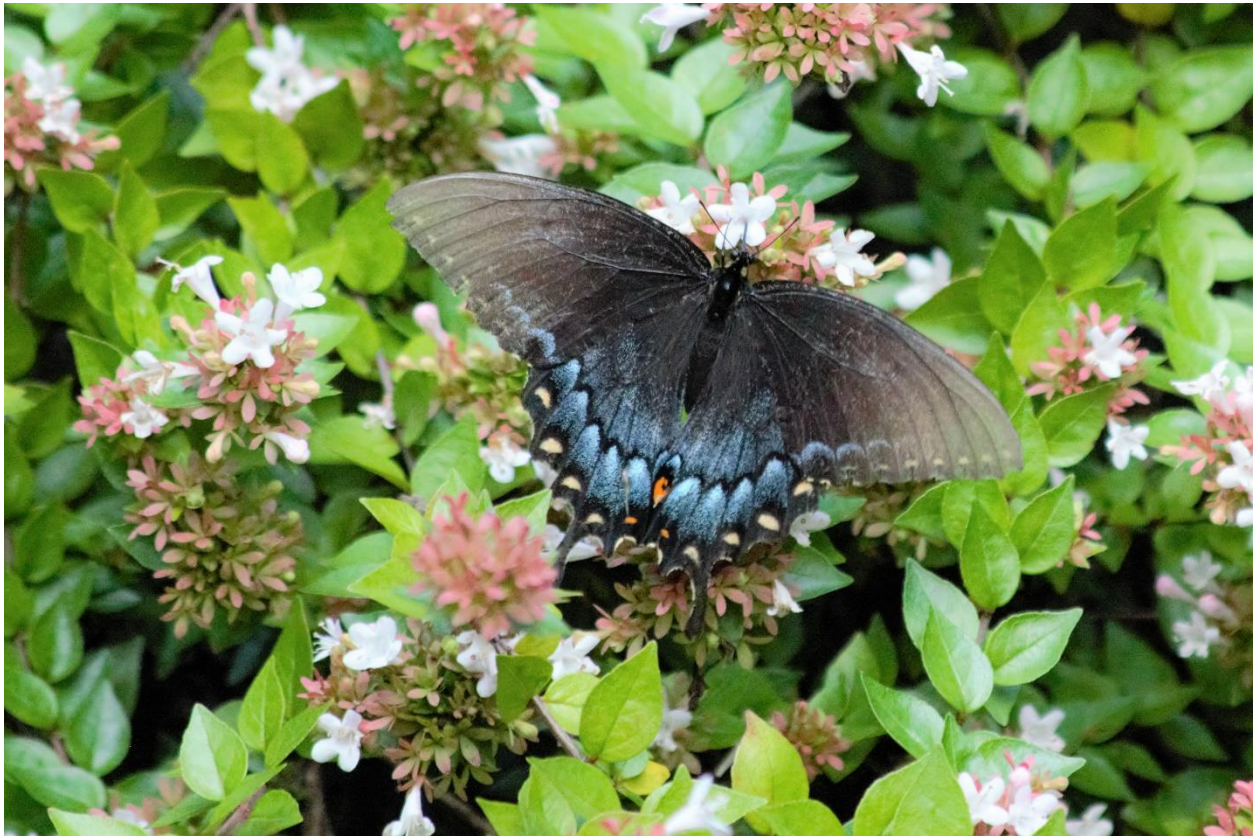


CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

17th Sunday after Pentecost

September 27, 2020 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING PRAYER

Whatever may be the tensions and the stresses of a particular day, there is always lurking close at hand the trailing beauty of forgotten joy or unremembered peace.

-Howard Thurman

MUSICAL MEDITATIONS

Bryant Hand

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

PRELUDE

Holy Spirit, Living Breath of G-d
Leslie Goldsmith, piano

Getty and Townend

CALL TO WORSHIP

Becoming a baby,

Christ transformed all of us into his sisters and brothers.

Telling us stories we had forgotten,

God helps us to walk the paths of discipleship.

Becoming foolish in the world's eyes,

the Spirit teaches us all we need to find our way into the kingdom.

HYMN

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

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CALL TO CONFESSION

All too often, we tell God we will do better, and be better, and then just go on living the same way we always have. Let this be the moment when we tell our God of our failures and faithlessness, so we can go forth to work in that kingdom of grace and hope. Join me as we pray:

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

We would want to be fountains of hope for others, God of glory, but people find only hardened hearts. We would like to be transformed people, but our stubborn pride prevents us from bending a knee to you. We long to stand with those who are in need, but our selfishness keeps our backs rigid with judgment. Forgive us, God who came down to us. Humble us, that we might be true servants to the broken and lost. Split open our frozen hearts, that compassion might flow freely to those who are hurting. Fill our minds with the presence of your Spirit, that we might learn how to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, into that kingdom of grace and hope. ...A time of silent prayer... **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the good news: in Christ, God's plan for salvation was accomplished. We are forgiven, we are made new. We will complete God's joy, by sharing compassion, forgiveness, hope, with everyone we meet. Thanks be to God.
Amen!

**** 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

David and Melanie Lambert

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

Philippians 2:1-13

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

I've Been in the Storm too Long
Mimi Gentry, soprano

Spiritual/Burleigh, arr.

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 21:23-32

Rev. Michael Moore

This is the Word of the Lord!
Thanks be to God

SERMON

First Steps: A Willingness to Make it About Jesus (and Not Ourselves)

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

Rev. Michael Moore

(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

Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your Love

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Every Time I Feel the Spirit
Dawn McCord, organ

Spiritual/ Judith Maggs

WORSHIP LEADERSHIP
Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore
Music Director and Organist: Dawn McCord
Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith
Liturgist: Linda Handyside
Sound Technician: Bryant Hand
Musical Meditations: Mary Anne Taylor and Bryant Hand
Handbell Director:
Readers: David and Melanie Lambert



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Note Of Thanks

Dear Church Members,

Our family thanks you for your many prayers for Doug, comforting cards, notes and phone calls, and kind donations in his memory. Your Christian love and support mean so much to us at this very difficult time.

Sincerely,
Marilyn Kanter

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS
Monday - Friday 10:00am - 2:00pm.
HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, September 28		
Tuesday, September 29		
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:45 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.	Disciple Fast Tracks- The Prophets	
6:00 p.m.	Admin Team Meeting	
Wednesday, September 30		
9:00 a.m.	Prayer Group	
7:00 p.m.	Fellowship Dinner	
Thursday, October 1		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
Friday, October 2		
Saturday, October 3		
Sunday, October 4		
9:30 a.m.	Tai Chi	Mimi Gentry
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)