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Service of the Word of God

Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

July 28, 2024

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Prelude and Lighting the Altar Candles

+Call to Worship

Children of God, you are welcome here. All of who you are—even your regrets and failings—is welcome here.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Many of us find it easy to recognize our goodness and difficult to notice our sins.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

Others of us live under a shroud of guilt and shame, believing we can never be good enough to receive the fullness of God's love.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God.

However you enter this place, know this: you are loved, accepted, and called. May God's love draw us to honest confession; God's acceptance assures us of the work of grace in our lives, and God's call compels us to live in grace.

We come to tell the truth about who we are in relationship with God who loves us, accepts us, and calls us. Amen.

++Prayer of Confession

Have mercy upon us, O God, according to your lovingkindness.

According to the multitude of your tender mercies, Blot out our transgressions.

Wash us thoroughly from our iniquities, and cleanse us from our sins.

For we acknowledge our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us;

Create in us clean hearts, O God, and renew a right spirit within us;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silent Prayer

+++Assurance of Pardon

The Lord is gracious and merciful, Slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. (Psalm 145:8) May the almighty and merciful Lord grant us remission of all our sins, true repentance, amendment of life, and the grace and consolation of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Opening Hymn

“Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken”

#731

Scripture Reading

Ephesians 3:14-21

(NRSV)

Piano Solo

“As The Deer”

Children’s Message

Prayers for Healing

Eddie Leindecker; Katie Rice: Dinah; Katie: Jon; Suzanne Montgomery; Debbe Kassie; Dean Meadows; Doug; Rosemary; Sara Gerrit; Frances Powell; Michele; Janice; Sandy; Sharon; Sarah; Ed Waller; Carol Livesay; Kendra; Glenn White; Monte Veal; Barbara Anderson; Tom Wrenn; Fran; Cindy Skipworth; Kevin; Angela Fox; Nancy; Howard Jenkins; Deb Justice; Dot Cody; John Shields; Judy and David; Grace; Don Mathis; Sabrina; Ann; Connie; Howard Tate; Bill; Sheila; Trish; Tish; Jim Newman; Ed Jones; Rosemary; Darlene; Heather Kemp; Ralph and Virginia Baines; Randy Benjamin; Glenn Hill; Dawn; Pat; Karin; Jeff; Liz S; Sharon; Sherri Martin; Matt; Paula; John Baker; Maggie; Lynette Young; Lisa; Brian; Ilsa Young; Tina Blocker; Micah; Michael; Susan Ray; Peg Cavanaugh; Darlene Propst; Scott; Bobbi Ann Snelson; Scott Crandall; Patrick & Tanya; Karalee; Sylvia

Pastoral Prayer

Almighty God, hear our prayers
that we may love you with our whole being
and willingly share the concerns of our neighbors.

And now we pray as you taught us to pray:
The Lord’s Prayer

*Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

(NRSV)

Sermon

“Forgetting to Remember”

Blessing of God’s Tithes and Our Offerings

Doxology

#94

Prayer of Thanksgiving

*Closing Hymn

“Come, Let Us Join Our Friends Above”

#381

* Benediction

*Stand as you are able

+ Written by Dr. Lisa Hancock, Discipleship Ministries, May 2024.

++ (W.E. Orchard, England, 20th Cent., ALT.)

+++ (The Book of Common Prayer, U.S.A.)

Lectionary Readings for August 4th

2 Samuel 11:26-12:13a; Psalm 51:1-12

Ephesians 4:1-16; John 6:24-35

(Please prayerfully read God's word throughout the week in preparation for worship)

Ed and Betty Martin Fund

Nominations for the Ed and Betty Martin Fund

recipients are due by Thursday, August 1st.

Apple Butter Festival Action Planning

On Sunday, August 11th at 2PM there will be an

Apple Butter Festival Action Planning meeting here at the church.

Please plan on attending and inviting someone else to join as well.

Heritage Sunday

We will celebrate Heritage Sunday on August 18th

followed by a covered dish lunch after church.

Bright Hope Laurel United Methodist Church is a Lighthouse Congregation of The Western North Carolina Conference of the United Methodist Church, in partnership with The United Methodist Collective of the Western NC Conference and is a welcoming place for all those displaced by disaffiliating churches.

