

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

August 13, 2023

## THE GATHERING

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: We seek to follow Jesus Christ.

**People:** Engaging and encouraging one another in worship and fellowship.

Learning together as we grow in discipleship and Reaching out in love.

Leader: Let us worship our Creator, Savior, and Advocate.

**All:** Let us worship God.

\*HYMN 686 *God of Our Life*

SANDON

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

### \*CALL TO CONFESSION

### \*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Holy God, remind us that we are loved when we find ourselves unlovable. Remind us that there is hope when all we see around us makes us despair. Remind us that you sent the Prince of Peace when war and violence overwhelm. Remind us that you are the merciful judge when injustice seems to prevail. Remind us that you give us all we need to do your work in the world. Remind us that you give us grace so that we can be your people. We confess our doubt and trust in your love. Amen.

*Time for silent confession*

### \*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you all.

**People:** And also with you.

### \*GLORIA PATRI 582

*Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,  
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,  
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.  
World without end, without end. Amen. (Sing 3 times)  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.*

## THE WORD

### TIME FOR THE CHILD IN US ALL

Daily Change Offering

### FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 17: 1-8

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 14: 22-23

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People:** Thanks be to God.

### SERMON

*Walking on Word*

Rev. Tempe Lee Fussell

## OUR THANKFUL RESPONSE

### CHORAL ANTHEM

*The King of Love, My Shepherd is*

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith)

We are certain that Jesus lives. He lives as God with us, touching all of human life with the presence of God. He lives as one of us with God. Because he shares our humanity and has bound us to himself in love, we have an advocate in the innermost life of God.

We declare that Jesus is Lord. His resurrection is a decisive victory over the powers that deform and destroy human life. His lordship is hidden.

The world appears to be dominated by people and systems that do not acknowledge his rule. But his lordship is real. It demands our loyalty and sets us free from fear of all lesser lords who threaten us.

We maintain that ultimate sovereignty now belongs to Jesus Christ in every sphere of life. Jesus is Lord.

He has been the Lord from the beginning. He will be Lord at the end. Even now his Lord.

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## PASTORAL PRAYER AND 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

### OFFERTORY

### \*THE DOXOLOGY

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow.*

*Praise God all creatures here below.*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts.*

*Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

### \*PRAYER AFTER THE OFFERING

### \*HYMN 839

*Blessed Assurance, Jesus is Mine!*

ASSURANCE

## THE SENDING

### \*BLESSING AND BENEDICTION

### \*CHORAL BENEDICTION

*May the love of God go with you from this place.*

*May your hours and days show forth His praise.*

*\*Rise in body or spirit.*

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Leading in worship today:

**Guest Pastor:** Rev. Tempe Lee Fussell

**Interim Musician:** Marna Dodson

**Elder of the Month:** Drew Campbell

## Announcements

**WELCOME VISITORS!** If you are worshipping here for the first time today, Welcome! We are glad to have you join in our worship service.

**SUNDAY SERVICE:** Sunday service is at 11:00 am in the Sanctuary. It is also on Facebook Live Stream.

**SUNDAY SCHOOL FOR YOUTH AND TEENS:** Middle and High School youth are invited to a conversation about scripture beginning in the youth room at 10:00.

**NURSERY:** Young children are invited to go to the nursery after the children's sermon. Activity bags are available in the narthex.

**GUEST PASTOR:** Tempe Lee Fussell was ordained in 1981 and recently retired to Clyde, NC. She is the wife of Dr. Curtis Fussell (who led our services last Sunday). They have four children who live in Raleigh, Harrisonburg, VA, LA, and Sedona/Whistler, BC. In her retirement she is writing a mystery, swimming, and traveling.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS:** The Blessing of the Backpacks will be Sunday, August 20th.

**FAMILY RETREAT:** The Family Retreat will be held August 25 - 27th at the William Black Lodge at Montreat.

**BIBLICAL POTLUCK:** Plans are being made for a Biblical Potluck. If you have ideas and/or recipes please contact Martha Rich. More information will be forthcoming.

### CHURCH ACTIVITIES:

**Communion** - Every first Sunday of the month.

**Choir Practice** - Every Sunday at 10:00 a.m.

**Back Porch Bible Study** - Sundays from 9:00 to 10:30 a.m. at the home of Martha Rich. For more information call Martha at 770-851-6852.

**Game Night:** Every first Friday of the month at 6:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall.

**Session Meeting** - The fourth Sunday of every month after worship service.

**Women's Breakfast** - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. at Mountain Perks except for the second Thursday of each month when the location will be decided on.

**Men's Breakfast** - Every Thursday at 8:00 a.m. in the Fellowship Hall.

**Daily Change Offering** - Every second Sunday of each month.

**Presbyterian Women** - The second Tuesday of every month at 1:00 p.m. You can come early, bring your lunch and have fellowship.

**Coffee & Fellowship** - Every first Sunday after worship service.

**Food Pantry** - Every Monday 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. and every Saturday 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 noon.

**Giving Spoon** - Every Monday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m. and every Thursday 3:00 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.

**AA Meetings** - Monday at noon, Tuesday 5:30 p.m., Thursday at noon, and Saturday at 7:00 p.m.



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**BCPC Elders:** Mark Brannon, Drew Campbell, Kyle Colley, Cathy Evans, Martha Rich, Carol Sussman, Dan Manley, Bob Jordan, Sammi Birchfield

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