

**WORSHIP OF GOD**  
**FIRST UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST**  
**EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

*October 12, 2025 Eleven o'clock in the Morning*

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*First UCC's Mission Statement*

***"To grow in faith, love and fellowship as we serve God and all of our community."***

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Announcements**

Lay Reader

**Call to Worship**

Lay Reader

Leader: From the very beginning, God calls us.

**All: God sets us apart with a meaning and a purpose.**

Leader: We may not listen to our calls, for we are unsure, or even afraid.

**All: But God reassures us in many and various ways through the course of our days.**

Leader: Even if we are brought to the edge of a cliff

**All: God is with us and sustains us.**

**All: Trusting in God, we continually offer our praise!**

**†Hymn: *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing***

*Blue Hymnal No.46*

**†Prayer of Confession**

Congregation

**All: Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us, that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name. Amen**

~The Book of Common Prayer

## **†Silent Reflections**

*(a short period of silence is observed for silent reflections)*

### **†Kyrie** (Responsive): Red Hymnal No. 518

Lord, have mercy upon us,  
Christ, have mercy upon us,  
Lord, have mercy upon us.

### **†Our Assurance of God's Pardon**

Rev. Anne Tambling

### **†The Gloria Patri:** Red Hymnal No. 493

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and every shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen.

### **Children's Message**

Rev. Anne Tambling

### **Special Music**

***"Here I Am Lord"***

Soloist Nathan Bowman

### **Scripture Lessons**

Lay Reader

Acts 15: 1-21

Ephesians 4: 1-6

**Leader:** This is a word of God.

**All:** Thanks be to God!

### **†Hymn: *Breathe on Me, Breath of God***

Blue Hymnal No. 164

### **Sermon**

Rev. Anne Tambling

## †Statement of Faith

## The Apostles' Creed

**All:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:

And in Jesus Christ, his only begotten 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

Rev. Anne Tambling

Leader: May the Spirit of God be with you.

**All:** And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

## The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Anne Tambling

## The Lord's Prayer (debts, debtors)

Congregation

**Prayer Response:** Red Hymnal No. 501

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord,

And grant us Thy peace. Amen.

## Offertory Invitation

Lay Reader

Leader: Let us now receive our morning offering.

## Offertory

**†Doxology: *Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow***

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God, the source of all our gifts!

Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!

Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit!

Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia

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**†Blessing**

Lay Reader

Leader: Almighty and loving God, you flood our lives with your many blessings of food, shelter and love. Use these our gifts and our lives to enrich the lives of others, bringing your Kingdom on earth. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

**†Hymn: *Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty***

Blue Hymnal No. 13

**Installation Service of Interim Minister  
for  
Anne Tambling**

**First United Church of Christ, Salisbury, NC**

One: First United Church of Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit has called Anne Tambling as its Interim pastor, teacher, and facilitator. This installation confirms and celebrates the covenantal relationship between the congregation and its pastor, teacher, and facilitator. Installation is a sign that these covenantal partners are committed to share mutually in the mission of this congregation.

One: Hear these words from the apostle Paul:  
“We beg you, our brothers and sisters, to pay proper respect to those who, work among you, who guide and instruct you in the Christian life. Treat them with respect and love because of the work they do. Be at peace among yourselves.”  
First United Church of Christ, under guidance of the Holy Spirit, has called the Rev. Anne Tambling to minister in this place as interim pastor, teacher and facilitator and it now receives her as appointed by God for this ministry.

Anne, seeing that you are called to ordained ministry by the grace of God and that First United Church of Christ has called you as interim pastor, teacher, and facilitator, are you willing to enter this covenant with its members who are one in Christ?

Pastor: I am willing, and I promise to serve this church faithfully, preaching and teaching the word of God, administering the sacraments, and fulfilling the role of Interim Minister.

One: Will the members of First United Church of Christ who are able please stand and affirm your covenant with your Interim Minister.

**All: We, the members of First United Church of Christ, receive Anne Tambling as our interim pastor, teacher, and facilitator. Promising to labor with her in the ministry of the gospel and to give her due honor and support.**

**We gather with her as a sign of our mutual ministry in Christ's name.**

One: Let us pray: Almighty God, you have called your servants to make promises before you: now enable us to keep our vows that we may remain steadfast in faith and fruitful in every good work.

Bless, we pray, your servant, Anne, to whom the care of your people in this church is now committed. Pour out your Holy Spirit on her and on the people of First United Church of Christ that our mutual ministry may be served with all faithfulness, diligence and courage. Grant us the spirit of power and of love and of sound mind. Give us your patience and strength in the uncertain days that are ahead. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

One: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are duly installed as the interim pastor, teacher, and facilitator of First United Church of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**†Benediction**

Rev. Anne Tambling

## **Postlude**

### **Assisting in Today's Worship**

***Rev. Anne Tambling***

***Intentional Interim Minister***

***Nathan Bowman, Music Director/Organist***

***Carolyn Cline, Lay Reader***



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### In Our Thoughts and Prayers

Desiree Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Rev. David Crook, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Maggie Derby (great granddaughter of Jim Weaver), John Drye (Ann Teague's cousin), Emily Faust, Jim & Bettie Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Evan Moreno, Dan Morgan, Patsy Paxton, Paul Paxton, Cathy Robbins, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Don Whitfield, Janette Yost. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know.***

### Announcements

#### Today, October 12

After Worship..... First UCC Annual Meeting

#### Tuesday, October 14

10:30 a.m..... Meals on Wheels Deliveries

#### Wednesday, October 15

5:30 p.m..... WOW Wednesday Bible Study

7:00 p.m..... Choir Rehearsal

#### Sunday, October 19

11:00 a.m..... Worship

After Worship .....Feasting on the "3<sup>rd</sup>" Luncheon

Please stay after Church today for the ***Church's Annual Meeting.***

***WOW Wednesday Bible Study*** continues with a study of the Acts of the Apostles on Wednesday, October 15 beginning at 5:30. We will have a discussion of Pastor Anne's sermon from this Sunday. Participants are invited to bring food to share and a canned food item for the Blessing Pantry.

Join us next Sunday after Worship for Feasting on the "3<sup>rd</sup>" luncheon. This will be a covered dish luncheon. Please bring a favorite covered dish if you are able.

If you have questions or suggestions for the Transition Team, we invite you to contact one of the members. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time.

Greg Alcorn

Don Whitfield

Phyllis Little

Ken Clapp

Carolyn Cline

Lynn Bernhardt

Robert Propst

Dan Mikkelson

Mark Schiemann

Larry Bolick

Kimberly Nelson

Rev. Anne Tambling