

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God's grace as we worship together.

Visitors: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please pick up a Visitor's Information Packet while enjoying refreshments just for you at our Visitor's Table in Fellowship Hall after our worship.

Rev. Mark Medina will be holding office hours on Wednesday, September 19 from 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., at Posada Java, 665 S. Park Centre Ave., at La Posada.

The History of the Bible: The class continues on Friday, September 28 from 1:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Classroom 1. The professor is Dr. Bart Ehrman, Professor and Chair of The Department of Religious Studies at The University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. For more information, contact Grant Stitt at 520-396-3549.

Prayer Ministry: The group meets once a week to pray for our church, community, families, friends, and the needs of the world. We are looking for a few more prayer warriors to join us in the Sweet Family Room every Tuesday at 9:30 a.m.

A Grief Recovery Workshop will start on Monday, October 1 from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. for five weeks. The purpose of the workshop is to discover the stages of the grief process, find healthy ways to deal with the pain and loss, and to begin the healing process. Facilitators for the workshop are Lynne Szabo, M.A., M.F.C.C. and Jan Woerner. Call the church office 520.625.5023 to reserve your spot.

Stephen Ministry: Is God calling you to be a Stephen Minister? We particularly need people who are full time residents, but anyone who is here for 6 months or more can take the Stephen Ministry training classes starting in January, 2019. For more information, contact Patti Bright at 305-3275.

Music in the Valley: Season tickets and individual tickets for Music in the Valley performances are available in Fellowship Hall after the service this morning. The first concert is on October 26 at 6:00 p.m. and will feature pianists Joel Pierce and Russell Ronnebaum.

The Grapevine on September 24 at 9:30 a.m. will emphasize the "Seeking to be Faithful" material and will be led by the Peace & Justice Committee.

Faith Formation Adult Studies:

- ⇒ **Adult Sunday School Class:** Sundays at 8:30 a.m. in Classroom 5. Discusses the Sunday morning scripture passage.
- ⇒ **Adult Confirmation Class:** Mondays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5. Tomorrow's topic: Why does the Bible contradict itself at times?
- ⇒ **Moses:** Thursdays at 1:00 p.m. in Classroom 5.

Thank you to our volunteers!

Coffee Fellowship

Marian Coberly, Barbara Dittmer

Information Center

Pat Bruner

Visitor's Table

Patti Bright

Medical Team

Doug Clark

Welcome Centers

Carol Peeler, Roy Romstad

Please remember those currently or recently hospitalized:

Pam Peake

Flowers given by: Kylene Joplin

In honor and loving memory of Jimmie Joplin

The Rose on the Baptismal Font Celebrates this Witness to the Resurrection in Jesus Christ



Eva Kreisher

September 17



Women's Ministries: The Veterans Administration has notified us that they can no longer use the type of stamps we have been donating. We are sorry for any inconvenience this may be for you. Thank you for your stamp donations in past years.

Flowers: If you would like to reserve flowers (one or both arrangements) in your name for any future Service of Worship, please call the church office (625-5023) or sign up at our Information Center on Sunday mornings. The cost is \$34 for each arrangement.

A Congregational Meeting is called after Worship today for the purpose of nominating and electing Ruling Elders and Deacons to the Classes of 2020 and 2021.

Hunger Walk: We had thirteen walkers for the September 15th Hunger Walk. Everyone had a great time, and good snacks were served afterwards. We raised \$1500 plus. Thanks so much to all of you who sponsored us. We don't have an exact total of monies yet. Our VPC team is in first place so go team go. Our goal was \$1,000. So we are Champs! Mark your 2019 calendar for Sept 19th. We will try to beat 2018 with more walkers and money.



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We are a Stephen Ministry Church



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REV. DR. LINDA LLOYD, *Interim Pastor of Care*

REV. JOE HAWKINS, *Pastor Emeritus*
JOEL PIERCE, *Director of Music*
CHRISTINE ERICKSON, RN, *Parish Nurse*



THE
LIFE
OF
HUMILITY!

To make Christ known through reconciliation while communicating respect and love to all people.

✦ All those who are able, please stand September 23, 2018

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Based on James 5:8, 10

Draw near to God, and God will draw near to you.

Humble yourselves before the Lord,
and God will exalt you.

O Lord, help us through our worship to draw closer to you.
Help us to be humble and to seek your way. Amen.

9:20 A.M. WELCOME & NEWS OF THE CHURCH Rev. Christopher

Please print your name in the Friendship Register provided in your pew.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

MINUTE FOR MISSION Noisy Offering - Children's Clinic Cleft Palate
Kay Brouwer

POURING OF THE WATER

L: Jesus is the Living Water. P: Praise be to God.

PRELUDE

Notturmo, Op. 54 No. 4

Edvard Grieg

INTROIT

Make Me a Servant

**Make me a servant, humble and meek,
Lord, let me lift up those who are weak.
And may the prayer of my heart always be:
Make me a servant, make me a servant,
Make me a servant today.**

✦ CALL TO WORSHIP (from Iona Abbey Worship Book) Rev. Medina

Creator of the world, eternal God,

We have come from many places for a little while.

Redeemer of humanity, God-with-us,

**We have come with all our differences, seeking
common ground.**

Spirit of unity, go-between God,

**We have come on journeys of our own, to a place
where journeys meet.**

*So here, in this shelter house, let us take time together. For when paths cross
and pilgrims gather, there is much to share and celebrate*

**In your name, three-in-one God, pattern of
community. We humbly worship you.**

✠HYMN *Now Thank We All Our God* Nun Danket Alle Gott 555

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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Generous, Inviting God,
you continually provide us with opportunities
to practice generous hospitality.

But our fear of difference,
our reluctance to share,
our desire to be in control

make our welcome weak and insincere.

Because we long for what is familiar and comfortable,
we struggle to honor the stranger as a sacred
guest who bears the face of Christ.

Worn out and irritated by the work we think we
must do, we miss opportunities to spread your
love, shine your light, reflect your grace so that
others might come to know how loved they are.

Forgive us, O God, for focusing on the wrong things.
Show us your way, your truth, your grace once more.
Hear us now, O God, as we bring our silent prayers of
confession to you.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

When we come before God in humility and honesty,

God draws near to us with forgiveness and renewed
blessing.

Thanks be to God!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Amen.

RESPONSE TO ASSURANCE *On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry*

Then cleansed by every life from sin;
Make straight the way for God within,
And let us all our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

ANTHEM *Living Water of Life* (Frombach/Lantz III)
Sanctuary Choir
Katie Sayre – soprano

Are you thirsty for the Master, for the God of all creation?
Come through Jesus to the Father, through the life sustaining vine.
Drink deeply from the living water of life, drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; Drink, drink deeply.

Like the waters of the Jordan, He will nourish and sustain us.
Come through Jesus to the Father, Drink the life of love divine.
Drink deeply from the living water of life; Drink, drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life; Drink, drink deeply.

Like the woman at the well, we are human and with sin.
Come through Jesus to the Father, feel His quenching deep within.
Drink deeply from the living water of life; Drink, drink deeply.
Drink deeply from the endless water of life. Drink, drink deeply.

Come through Jesus to the Father. Taste the water of all life.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy
kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our sins, as
we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into
temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the

Please join the Choir in singing the Great Amen.



Amen.

kingdom
and the
power and
the glory,
forever.

TIME WITH CHILDREN (June-September)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Elder Judy Aguayo

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 9:30-37

Reader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

"The Life of Humility"

Rev. Medina

MOMENTS OF SILENT REFLECTION

✠AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed p. 14

✠HYMN *Seek Ye First* Lafferty 333

PRESENTATION OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

**If you haven't already done so, please print your name in the Fellowship Register.*

OFFERTORY *How Long Has It Been?* arr. Rick Powell
Jim Bruner - soloist

✠DOXOLOGY Old One Hundredth 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him,
all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly
host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

✠PRAYER OF DEDICATION

✠HYMN *The Servant Song* 2222

✠BENEDICTION

✠CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Let There Be Peace on Earth*

Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.
With God our Creator, children all are we.
Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony.
Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry breath I take, let this be my solemn vow,
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✠POSTLUDE *Now Thank We All Our God* Martin Rinkart

OUR WORSHIP NOW ENTERS THE WORLD!

Worship Aids/Sermon Notes

Sermon Title: *"The Life of Humility"*

Scriptures: James 3:13-4:3, 7-8a, Mark 9:30-37

James 3:13-4:3

¹³Who is wise and understanding among you? Let them show it by their good life, by deeds done in the humility that comes from wisdom. ¹⁴But if you harbor bitter envy and selfish ambition in your hearts, do not boast about it or deny the truth. ¹⁵Such "wisdom" does not come down from heaven but is earthly, unspiritual, demonic. ¹⁶For where you have envy and selfish ambition, there you find disorder and every evil practice. ¹⁷But the wisdom that comes from heaven is first of all pure; then peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere. ¹⁸Peacemakers who sow in peace reap a harvest of righteousness.

⁴What causes fights and quarrels among you? Don't they come from your desires that battle within you? ²You desire but do not have, so you kill. You covet but you cannot get what you want, so you quarrel and fight. You do not have because you do not ask God. ³When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives, that you may spend what you get on your pleasures.

James 4:7-8a

⁷Submit yourselves, then, to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. ⁸Come near to God and he will come near to you. Wash your hands, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded.

Mark 9:30-37

³⁰They left that place and passed through Galilee. Jesus did not want anyone to know where they were, ³¹because he was teaching his disciples. He said to them, "The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men. They will kill him, and after three days he will rise."³²But they did not understand what he meant and were afraid to ask him about it. ³³They came to Capernaum. When he was in the house, he asked them, "What were you arguing about on the road?" ³⁴But they kept quiet because on the way they had argued about who was the greatest. ³⁵Sitting down, Jesus called the Twelve and said, "Anyone who wants to be first must be the very last, and the servant of all."³⁶He took a little child whom he placed among them. Taking the child in