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First Sunday in the Season of Creation: Peace with Creation
September 7, 2025 - 10:00 AM

"Even if the forest falls and the humbled city is laid low, those who sow beside any stream will be happy, sending out ox and donkey to graze."--Isaiah 32:19-20

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"The Heart of Worship"

Matt Redman

Choral Introit 5

God the Sculptor of the Mountains

Call to Worship (*responsive*)

Let the flowers open in praise of the rising sun, let the birds sing their morning song, and let God's people say *Amen*. **Amen.**

Let the light fall warm and bright on the earth, let the Spirit's embrace gather us in, and let God's people say *Amen*. **Amen.**

Let the winds blow wild around us, but let hearts be glad and minds be calm, and let God's people say *Amen*. **Amen.**

***Hymn 14**

"For the Beauty of the Earth"

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

O God, your fertile earth is slowly being stripped of its riches.

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your living waters are slowly being choked with chemicals.

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your clear air is slowly being filled with pollutants.

Open our eyes to see.

O God, your creatures are slowly dying, and your people are suffering.

Open our eyes to see.

God our maker, so move us by the wonder of creation,

that we repent and care more deeply.

So move us to grieve the loss of life,

that we learn to cherish and protect your world. Amen.

***Response** "The Peace of the Earth", trad. *Guatemalan*, arr. Bell & Haugen

The peace of the earth be with you, the peace of the heavens, too.

The peace of the rivers be with you, the peace of the oceans, too:

deep peace falling over you, God's peace growing in you.

Passing of the Peace

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Invitation to Giving

First Lesson

Isaiah 32:14-20

Anthem

"Prayer of Communion" , Hoyt & Monk, Arr. McDonald

A Prayer for Children

Second Lesson

Psalms 139:13-18

Sermon

Meditations on Creation

Various Voices

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*)

We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, of sun and moon, of water and earth, of all humankind. We believe in God beside us, Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, servant of the poor, tortured and nailed to a tree. A man of sorrows, he died forsaken. He descended into the earth to the place of death. On the third day he rose from the tomb. He ascended into heaven to be everywhere present, and his kingdom will come on earth. We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit of Pentecostal fire, life-giving breath of the church, Spirit of healing and forgiveness, source of resurrection and of eternal life. Amen.

*Hymn 519

"You Are My Strength When I Am Weak"

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

- Invitation to the Table
- The Prayer of Thanksgiving
- The Words of Institution

• Communion of the People: "Give Me Jesus" *Traditional, Arr. Paul Johnston*

*Hymn 19

"God of Great and God of Small"

*Charge and Blessing

Postlude

"Simple Gifts" *Joseph Brackett, Jr., Arr. P. Johnston*

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Worship Notes: The Call to Worship, Prayer of Confession, and Affirmation of Faith are adapted from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book* (© 2001, The Iona Community).

LITURGIST(S): Barb T

PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks,
Catherine Langsdorf

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

FLOWERS: Given by Diocles Wells and Eric McAnallen in honor of Rev. Marian J. McAnallen

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE: 138

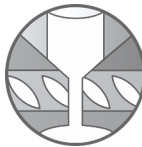
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

9:00 Learning Hour

- Children's Sunday School

9:30 Choir rehearsal

10:00 Congregational Meeting to vote for
Pastor Nominating Committee (PNC)

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 Special Meeting with the PNC

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

MONDAY

9:00 Finance Team

10:30 New Member Ministry Meeting

5:30 Local Missions Ministry Meeting

5:30 Tech Support w/ Vickie & Katie

6:30 Session Meeting

7:00 "More Light Mondays" (online)

TUESDAY

9:30 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

3:30 Deacons Meeting

4:00 Wise Women Network

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Esther Circle

10:30 Friends in Christ - Hybrid

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

9:30 Hunger Coalition Food Pantry Visit

11:00 Zoom: Between the Lines Book Group

4:00 Tai Chi

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

8:00 Toastmasters

9:30 Feed the Kids

SATURDAY

9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

SUNDAY

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Learning Hour

- Children's Sunday School

10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg. - Hybrid

3:00 CONCERT: Joel Helfand

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

DON'T FORGET!!!

NEXT SUNDAY WE GO BACK TO TWO SERVICES

8:30 AND 11:00 A.M.

Sep 7 - 14

Contacts (office/pastoral business) during the week

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: Hospital: Bob Miles; Jeff Roller (Marty's brother); Bella Ward (Steve & Esther Hider's friend) **Rehab/Nursing:** Willene Davis (Life Care); Ted Bechtel (Aston Park); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Art Wayboer (High Point); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell); Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Jane Sugawara (Ohio); Jack Caylor (HHR); Don Widmayer (Florida); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana) **Home:** Kathy Orr (Neena Haskins' friend); Larry Wojcik; Joe Stafford (Carole Ball's neighbor); Peter & Nancy Williard; Elizabeth (Strange's neighbor); David & Nancy Butler (Zigovsky friends); Nancy Twitchen; Neil Hirschfield (Zigovsky daughter); John Kostlevy; Ben Moore; Brenda Nelson; Evelyn Christensen (Mary Louise & Betty's sister); Steve Kuykendoll; Martin Roller; Donnie Thompson (Kuykendoll's nephew); T.K. Owens (Dolly's son); Susan Kincaid; Paul Soltesz; Evans Thibodeau; Kim & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Barbara Nichols; Alice McCullough **Others:** immigrants and those who are fearful or in hiding; our partners in Madagascar, Malawi, and Guatemala, our sister church Fuente de Vida, the people of Israel and Gaza, Lebanon, Yemen, Sudan, Syria, Ukraine and Russia, those harmed by gun violence and anti-LGBTQ+ legislation, and all who have suffered due to Hurricane Helene.

WELCOME BACK CHOIR! Don't they look like they're having fun? If YOU'D like to have fun and make some music with us, you're welcome at Choir rehearsals on Wednesdays at 7:30 PM. Your trusty Section Leaders will be helping to lead the choir during this interim period as the Music Director Search Committee continues to receive and interview potential candidates. If you have any choir or music director-related questions, please feel free to reach out to Eric McAnallen.

THANK YOU and many blessings to Trinity Church and Choir for your overwhelming kindness and generosity upon my retirement. The next musician will be very wise to savor the goodness of Trinity. Sincerely yours — Stephen Klein

SEASON OF CREATION - LOVEY DOVEYS! We are SO grateful to our origami artists and our decorators for this beautiful example of reduce/reuse/recycle in action. But we're not done yet! New peace doves accepted throughout the season of creation as we grow our flock!

LUOPAD STARTUP 2025: On Thu, Sep 18, we will begin our fourth season of Global Missions' Project - *Luopads for Malawi*. Trinity sewing room from 12 noon - 2:00 pm. If you can sew, cut, trace, iron, fold or count, you qualify for the Trinity Luopad team! All helping hands are welcome. See Vickie Hugger, Priscilla Karvonen or Esther Hider if you have any questions.

HUNGER COALITION UPDATES:

- **AGENCY TOUR:** The sign-up for Calvary Episcopal Food Pantry (on 9/11) in the narthex. This is a great chance to see an agency supported by our donations for the Hunger Walk.
- **FUNDRAISER CONCERT W/ JOEL HELFAND:** Join us on Sun, Sep 14 at 3 P.M. for beautiful saxophone music to help raise extra funds to fight hunger in our community. ALL donations go to the Hunger Coalition. Bring your friends! Also, volunteers wanted to bake/bring cookies for a small reception after the concert. Please call Esther Hider for details or to volunteer! Thanks bakers :-)
- **HUNGER WALK REGISTRATION** at hendersoncountyhungercoalition.org to save time on Walk day 9/20. Click the drop down menu to choose the "Trinity team". You can donate/sponsor walkers in the narthex starting on Sunday August 31st.
- **2025 HUNGER WALK ANONYMOUS DONOR MATCHING GIFT!!** Every envelope reaching \$100 or more in pledges will receive an additional \$100 thanks to an anonymous donor! Let's break Trinity's record this year--our goal is \$4000!

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: TODAY! Sun, Sep 7. We will have ONE service at 10AM to elect our new PNC (Pastoral Nominating Committee) - the next step in our search for a new pastor.