

HEARING AND PROCLAIMING GOOD NEWS

Twentieth Sunday of Ordinary Time

August 18, 2019

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Long ago a vineyard was planted. The ground was prepared, and all was made ready.

All: But the vines grew wild, the ground was unable to support the wild grapes.

One: What happened in that place of promise?

All: People forgot the One who planted the vineyard. They chose their own ways and failed.

One: Let us again turn to the Lord, who will again plant, prune, and cause us to grow in faithfulness.

All: We will open our hearts to God, trusting in God's ways and God's word. Amen.

* HYMN #396

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship”

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION *(silently and personally and then in unison)*

Almighty God, you have set before us the path but we have wandered on our own to try to find our way. Sometimes we are like toddlers and we hear your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose and set free, not knowing how much we still need to seek your wisdom and guidance. But most of all, too often we think we are adults and have figured it all our and know our own way, only to stumble and stray so far. Remind us, parental God, that we are always your children, that we are never fully grown up in your sight, that we always have much to learn. Help us to seek you every day, to acknowledge that we need your wisdom and guidance, and help us to return to the path and walk with you. In the name of Christ, who is our companion on this journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Welcome now the abundant grace of God: in Jesus, your sins are forgiven. And let God's love comfort and heal your soul.

All: Redeeming God, in you, we are always welcome and accepted, always forgiven and renewed. Draw us closer to you, today and always. Amen.

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #19

“God of Great and God of Small”

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON

Hebrews 11:29-12:2

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 12:49-56

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Have Thine Own Way”

Pollard

SERMON “The Essence of a Good Story”

Stacey Steck

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (*concl. with the Lord’s Prayer*)

OUR OFFERING

Offertory

* Doxology

* Prayer

Hymnal, #606

*HYMN #307

“God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand”

*BENEDICTION

Congregational Response, #288

“Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

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Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.

Spirit of the Living God, fall afresh on me.

*POSTLUDE

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are adapted from
re-worship.blogspot.com and lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

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WELCOME VISITORS! We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

USHERS: **August Team** – Melissa Waller (captain), Aaron Richmond, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam, Randall Patterson

LITURGIST: **Today** – Melissa Kluttz

Next Sunday – Flora Calderón-Steck

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery is located on the first floor of the educational building, and is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Abby Covington, Karen Townsend

Next Sunday – Carly Moore, Beth Bates

GENEROSITY UPDATE: After the first two weeks in August, we reached 47% of our monthly anticipated contributions. Your generous gifts do so much toward making us be the Good News Capital of Rowan County! You can now also give conveniently online using the GivePlus+ app.

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Please keep in your prayers the Session, Deacons, and Staff of the Church, as well as all who faithfully serve one another and our community through the ministries of the church.

Mocksville Senior Living: Mary Moon

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- The family of Kira Wetmore, whose mother, Trish Andre, died recently
- Families affected by gun violence
- Ada Jo Sloop, safely returned home after serving in the Peace Corps
- Barbara Karriker, Joyce Caldwell's cousin, diagnosed with cancer
- Whitaker Raymer, being treated for leukemia
- Johnny Moore, being treated for a recurrence of cancer
- The Organist Search Committee
- Mike Hawkins, ongoing health issues
- Fred Stamper recovering from a heart attack
- Drema Clemens' brother, Arthur Warden
- Ted Deal
- Midwest communities affected by tornados
- Edna Stamper
- Joyce and Danny Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr

PHONE PRAYER CHAIN: If you, a family member, or friend would like to be added to our Phone Prayer Chain, please call Jim Albright at 704-279-3317. Thyatira's Phone Prayer Chain is different from being added to our electronic newsletter, mailed newsletter, and bulletin. We have three people that spread the word by calling approximately 25 prayer list members, who add your request to their daily prayers. Whatever your prayer need may be, finding peace of mind provides a foundation of strength to face any situation. Your request is a sacred trust and is kept confidential among our prayer list members.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK:

Aug 18 Juanita Turner, Amy Corriher
Aug 20 Christina Rowland
Aug 21 Bob Weast
Aug 22 Michael Swanson

RALLY SUNDAY IS AUGUST 25: Sunday School Promotion and Breakfast hosted by the Men of the Church begin at 8:30am, followed by Sunday School at 10:00am, and then Worship at 11:00am with the Blessing of the Backpacks. Don't miss it!

CUB SCOUT OPEN HOUSE: Cub Scouts Open House and Signups are on Monday, August 19, 6:30pm-7:30pm in the Fellowship Hall. All interested boys and girls in grades 1st – 5th are all welcome to enroll. Scholarships are available. We will serve hot dogs and s'mores and there will be a tent and camping demonstration.

SUMMER OFFICE HOURS: Until Monday, August 26, the office hours will be Monday-Friday 8:00am-12:00pm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	The Happy Place
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids)
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship
	4:00pm	GriefShare
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	10:00am	Preschool Grandparents Day Program
	6:30pm	Cub Scouts Open House
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Congregational Care Committee Meeting
	7:00pm	Prayer, Song & Study
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Book Club at Monterrey in Salisbury
Next Sunday	RALLY DAY	
	8:30am	Breakfast hosted by Men of the Church
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	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschool)
	10:00am	Sunday School for all ages
	11:00am	Worship – Blessing of the Backpacks
	4:00pm	GriefShare

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THE SESSION

Moderator The Rev. Stacey Steck
Clerk of Session. Glenn McCorkle

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
David Hall	Robin Luther	Beth Bates
Norma Lauder	Doug Patterson	Abby Covington
Eric Rouse	Phares Sechler	Ed Hall
Juanita Turner	Brian Waller	Glenn McCorkle
Elder Emeriti.	Jim Albright, Charles Newsome	

THE DIACONATE

Chairman of the Diaconate. Paul Gaylor

<u>Class of 2019</u>	<u>Class of 2020</u>	<u>Class of 2021</u>
Jeremy Deal	Mike Hawkins	Bill Bergstrom
Jada Ware-Guy	Randall Patterson	Mike Corriher
Daniel Milam	Paul Rogers	Ted Fuller
Aaron Richmond	A.J. Waller	Paul Gaylor
Steven Wetmore	Ben Watts	Melissa Waller

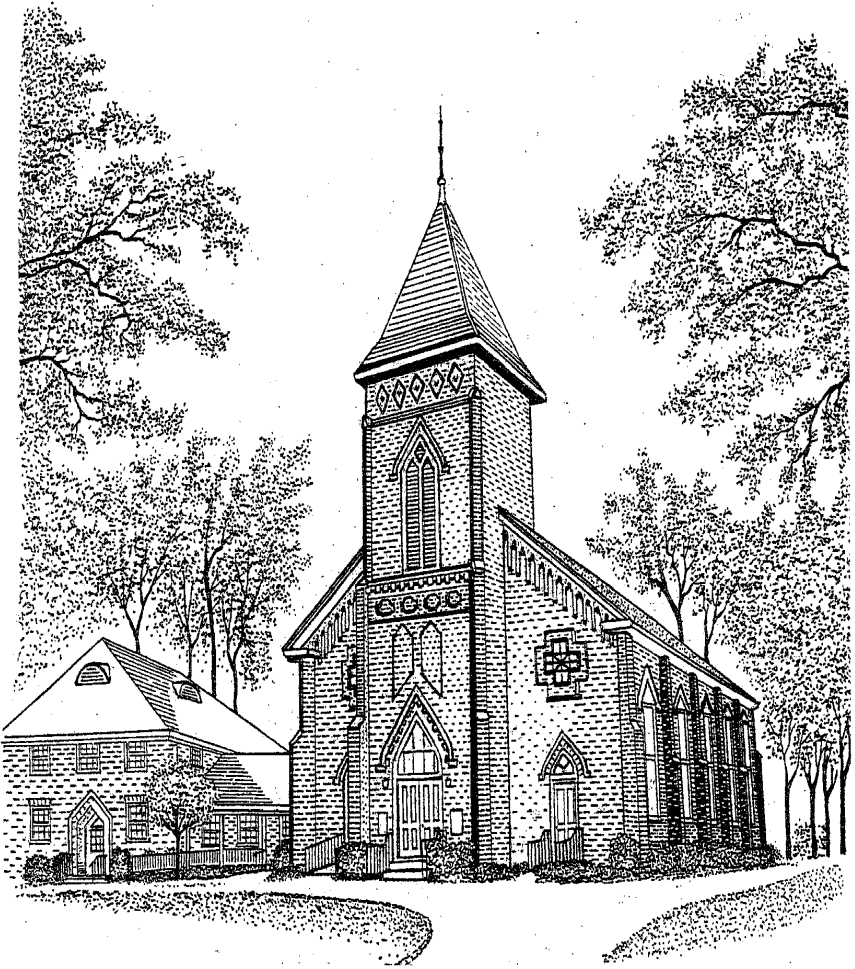
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