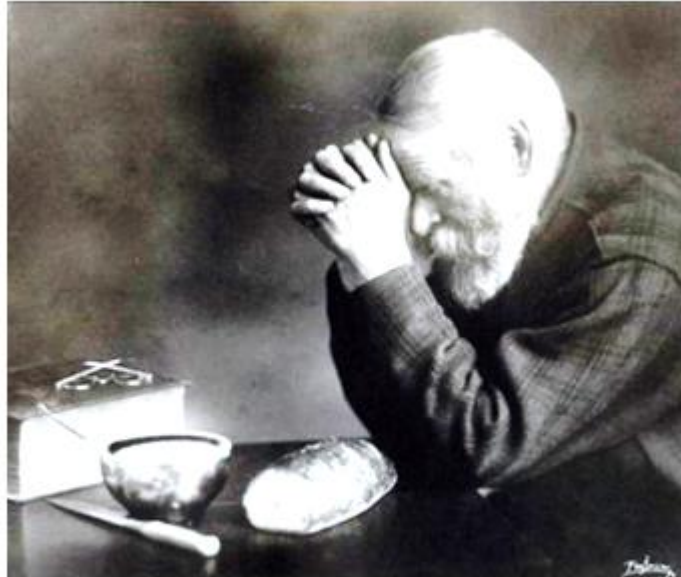




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Fourth Sunday after Pentecost



"Grace" (state photograph of Minnesota) ca. 1918, Eric Enstrom

Jesus told them, "When you pray, say:

'Father, uphold the holiness of your name. Bring in your kingdom.
Give us the bread we need for today. Forgive us our sins,
for we also forgive everyone who has wronged us. And don't lead us into temptation.'"
Luke 11:2-4 (COMMON ENGLISH BIBLE)

GATHERING AS GOD'S PEOPLE

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

Welcome to our service of worship. Although we are worshipping in a variety of locations, we still affirm that God is present in our worship, whether in-person or virtually. Our prayer is that all who worship with us this day will truly feel the presence of God in this time. Know that you are loved and we are so glad you are here! Parts of today's liturgy are from Ruth Burgess, Fire and Bread: Resources for Easter Day to Trinity Sunday, (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2006), and LiturgyLink, <https://www.liturgylink.net>.

TRINITY CHIMES

PRELUDE: *Strong and Loving Father*

ADAM MASON

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Faith of our fathers! living still,
In spite of dungeon, fire and sword;
O how our hearts beat high with joy
Whene'er we hear that glorious word!

Refrain:

Faith of our fathers, holy faith!
We will be true to thee till death.

Our fathers, chained in prison dark,
Were still in heart and conscience free:
How sweet would be their children's fate,
If they, like them, could die for thee! **[Refrain]**

Faith of our fathers! we will love
Both friend and foe in all our strife:
And preach thee, too, as love knows how,
By kindly words and virtuous life: **[Refrain]**

*OPENING SENTENCES

Ps. 130:7

People of God, hope in the Lord,
for with the Lord there is steadfast love.

GATHERING PRAYER

"THANK YOU," JEAN HUDSON

Thank you, Creator God, for summer's warmth
and light, your gift.
Help us to joy in the promise of each day.

Thank you, Jesus, for summer's peace
and stillness, your gift.
Help us to rest in the beauty of each day.

Thank you, gentile Spirit, for summer's color
and life, your gift.
Help us to thrive in the hope of each day.

Holy Trinity, dynamic and loving, we thank you for
seasons and cycles.
But especially for today in this season of summer.

OFFERING OURSELVES FOR RENEWAL

A PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Guide us, O God,
by your Word and Spirit,
that in your light we may see light,
in your truth find freedom,
and in your will discover your peace;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

ENCOUNTERING SCRIPTURE

PSALM 138

PEW BIBLE, 1772

LUKE 11:2-4

PEW BIBLE, 1263

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

AN OFFERING OF OUR PLEDGES

OFFERTORY

***DOXOLOGY #428:** *We Give Thee But Thine Own*

WILLIAM WALSHAM HOW

We give Thee but Thine own,
What e'er the gift may be;
All that we have is Thine alone,
A trust, O Lord, from Thee.

*BLESSING OUR GIFTS

***HYMN OF THE DAY #345:** *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind*

JOHN GREENLEAF WHITTIER

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word,
Rise up and follow Thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with Thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

TELLING THE TRUTH ABOUT OURSELVES

"DEBTS," LUCUS LEVY KEPPEL

Let us come together to tell the truth about ourselves.

Holy and Beloved God, we pray to you often, asking you to "forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors" – and then, in the next breath, we turn away from you and shake down our friends and families. Bring justice through the world, holy God, even though we may turn aside. Help us to learn from our wounds – and the wounds we have inflicted on others – to turn away from violence both physical and fiscal. Make clear to us your vision, so that we can work together for the benefit of all.

Silence

Amen.

AN OFFERING OF GOD'S GRACE

Friends, hear the good news! God has already forgiven our debts, and repaid our sin.

God's Spirit fills us with love and peace, and leads us to heal instead of hurt.

Therefore, let us forgive one another as God has forgiven us!

Amen.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S GRACE #372: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.
In my heart, in my heart,
Lord, I want to be a Christian in my heart.

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

THE WORD IN MUSIC: *Jesus Christ is the Way*

WALTER HAWKINS

THE WORD PROCLAIMED

Sermon: *"Our Needs"*

REV. PHILLIPS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

"LIKE A FATHER TO US," SIMON TAYLOR

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.*

***CLOSING HYMN #343:** *Called as Partners in Christ's Service*

JANE PARKER HUBER

Called as partners in Christ's service. Called into ministries of grace
We respond with deep commitment, Fresh new lines of faith to trace.
May we learn the art of sharing, side by side and friend with friend.
Equal partners in our caring To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring' Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.
Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together Gracious from God unfold.

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

***SENDING**

"BLESS ALL WHO WORSHIP YOU," DA NOUST

Bless all who worship you, O God,
from praise at dawn to sunset song;
from your goodness, you enrich us.
Oh, by your love, inspire us.
Oh, by your Spirit, guide us.
By your power, you protect us.
In your mercy, you receive us.
now and always
Amen.

POSTLUDE: *Ever in the Faith*

EDWARD BROUGHTON

** Please stand in body or spirit.*



Our Faith Community @ Work

WHAT'S HAPPENING

Tuesday, June 18th Alamance Co. Mobile Library

The Alamance County Public Libraries mobile library will be in the church parking lot 10:30 – 11:30. Please stop by and “check-out” this wonderful service the library has to share

Saturday, July 13th Neighbor Days - Vacation Bible School

Hi neighbor! You are invited to join us for our all-ages Vacation Bible School that once again looks to everyone's favorite Presbyterian pastor, Fred Rogers. This year we will have offerings for people of every age and you and your neighbors are all invited! For our kids, we will have age-appropriate curriculum based on our denomination's Mr. Roger's emphasis day materials. For our grown-ups, I will offer two sessions – in the morning: “Teaching the Faith to Our Kids,” and in the afternoon: “Women in Leadership in the Early Church.”

We are also looking for volunteers to help. Whether you'd love to help out or are interested in the topics for grown-ups, we hope to see you there neighbor!

Fundraising for a new hallway floor

You may have noticed the floor in first floor hallway could... use some work. Your Session has a plan to replace the worn and often broken tiles with commercial carpet squares which will look nice, be easier to replace should something happen, and that is becoming pretty normal in new construction and renovation. We've already secured half of the funding, along with a promise to match \$1,250. Which leaves us with the last quarter we need to raise - \$1,250. Any amount helps.

S.A.F.E. (Southern Alamance Family Empowerment)

How we can help S.A.F.E. for the next two months... they are asking for items for their backpack program. Things like low sugar granola bars, shelf stable fruit cups and applesauce, etc. Then, before school starts back, they are going to need peanut butter again, for Back to School.

Save the Date

Saturday, October 26th Fall Festival

Invitation To Scout Summer Program

All youth ages 5-11 years old are invited to attend our Scout Summer Program.

- June 15th Hike at Lake Michael
- June 26th Science STEM Slam
- July 20th Hike at Jaycee Trail Reidsville
- Aug 17th Hike at Bur-Mil Park Greensboro
- August End of Summer Pool Party

For more information contact:
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This Week's Calendar:

Sunday, June 16th Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 – VBS Planning Meeting – Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

After Worship – Reception for Glenn & Carolyn Thompson in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, June 19th

Holiday - Church Office closed

6:30 – No Choir Practice

Sunday, June 23rd Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

9:45 – VBS Planning Meeting – Evie C. Marshall classroom

11:00 – Worship (In-Person & Live Stream)

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