

Twelfth Sunday after Pentecost
August 20, 2023 - 10:00 AM

Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon."—Matthew 15: 22

Prelude

Sonata in E flat - Rondeau

W.A. Mozart

Call to Worship

Turn us, O God,

away from the world's temptations and distractions.

Return us, O God,

to the quiet calm of your presence.

Restore us, O God,

to the path you call us to follow.

Orient us, O God,

to the hope of all that is possible through you

***Hymn 41**

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God our refuge, you hear our cries for mercy. You lift the lowly and offer hope to the hopeless. But we, who benefit from your grace, do not emulate you and your ways. We are quick to condemn, exaggerate critique and act mercilessly. We confess the ways we demean and dehumanize others. We pray for your forgiveness. Amen

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response 582**

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

Passing of the Peace

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 56: 1, 6-8

A Prayer for Children

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| New Testament Lesson | Matthew 15: 10-28 | |
| Sermon | "The Mercy Rule" | Mark Stanley |
| *Affirmation of Faith | A Brief Statement of Faith, Sec. 3 & 5. pp. 37 & 38 | |
| Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns | | |
| Invitation to Giving | | |
| Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer | | |
| *Hymn 435 | There's a Wideness In God's Mercy | |
| *Charge and Blessing | | |
| Postlude | Sonata in E flat - Allegro | W.A. Mozart |

**Please stand in body or spirit*

Special Thanks to our guest musician, Chris Stevens (violin)

Worship Notes: © Presbyterian Outlook, 2023, Liturgy written by Teri McDowell Ott

LITURGIST(S): Susan Mangrum
PROJECTIONS: Russ Russell, Bud Weeks
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner,
 Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltész

FLOWERS: Given by Emma Persigehl in honor of
 my son, Daniel Persigehl's, Birthday
LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE: 115

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.



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June 10, 1983



Presbytery of Western
North Carolina



More Light
Presbyterians



a Matthew 25
Church



Fuente de Vida
Guatemala



an Earth Care
Congregation

SUNDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE

9:00 Summer Adult Learning Hour Electives:

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

9:08 A New Angle Family Worship

10:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

11:00 Trinity 30 w/ Cynthia Moser & Chris Becker

11:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Mtg.

2:00 Keefer Twins Baby Shower

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

TUESDAY

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Coffee Group

3:00 Origami Group

5:30 St. Gerard House Family Night (Grace)

6:30 Zoom: Worship Ministry Mtg.

WEDNESDAY

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

5:30 Community School Supplies Prep

(Local Missions Ministry)

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

**DON'T FORGET
CHOIR!!!**

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal

1:30 AA Meeting

2:00 Zoom: Endowment Committee Mtg.

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

9:30 Feed the Kids

SATURDAY

Back To School Fest (Sullivan Park)

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**Weekly Calendar:
Aug 20 - 27**

PRAYER CONCERNS Rehab/Nursing: Neena Haskins; Nancy Underwood (Florida); Marian Lowry, Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Jack Caylor (HHR); Kaye Papazian (Arbor Terrace); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Julia Sellers (Durham); Jerry Miller (Indiana); Ron Hoverson (The Lodge at Mills River) **Home:** 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 grand-daughter); 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 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 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:

- **Searching for Historical Jesus** video series
- **Until Sept - Circles Around Poverty** (Trinity Room) Learn about the dynamics of poverty and eliminating it in our community. All are invited to this Matthew 25 initiative.

SAVE THE DATES:

- **Sun, Aug 20** Keefer **Twins** (girls) Baby Shower <https://www.babylist.com/list/loretta-cox>
- **Wed, Aug 23, 5:30 at Trinity** Come help pack up supplies for "Back to School" Fest
- **Sat, Aug 26** Join Local Missions and many others for "Back to School" Fest at Sullivan Park.
- **Mon, Aug 28** Death Café (Lounge)

MAKE A JOYFUL NOISE - If you miss choir, be reassured that it will be BACK! First rehearsal is Wed, Aug 23. 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.

BACK TO SCHOOL FEST: SAT AUG 26, 11AM - 3PM at Sullivan Park (near the Boys & Girls Club). **Volunteers still needed for Wed, Aug 23 to pack the backpack AND for Sat Aug 26 to manage the festival.** Please sign up in Narthex.

UNITE NC TOWN HALL: TUE, SEP 5, 6:30pm Unitarian Universalist Fellowship on Kanuga. At this town hall, we'll be 1) educating attendees about what's happened in the North Carolina 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. We encourage you to 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 they can use to create real safety in their communities. These workshops are 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.

BLACK MOUNTAIN HOME THRIFT STORE TRUCK - Sat, Sep 15, 10am-2pm. Donated items will be accepted and loaded onto the truck by BMH staff. If you wish to donate, but can't make that day, you may store (neatly packed) items downstairs in Room 108 (old preschool) ahead of time to be loaded later. Let's fill the truck for the children! Many thanks from Local Missions & Presbyterian Women :-)

GET ON THE "BANNED" WAGON! Only 2 more weeks to finish reading one of the last decade's ten MOST banned books to discuss with the "Between the Lines" book group. You can find the list in the Between the Lines (Thursdays) details on the Trinity web calendar.