

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE *Lord of Majesty*
Richard Hey Lloyd (b. 1933)

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH
Rev. Jessica Tidwell-Weinzierl

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

INTROIT *Come, Sing with Joy to God*
David Clark Isele, 1979

* CALL TO WORSHIP Rev. Whitney Bayer

One: God's greatness is wondrous to behold.

Many: Everywhere we look, we can see the imprint of God.

One: From the loftiest mountains to the crashing waters of the sea.

Many: There God's greatness stands majestically.

One: God's greatness can be within the human heart.

All: Let us honor and praise God with acts of loving kindness and compassion.

* HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* No. 263

CALL TO CONFESSION Rev. Bayer

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God, you have called us to live lives worthy of the calling to which we have been called. But we confess to you and each other that we have not always spoken the truth in love; we have not always welcomed the stranger; we have not always made every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. Forgive us and, by your grace, help us to grow in every way into him who is our head, Jesus Christ. (silence)

Leader: Trusting your mercy, we lift these prayers to you in the name of Jesus Christ, our redeemer. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE *Gloria Patri* No. 567

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen. Amen. Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

ANTHEM *Thy Will* Bernie Herms,
Emily Weisband, Hillary Scott
Patti Kelly, guitar and vocals

**Please stand as you are able.*

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Rev. Bayer

As the children four years old through third grade gather and recess to the Chapel for Children's Worship, the congregation is invited to join in singing:

***What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.***

Congregation: The peace of Christ be with you.
Children: And also with you.

***What does the Lord require of you?
What does the Lord require of you?
To seek justice, and love kindness,
and walk humbly with your God.***

The children will return to join their families at the Doxology.

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION Rev. Bayer

A READING FROM THE OLD TESTAMENT
2 Samuel 5:1-5; 9-10 Pew Bible p. 279

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON **A Larger Embrace** Rev. Bayer

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

* HYMN *This Is My Father's World* No. 293

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison) **The Apostles' Creed**
Rev. Tidwell-Weinzierl

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)
Rev. Tidwell-Weinzierl

. . . **"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.**

OFFERTORY *O God Our Help in Ages Past*
William Croft/Jon Innes
Audrey McConnell, piano

* DOXOLOGY No. 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 (unison) Rev. Tidwell-Weinzierl

God of love and mercy, our world is filled with struggle. From our bounty, receive these gifts in your service. Bless these gifts, that they may serve those with the greatest need. Remind us that we might one day be in need of the same gifts of grace and gratitude. Bless each of us, that we may answer your call to serve your world, in the places You need us most, with love. Amen.

BEARING AND FOLLOWING THE WORD

* HYMN *Take My Life* No. 391
(verses. 1-3, 6)

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION Rev. Bayer

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

***Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place,
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angels' wings, I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place. Amen.***

POSTLUDE *All Glory Be to God Alone*
Ludwig Lenel (1914-2002)

The Worship Service Notes

Leading Worship this Morning

Rev. Whitney Bayer, Associate Pastor
Rev. Jessica Tidwell-Weinzierl, Director of Youth Ministry
Audrey McConnell, Director of Music
Patti Kelly, Soloist

Flowers in the Sanctuary are given to the Glory of God and in honor of Nancy and Bill Amacher's 55th wedding anniversary.

Please sign the Friendship Register as it is passed. To update contact information in our database, contact:
SMPCoffice@SMPCHome.org

Text to Give. As an alternative to the traditional offering plate, you may support SMPC using your mobile device by texting SMPC to **73256** or give online at www.SMPCHome.org/Giving.

Note to Parents. We offer childcare for infants through kindergarten in their Sunday school classrooms each Sunday during the 10:10 a.m. Worship Service. Additional information or questions contact:
Rebecca Guzman, Director of Spiritual Formation,
Rebecca@smpchome.org; 704-544-0404, ext. 117

Interested in joining South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church?

The Session of South Mecklenburg Presbyterian Church will welcome new members on July 22 at 11:15 a.m. in the Chapel. If you have interest in membership, speak to one of the pastors or with Nancy Metzler, Director of Hospitality & Connection, Nancy@smpchome.org, 704-544-0404, ext. 103, following today's service.

Worship Teams

Ushers: Tim Morgan, Head Usher; Linda Nagle Hanson, Janet Morgan, Anessa & Bill Powell
A/V: Brad Alford

Hospitality Teams:

Coffee Grounds Hosts: Julie & Greg Hobby, Ron Morgan
Greeters: Carol & Michael McLinko, Brenda & Manny Villa
Connection Center Host: Mary Elledge

Congregational Notes (as of July 5, 2018)

Remember in Prayer

- Larry Unferth as he recovers from surgery
- Our partners in ministry in Bayonnais, Haiti

To join the prayer chain or send a prayer request:
prayer@SMPCHome.org

Deacons

Moderator: Jeana Lee
Recording Secretary: Tricia Gosnell

Class of 2019: Kay Dano, Dick Engle, Joyce Highsmith, Jeana Lee, Jim Loftus, Lori Schellin

Class of 2020: Brad Alford, Kathy Gahagen, Tricia Gosnell, Brenton Hartman, Curtis Ireland, Carol Palmgren

Elders

Clerk of Session: Frank Graham
Recording Clerk: Gary Rawls

Class of 2018: Frank Graham, Janet Morgan, Amy Zagora, Michael Zagora

Class of 2019: Maria Davis, Kim Dracon, Jerry Hawver, Gary Rawls

Class of 2020: Mary Elledge, Guy Gosnell, Greg Hobby, Melissa White

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South Mecklenburg PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A Service of Worship

7th Sunday after Pentecost
July 8, 2018

10:10 a.m., Sanctuary

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joyfully responding to the Good News of Jesus Christ
with Love and Grace.