony); Jack Caylor (HHR); Don & Sue Robinson (Life Care); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell) **Home:** Marty Zigovsky; Evelyn Christensen (Sloop/Forsythe family); Alan Morrow (Sanchezes' friend); Betty Lockwood; Brenda Nelson; Frank Clark (Edie's son-in-law); Penny Honker; Cynthia Moser; Sandy Elser (Barb Pickwood's neighbor); Sheryl Hirschfield (Zigovsky family); Missi Price (Zigovsky family friend); Judi Johnson; Barbara Pickwood; Irene Lunsford (Dolly & Nancy's sister), Steve Kuykendoll; Bob Miles; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, people in war-torn areas of the world, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR ESCUELA COMUNITARIA DAVID LAMOTTE. Trinity's Guatemala Youth Delegation is collecting supplies this month for a school we visited earlier this summer on our trip to Guatemala. See the very *specific* list of supplies needed at the collection table in the narthex. For more information about Escuela Comunitaria David LaMotte, go to senderosguatemala.org. Thank you for your generosity!

AT A GLANCE: SPECIAL SUNDAY PROGRAMS IN AUGUST. There are lots of things happening this month in the after-worship hour (11:15-12:15):

- AUG. 16: Report on the 227th General Assembly of the PC(USA) (presented by Bob Forsythe and Dwight Christenbury)
- AUG. 23: ¡Guatemala Bazar! We'll have snacks, pictures from the recent Presbytery Youth Delegation trip to Guatemala, and displays to help you learn about and become involved in our connections with Guatemala

MARK YOUR CALENDARS on Saturday, Sept. 19th for the 44th annual Hunger Walk. Go to hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org. Click on Register to Walk at the top. Make sure you click on the dropdown menu and choose Trinity as your team. Other options are to register via the QR code on the posters in the narthex or beginning at 8:00 a.m. on the walk day. More info to come via email, Tidings, Minute for Mission, and the bulletin.

VOLUNTEER KICKOFF VENUE CHANGE: The location for Four Seasons Hospice's August 27 Volunteer Kickoff Event, originally planned for 159 Osceola Lake Road (as noted in the August edition of Tidings), has been changed. The Kickoff will now be held at the FS Greatrex Conference Room at 581 South Allen Road, Flat Rock NC 28731. The event will still be 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm, and will still be a GREAT way to learn about the many volunteer opportunities with Four Seasons!

SAVE THE DATE of Thursday, August 20 at 6:30 p.m. for the 3rd presentation this year by Creation Care Ministry (St. James Episcopal) Enjoy some healthy snacks and a presentation by Anna Alsobrook of Mountain True's "RIVERKEEPERS." This branch of Mountain True focuses on water quality in WNC with Clean Water Teams, investigation of pollution, and restoring riverbanks post Helene. Come listen to the history and critical work it takes to restore and maintain clean water in WNC.

AGING RESOURCES OF WNC EXPO is designed to provide resources and information for the aging and caregiving community in the region by bringing together local organizations, healthcare professionals, senior service providers, and community experts under one roof. Date: Thursday, August 20th, Time: 10 AM - 2 PM, Location: Blue Ridge Mall, Hendersonville.

PRAYER LIST ONLINE SUBMISSIONS: Hi folks! Just a quick reminder that the EASIEST way to add someone to the prayer list is through the big red button at the top of our website. Thank you for sharing your prayer requests!