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Second Sunday in the Season of Creation: Living Water September 13, 2026

"You care for the land and water it; you enrich it abundantly. . . . You drench its furrows and level its ridges; you soften it with showers and bless its crops."—Psalm 65:9-10

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude

"Deep River"

Marianne Kim

Introit

"Creation Sings the Father's Song", Getty, Getty, & Townend

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 375**

"Shall We Gather at the River"

Prayer of Confession (*responsive*)

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

Open our eyes to see.

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

Open our eyes to see.

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

Open our eyes to see.

○ 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.

Silent Meditation and Assurance of Pardon

***Congregational Response**

"The Peace of the Earth"

trad. Guatemala

***Passing of the Peace**

First Lesson	Ezekiel 47:9, 12	
Anthem	"O Lord, Our Lord (Psalm 8)", <i>Getty, Getty, & Papa</i>	
A Prayer for Children		
Second Lesson	Psalm 65:5-13	
Sermon	<i>Soft Power</i>	Dwight Christenbury

***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 340** "This Is My Song" *(stanzas 1-2)*

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Prayers of the People

Call to Offering & Prayer of Dedication

***Hymn 23** "God, You Spin the Whirling Planets"

***Charge and Blessing**

Postlude "Proclaim the Glory of the Lord" *arr. Tim Doran*

**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): Duane Johnson	FLOWERS: Given by Kris and Mark Grasse in honor of their 35th wedding anniversary.
SCREENS: Russ Russell, Catherine Langsdorf	LAST WEEK ATTENDANCE: 119
LIVESTREAM: Duane Johnson, Jim Kisner, Conrad Shannon, Jim Smelker, Paul Soltesz	
WORSHIP TEAM	TRINITY TEAM
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
Section Leaders: Katie Cilluffo, Claire Crook, Eric McAnallen, Jonathan Thomas	Bookkeeper: Angela Kuykendoll

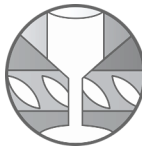
This congregation welcomes you without regard to race, ethnicity, age, sexual orientation, gender identity, physical or mental ability, education, economic circumstance, your place of origin or any other issue that divides God's family. We are Christ's people, and this is Christ's place with its doors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

8:30 SUNDAY WORSHIP

9:45 Children & Youth Gathering
9:45 Hashing It Out
9:45 Issues & Concerns
10:30 Choir Rehearsal

11:00 SUNDAY WORSHIP

12:15 Matthew 25 Ministry
5:00 ManKind Project Open Men's Circle

THURSDAY

9:30 Musicke Antiqua Rehearsal
1:00 Luopads for Malawi
3:30 Tai chi - private lesson time
4:00 Tai chi
6:00 Project Dignity Bingo Night
(Country Club)
6:30 Cub Scouts

FRIDAY

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

SATURDAY

8:30 43rd Annual Hunger Walk
9:30 Swing Band Rehearsal

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TUESDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

10:00 Friends in Christ - Hybrid
7:30 Choir Rehearsal

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PRAYERS, JOYS & CONCERNS: In Sympathy: The Swift & Crossman-Ball families upon the loss of Carole's nephew, Aaron **Rehab/Nursing:** Harry Petersen, Don & Sue Robinson (Life Care); Don Widmayer (FL); Ruth Mills (CV Care Center); Nancy Twitchen (Harmony); Jack Caylor (HHR); Alice McCullough, Neena Haskins (Sunnybrook); Nell Payne (Brooks-Howell) **Home:** Laura Snead French (Charlie Snead's daughter); Katie Claycomb (Carole Danilin's niece); Renate (Miles/Swift's friend); Sarah Ogide (John Wright's daughter); Marty Zigovsky; Evelyn Christensen (Sloop/Forsythe family); Alan Morrow (Sanchezes' friend); Betty Lockwood; Brenda Nelson; 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.

WED NIGHT LIVE - First one of the Season! September 23, dinner at 5:30, program at 6:30. We will have music from Stephen Klein on the harpsichord and Chris Stevens on the violin. Sign up cut off for dinner is Sunday Sept. 20 after church. Sign up sheet is in the narthex. A call or e-mail to the church can reserve your dinner spot too!

SEASON OF CREATION: Please check out the refreshed Earth Caring Ministry table and bulletin board celebrating Living Waters.

SUPPORT FLOOD RELIEF IN NEPAL AND TIBET. Our mission partners Andy and Ellen Collins have worked with United Mission to Nepal for many years and share the following website as a trustworthy and effective way to support recovery efforts: www.umn.org.np/nepalflood26.

WALK UPDATE: Wearing an old Hunger Walk t-shirt? See Esther and Jocelyn at the narthex table—you may get a prize! We just finished a very good tour at the Veterans Healing Farm. Please consider signing up at the card table in the narthex to visit the Food Connection on Wed. the 16th. It is safe to say you would be impressed! Over 200 folks have registered for the walk so far. After a prayer at 8:30, the walk will begin but let's pause for a group picture first. Thank you for your donations!

DEAR TRINITY FRIENDS - *As you may know, my husband, Frank Burzio, passed back in February of this year at Pardee Hospital. Although it's been many months, I hope some of you will want to join me in honoring his memory at a gathering to be held at the community center at Plantation Walk on Saturday, September 26th from 2:00 to 5:00PM. Come for the afternoon or just stop in and say Hi. The address is 506 Belvidere Court, off of Blythe. We will have a buffet lunch and share memories with photos, music and stories. Please RSVP. if you can. Beth Ann Pensiero, (973) 986-2463*

LUOPADS FOR MALAWI: This month, we begin work in the Trinity sewing room, marking our fifth year of making reusable feminine hygiene pads, called Luopads. **We meet first and third Thursdays from 1 - 3 PM** to trace, cut, fold, sew, iron, and pack these products. The Presbytery's mission team will deliver them to schoolgirls, neighborhood clinics, and hospitals in Malawi. Please join us, and bring a friend as we kick off a new season of Luopads for Malawi. Thank you for your continued and generous support of this Global Mission project.

IAM PANTRY DONATIONS FOR AUGUST: 156 lbs. of food.* Thank you Trinity! *This total is down 81 pounds from July's total.

MATTHEW 25: This month's flag flying in front of the church is **Earth Care**, in honor of PCUSA's Season of Creation. This year's theme is Living Water, highlighted in Ezekiel 47.