

CARROLLTON PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

7th Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2021 - 11:00 A.M.



PREPARING TO WORSHIP GOD

CENTERING MOMENT

...the Lord plays and diverts Himself in the garden of His creation, and if we could let go of our own obsession with what we think is the meaning of it all, we might be able to hear His call and follow Him in His mysterious, cosmic dance. - Thomas Merton

MUSICAL MEDITATION

GATHERING AROUND GOD'S WORD

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Michael Moore

PRELUDE

Give Thanks

Henry Smith

CALL TO WORSHIP

Betty Williams

Before the earth was formed, we were chosen by God to be God's people.

God gathers us together that we might sing of joy and hope, as God's beloved.

Before the stars glittered in the night sky, we were chosen through Christ to be God's family.

Christ gathers us together that we might carol the good news of redemption.

Before the rivers flowed to the seas, we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

The Spirit gathers us together that we might dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.

HYMN

From All That Dwells Below the Skies

GTG #327

CALL TO CONFESSION

Betty Williams

We toss and turn at night, unable to sleep because of the tunes running through our heads. But, if we listen carefully, we will discover that it is God singing to us, of that hope, that joy, that mercy offered to us, if we will but open our lives to the forgiveness and healing which is God's desire for us. Let us confess our out-of-tune lives, as we pray together, saying,

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Betty Williams

We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people. Forgive us, Gifter of every blessing. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our

ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world. Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance of love and joy. -- *Silence is kept.* Amen.

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S GRACE

Rev. Michael Moore

Before the earth was shaped, God created the music of grace which sets our hearts, our souls, our feet to dancing with joy in the hope God has given to us. It is God who has created us, it is God who has redeemed us, and it is God who sends us forth to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. Thanks be to God, we are forgiven. Amen.

LISTENING FOR GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19

Rev. Michael Moore

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

ANTHEM

We Are One in the Spirit (They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love)

GTG #300

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING:

Mark 6:14-29

Rev. Michael Moore

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

SERMON

The Dance

Rev. Michael Moore

RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from the Belhar Confession)

We believe that God wishes to teach the church to do what is good and to seek the right; that the church must therefore stand by people in any form of suffering and need... that the church must witness against and strive against any form of injustice, so that justice may roll down like waters, and righteousness like an ever-flowing stream.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

(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

WORDS OF GRACE AND THANKSGIVING

Betty Williams

God's love is revealed in those who seek to be faithful in sharing their gifts, so the hungry might be fed, so the lonely might be comforted, so the forgotten will be remembered, so our sisters and brothers might know God's grace and love in their lives. Amen.

DOXOLOGY

Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow

GTG 606

FOLLOWING GOD'S WORD INTO THE WORLD

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Humble Thyself in the Sight of the Lord

Bob Hudson

The liturgy was written by Pastor Michael's friend and colleague, Thom M. Shuman and is found in his book, Where the Broken Gather © 2014

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WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

Pastor: Rev. Michael Moore
Pianist: Leslie Goldsmith
Liturgist: Betty Williams
Sound Technician: Bryant Hand
Musical Meditation:
Virtual Worship Technicians: Keith and Robin Ellison
Jared Price and Denise Moore
Ushers: Bette Stuckey and Jim Carter



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ANNOUNCEMENTS

There are many ministries that Carrollton Presbyterian Church supports in our community and beyond. You may give of your time, talent, and tithes by contacting the church office, mailing a check to the church or by giving online through Realm Communications or carrolltonpresbyterian.church. Thank you for this prayerful consideration of your gifts.



The Wednesday morning devotional group and the Tuesday evening bible study is taking a break for the month of July and will start back August 4th.

Improve Balance, Reduce Stress



Every Sunday morning at 9:30, we are offering a free beginning Tai Chi class on the back lawn. Please come and join us. See Mimi Gentry for details.

Elder Training for all Session members will be held on Sunday, July 18th and 25th in Westminster Hall from 1-3pm.

We are so thankful for all the hard work, Keith and Robin Ellison and Jared Price, have done and continue to do as we continue to broadcast our services. We are looking for volunteers to operate the system with them. Please prayerfully consider volunteering to be a part of this vital ministry.



Watermelon at the Ranch

On July 24th our teens, tweens, and kids will be getting together for fun at the Hodge Ranch here in Carroll County. We will play games, meet animals and of course eat watermelon!

An outdoor event for families. We'll have activities planned for all ages.

TIME: 7:00pm-8:30pm

DATE: July

Questions? Contact Di and Bill Hodge at 770-845-9448 or bill@hodgeranch.com

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS

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

HAPPENING THIS WEEK

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<u>Leadership</u>
Monday, July 12		
Tuesday, July 13		
12:00 p.m.	Al-anon	
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
5:30-7:00 p.m.	The Tuesday evening Bible Study is taking a break for the month of July and will start back in August.	
Wednesday, July 14		
9:00 a.m.	The Wednesday morning devotional group is taking a break for the month of July and will start back August 4th.	
Thursday, July 15		
11:00 a.m.	Soup Kitchen	Outreach Team
2:00 p.m.	Open Hands - Food	Outreach Team
Friday, July 16		
Saturday, July 17		
Sunday, July 18		
9:00 a.m.,	Tai Chi on the Lawn	Mimi Gentry
11:00 a.m.	Worship Service in the Sanctuary	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), Bennett Brown (Fellowship), Dena Wilson (Worship), Chase Robinson (Stewardship & Finance), Bette Stuckey (Member Care), Lisa Somerlot (Christian Ed.), Jackie Warren (Buildings & Grounds), Jeb Brown (Buildings & Grounds), Linda Handyside (Outreach), Jeff Branyon (Outreach), and Andy Taylor