

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

*August 9, 2020 Eleven o'clock in the morning*

*Website: 1stucc.org      Facebook: First United Church of Christ-Salisbury*  
*Office Telephone: 704-633-2723*

*Whoever YOU are and wherever YOU are on life's journey,  
YOU are welcome here in this church!*

PRELUDE      *Festival Prelude on "Westminster Abbey"*

Charles Callahan

WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the silence of the morning

**ALL: We listen for Your voice.**

One: As we wake up to the song of birds

**ALL: We listen for Your voice.**

One: As we stretch and begin our day

**ALL: We listen for Your voice.**

One: Before the cacophony of life heads our way

**ALL: We listen for Your voice.**

One: As we gather for worship.

**ALL: We listen for Your voice.**

One: We gather in thanks, in hope, and in anticipation of Your presence in our midst. May our words and our hearts be acceptable in Your sight, our rock and our redeemer.

# HYMN *O Sing a Song of Bethlehem*

1 O sing a song of Beth-le-hem, of shep-herds watch-ing there,  
 2 O sing a song of Naz-a-reth, of days of joy and sun,  
 3 O sing a song of Gal-i-lee, of lake and woods and hill,  
 4 O sing a song of Cal-va-ry, its glo-ry and dis-may,

and of the news that came to them from an-gels in the air:  
 O sing of fra-grant flo-wers' breath, and of the sin-less One:  
 of One who walked up-on the sea and bade its waves be still:  
 of One who hung up-on the tree, and took our sins a-way:

The light that shone on Beth-le-hem fills all the world to-day;  
 For now the flowers of Naz-a-reth in ev-ery heart may grow;  
 For though, like waves on Gal-i-lee, rough seas of trou-ble roll,  
 For Christ who died on Cal-va-ry is ris-en from the grave;

of Je-sus' birth and peace on earth the an-gels sing al-way.  
 now spreads the fame of Je-sus' name on all the winds that blow.  
 when faith has heard the Sav-ior's word, falls peace up-on the soul.  
 God's sov-ereign Child, who rec-on-ciled, is might-y now to save.

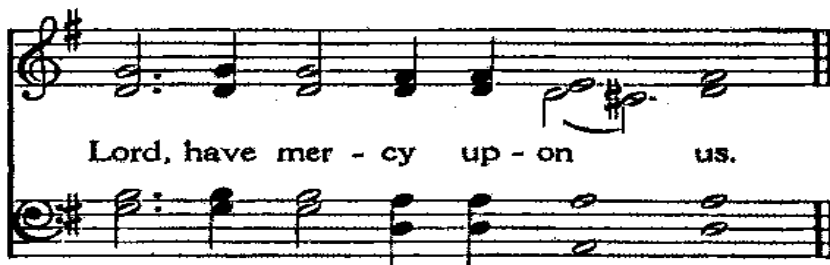
## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**ALL:** Holy One, you call us to step out in faith, to trust as you lead. But fear holds us back. Fear keeps us from taking chances. Fear keeps us from loving others. Fear keeps us from forgiving others. We believe O God, help our unbelief. Take from us our fear and fill us with courage. Take from us our anger and fill us with acceptance and love. Take from us our failures and remind us to try and try again. Remind us that we are not alone. Forgive us O God, we pray. Amen.

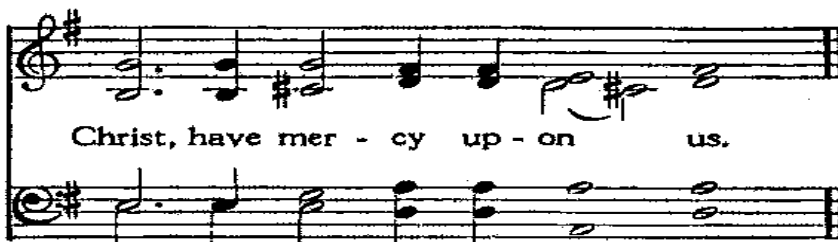
SILENT CONFESSION *(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession)*

KYRIE *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

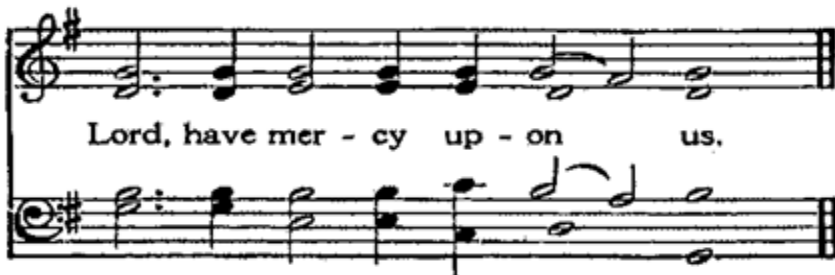
Lord, have mercy upon us.



Christ, have mercy upon us



Lord, have mercy upon us



OUR ASSURANCE OF GOD'S PARDON

# THE GLORIA PATRI *Halle, Halle, Halleluja*



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# HYMN *Precious Lord Take My Hand*



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HEBREW LESSON

1 Kings 19:9-18

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 10:5-15

SPECIAL MUSIC     *Trio on "Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

Charles Callahan

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:22-33

One: This is the word of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

SERMON     **"It Was a Dark and Stormy Night"**

*Rev. Carol Hallman*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: May the Spirit of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

One: Let us pray.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**ALL: 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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

*pp Devoutly*

The musical score is written for two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a slow, steady pace. The lyrics are printed below the notes. The first line of music corresponds to the first line of lyrics, and the second line of music corresponds to the second line of lyrics. The score ends with a double bar line.

Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;

Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.

INVITATION

OFFERTORY *Improvisation on "Rejoice, the Lord is King"*

Charles Callahan

BLESSING

1. I was sink-ing deep in sin, Far from the peace-ful shore, Ver-y deep-ly  
 2. All my heart to Him I give, Ev-er to Him I'll cling, In His bless-ed  
 3. Souls in dan-ger, look a-bove, Je-sus com-plete-ly saves; He will lift you

stained with-in, Sink-ing to rise no more; But the Mas-ter of the sea  
 pres-ence live, Ev-er His prais-es sing. Love so might-y and so true  
 by His love Out of the an-gry waves. He's the Mas-ter of the sea,

Heard my de-spair-ing cry, From the wa-ters lift-ed me—Now safe am I.  
 Mer-its my soul's best songs; Faith-ful, lov-ing serv-ice too To Him be-longs.  
 Bil-lows His will o-bey; He your Sav-ior wants to be—Be saved to-day.

CHORUS

Love lift-ed me, ——— Love lift-ed me, ——— When noth-ing  
 e-ven me, e-ven me,

1 else could help, Love lift-ed me; 2 Love lift-ed me.

THE BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Praeludium*

Nicolaus Bruhns

**Assisting in Worship**

***Rev. Carol Hallman***, Resident Pastor

***Dr. Phillip Burgess***, Choir Director    ***Susan Trivette***, Organist

***Mark Schiemann, Jeff Smith, Kevin Leichman II***

**Flowers on the Altar Today are Given to the Glory of God**

**Attendance**

August 2, 2020

166 Views

102 Engagements

250 Reached

***Thank you Dr. Burgess for last week's beautiful altar flowers.***

Sincere appreciation is extended to ***Dr. Phillip Burgess, Susan Trivette, and our technical production and support team*** for their dedication to Sunday Morning Online Worship Services.

**REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS**

Javis Arey, Mary Austin, Mabel Barnhardt, Betty Bowles (mother of Steve Bowles), Destony Bowles, Julia Callaway, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Marie Cuthrell, Sarah Hall (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Harry & Nancy Hipp, Dawn Isenberg, Anne Kennedy, Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Jimmy Mullis (friend of Daniel Artz), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Roger & Betty Olson (Kim Profitt's parents), Eleanor Peeler, Savannah Price (Larry Bolick's nephew's granddaughter), Glenda Shrewsbury, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Crystal Smith (niece of Bobbie Troutman), Nick Snipes, Donnie Troutman, Jeff Watson (Larry Bolick's nephew), John Wagoner, Frances Wensil. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or deleted from our prayer list, be sure and let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.***



**Sunday, August 9**

4:00.....Property Committee Meeting  
5:00.....Zoom Check-In

**Tuesday, August 11**

10:00.....Online Storytime with Pastor Carol

**Wednesday, August 12**

5:30.....Online E.C. Board Meeting

**Thursday, August 13**

6:00.....Online Finance Committee Meeting

7:00.....Online Mission Committee Meeting

A reminder that as we are still only meeting online, please don't forget to drop your offering in the mail (207 W. Horah Street, Salisbury, 28144), send through your online banking system, or donate through paypal (there is a link for paypal donations on our website). We continue to need your gifts even when you are not here in person.

Please also remember 5-Alive donations. Your contributions with a notation for the 5-Alive Fund are always needed and appreciated. Giving to the 5-Alive Fund is helpful at any time and is used to help those in our church and within our community.

## **From First UCC Foundation**

The First United Church of Christ Foundation has begun the selection process for awarding the annual distribution of funds. An application for your organization to use in applying for funds is available by contacting the **Church office** at **704-633-2723** or via email at **office@1stucc.org** (please note this is a new email for the Church). We respectfully request that you complete and return this form to the Foundation by August 17, 2020. Applications may be emailed to **office@1stucc.org** or by regular mail (**207 West Horah Street, Salisbury, NC 28144**). Applications must be postmarked on or before **August 17** to be considered for the 2020 distribution of funds.

If your organization is selected to receive a distribution, you will be notified by September 20, 2020. It is essential that you have a representative attend the eleven o'clock worship service at First United Church of Christ at a date to be decided on in October 2020 to participate in the presentation ceremony.

Greg Alcorn, Chairman  
First UCC Foundation