

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

15th Sunday after Pentecost

September 13, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

Lord, let not our souls be busy inns that have no room for thee or thine,
But quiet homes of prayer and praise, where thou mayest find fit company,
Where the needful cares of life are wisely ordered and put away,
And wide, sweet spaces kept for thee; where holy thoughts pass up and down
And fervent longings watch and wait thy coming.

Julian of Norwich

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Bryant Hand

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

PRELUDE

Sweet Hour of Prayer
Dawn McCord, organ

Robert Farrell

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

CALL TO WORSHIP

Bill Hearnburg

In sacred times of word, wonder, and awe, in ordinary days of work and play:

In every moment, God is with us.

Whether we are stuck in doubt's mud, or standing on faith's shoreline:

In every place, God is with us.

In those who teach us and those who trouble us; in those who surprise us, and those who forgive us:

In every person, God is with us.

HYMN

Crown Him with Many Crowns
Led by CPC Men's Ensemble

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CALL TO CONFESSION

As we stand before God, we think of all the ways we bicker with others, all those times we have not shown mercy and grace to those around us. Let us bow our hearts and confess our sin to God, as we pray together, saying,

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

It is never easy for us to confess but deep down we know that we have trouble being grace-full to others; we are eager to judge and punish all who hurt us; we always find ways to put restrictions on people we fear. Forgive us, Servant God. You show mercy more often than we deserve; you pardon us more times than we can count. And why? Because we are the Lord's — sisters and brothers of Jesus Christ, who died and lived again, so that we might live beyond death with you... (a period of silence) ... Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Michael Moore

God's hand of mercy is stretched out to us, making a way through all that threatens us, to touch us with grace and hope. We stand before our God, singing praises to the One who turns our despair into joy, our fears into faith.

Thanks be to God.

**** The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's colleague and friend, Rev. Thom M. Shuman and can be found in his book [Playing Hopscotch in Heaven](#).

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

Phillip, Megumi, Maria, & Jordan Block

As Christ Jesus has shared his peace with each of us, let us now share that peace with each other.

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!

Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

The Church's One Foundation

AURELIA/Hill & Cunningham, arr.

Brianna Cunningham, marimba and voice; Devon Hill, voice

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 18:21-35

Rev. Michael Moore

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SERMON

First Steps: Setting an Example for Others (Don't Pick Up the Rope)

Rev. Michael Moore

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostle's Creed

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

(When you hear Lord in your mercy, please respond by saying: hear our 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

WORD OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

DOXOLOGY

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FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

HYMN

Make me a Channel of Your Peace
Led by CPC Women's Ensemble

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

On Eagle's Wings
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

Michael Joncas

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore

Choir Director and Organist: Dawn McCord

Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith

Liturgist: Bill Hearnburg

Sound Technician: Bryant Hand

Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand

Readers: Phillip, Megumi, Maria, & Jordan Block



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CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, September 14		
Tuesday, September 15		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks- The Prophets	
Wednesday, September 16		
Thursday, September 17		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
7:00 p.m.	Stated Session Meeting	
Friday, September 18		
Saturday, September 19		
Sunday, September 20		
11:00 a.m.	Streaming Worship Service	Worship Team
* For more information on any of these events, please contact the church office, or an elder serving on the appropriate leadership team.		

Session Members: Jay Horsley (Admin), Mimi Gentry (Communications), Mary Anne Taylor (Worship), Dena Wilson (Fellowship & Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Carolyn Aycock (Stewardship & Finance), Pat Sheffield (Member Care), Jared Price (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Patti Stewart (Outreach), and Jeff Branyon (Outreach)