

**Sixth Sunday of Easter**  
**May 14, 2023 - 8:30 & 11:00 AM**

*"And in the spirit [the angel] carried me away to a great, high mountain and showed me the holy city Jerusalem coming down out of heaven from God."—Revelation 21:10*

**Prelude** Andante *Jacopb Arcadelt*

**Introit 7** Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth

**Call to Worship**

Come to this place of prayer; God is calling us.  
Come, all who are burdened; there is healing here.

**We have come to hear the Word of God.**

**We have brought with us all that weighs us down.**

Let voices of praise greet the one who calls us.  
Be glad together and sing for joy.

**Our hearts respond with hope for a new day.**

**Our voices join in thankful prayers and praise.**

**\*Hymn 756** "O God of Every Nation"

**Prayer of Confession** (*unison*)

Gracious God, we have wandered far from your love. We have neglected your Word in the torrent of words that we hear and read and speak every day. Our hearts are troubled—though perhaps not troubled enough—amid the conflict and violence of our world. We find it easier to withdraw from everything, to resist change, lest it require more of us. We know you are reaching out to heal; help us to respond and to reflect your love to all we meet. 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** Psalm 66:8–9, 16–20

**Anthem** To The Lamb on the Throne *Dan Forrest*

**A Prayer for Children**

**New Testament Lesson** Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

**Sermon** "Bright Light, Big City" Dwight Christenbury

**\*Hymn 374** "O Holy City, Seen of John" (*stanzas 1 and 3*)

**\*Affirmation of Faith**, from *The Confession of 1967*

God's sovereign love is a mystery beyond the reach of the human mind. 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. Biblical visions of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, culminate in the image of the kingdom, which represents God's triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God's creation. Already God's reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption. With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

**Welcoming New Members**      Sunny & Al Lockwood

**Announcements and Sharing of Joys and Concerns**

**Invitation to Giving**

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

**\*Hymn 370**      "This Is My Father's World"

**\*Charge and Blessing**

**Postlude**      Laudation      Gilbert M. Martin

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*\*Please stand in body or spirit*

**Worship Notes:** The Call to Worship and the Prayer of Confession are adapted by permission of United Church Press from *Gathered by Love* by Lavon Bayler (© 1994, United Church Press). The Affirmation of Faith is adapted from *The Confession of 1967—Inclusive Language Text* [© 2002, Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.)].

**LITURGIST(S):** Charles Keefer

**PROJECTIONS:** Russ Russell, Bud Weeks

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

**FLOWERS:** Given by Carl Schreck in memory of his wife Sue. She was a wonderful wife, mother & grandmother.

**LAST SUNDAY ATTENDANCE:** 134



**SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:** The "Arts at Trinity" concert series present a "Swing into Summer with the Hendersonville Swing Band - Sunday, May 21 at 3:00 PM. Bring your friends and listen to your favorite jazz tunes of the 30s, 40s, & 50s! Admission is free with an optional love offering.

***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 - MOTHER'S DAY**

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Learning Hour

- Lectionary Class
- Issues & Concerns Class
- Youth Learning Hour

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

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

5:00 Hunger Coalition Meeting

## **TUESDAY**

9:00 Staff Meeting

10:00 Musicke Antiqua

10:00 Coffee Group

10:30 Naomi Circle

6:00 PFLAG Panel Discussion

6:30 Zoom: Worship Ministry Meeting

## **WEDNESDAY**

10:30 Friends in Christ

1:00 Spanish Class

4:00 Zoom: Earth Caring Ministry

7:00 Zoom: Spanish Class

7:30 Choir Rehearsal

## **THURSDAY - ASCENSION DAY**

10:00 Free Health Screening (Blue Ridge Mall)

1:30 AA Ladies

3:30 Tai chi - Beginners

4:00 Tai chi - Intermediate

6:30 Cub Scouts

## **FRIDAY**

8:00 Toastmasters

4:00 Silent vigil for Immigration Reform

5:00 Asheville Tourists' Game

## **SATURDAY - TIDINGS DEADLINE**

## **SUNDAY**

### **8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

9:45 Endowment Presentation

9:45 Learning Hour

- Lectionary Class

9:53 A New Angle Family Worship

9:30 Choir Rehearsal

### **11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP**

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry Meeting

3:00 Hendersonville Swing Band

5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

# **Weekly Calendar: May 14 - 21**

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

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**PRAYER CONCERNS In Sympathy:** the Garrison family upon the loss of Scott **Hospital:** Jack Caylor **Pardee:** Eli McCall (Strange's son-in-law); **Rehabilitation/Nursing:** Kaye Papazian; Neena Haskins (HH&R); Nell Payne (Brookdale); Julia Sellers (Durham); Ruth Mills, Marian Lowry (CV Care Center); Jerry Miller (Indiana); Nancy Underwood (The Bridge); Helen Dearborn, Ron Hoverson (The Lodge at Mills River) **Home:** Anne Wright; Edie Clark's granddaughter Gillian; Penny Honker; Carole, Kim, & Jason Ball; Julee Gray (Kuykendoll's friend); Jeffrey Sheffield; Hannah McCullough; Katie Hankla; T.K. Owens; Neil Hirschfield (Marty Zigovsky's son-in-law); Emma Persigehl; 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; Dan Green; Jim Luzadder; Sarah Overton, Irene Lunsford (family of Dolly Owens & Nancy Twitchen); Barbara Pickwood; Alice McCullough; Dave Morrison; Irma Baldwin **Others:** Our mission coworkers and sister church, Fuente de Vida, the people of Sudan, Turkey, Syria, and Ukraine, and for those harmed by gun violence.

**LGBTQIA SPIRITUAL RESOURCE FAIR:** Tuesday, May 16, 2023. PFLAG Hendersonville is holding a Spiritual Resource Forum and Fair for LGBTQ folks and allies, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM at the U.U. Fellowship of Hendersonville, 2021 Kanuga Rd. Representatives from local Jewish, Unitarian, and Christian congregations will speak to their traditions' affirming beliefs and practices. The event is free and open to the public. More info: pflaghendersonville@gmail.com.

**WHO WILL MAKE DECISIONS FOR YOU WHEN YOU CAN'T?** Sunday, May 21, in the Fellowship Hall from 9.45 - 10:45, the Endowment Committee will present an expanded version of their Sept 11 program "Advance Planning. Who will make Decisions for You When You Can't?" This program will be a brief review of Estate planning topics like Wills, Powers of Attorney, Hospice, Trusts, with the focus on YOUR questions. See you May 21.

**A NEW ANGLE FAMILY WORSHIP: SUNDAY, MAY 21, AT 9:53 A.M.!** A New Angle is a 25-minute worship experience designed for children, youth, and their families, but it is open to any and all who wish to attend. It's simple, straightforward, and participatory — prayers, songs, readings, and stories — so come on out and give A New Angle a try!

**UVALDE REMEMBRANCE SERVICE: FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, TUESDAY, MAY 23, 7:00 P.M.** Moms Demand Action for Gun Sense, Hendersonville, will hold a short interfaith remembrance service on the eve of one year since the horrific school shooting in Uvalde, Texas. The service will be led by Rev. Alfredo Oviedo, Grace Lutheran Church, and Rev. Karen Easter-Payne, FUMC.

**BETWEEN THE LINES BOOK GROUP** is taking the summer off, but returning after Labor Day with a new kind of discussion. On the Trinity Calendar, if you go to "Between the Lines", you will find a PDF list of the 100 most often banned books 2010-2019 from the American Library Association. Please try to read at least one of the top 25 books over the summer and do a little investigation as to why it might have been pulled from shelves. For the first few weeks this fall we will take turns talking about the book(s) we've read and what we've discovered about them. I hope you will join us for some of the discussion.

**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!** Trinity hosts a free community VBS June 26–29, 9:00 a.m. to noon each day, and we are now accepting registrations both for participants (entering pre-K through 5th grade) and adult/youth volunteers. To register, go to <https://bit.ly/GraceVBS-2023> (for participants) or <https://bit.ly/GraceVolVBS-2023> (for volunteers).

**ASHEVILLE TOURISTS GAME** - Fri, May 19. If you've signed up for tix, please meet at 5:00 PM at Trinity to carpool. Game starts at 6:35. Contact Angela Kuykendoll with questions.

**FREE HEALTH SCREENINGS** - Thu, May 18, 10AM - 2PM at the Blue Ridge Mall on Four Seasons.