

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

July 28, 2024 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

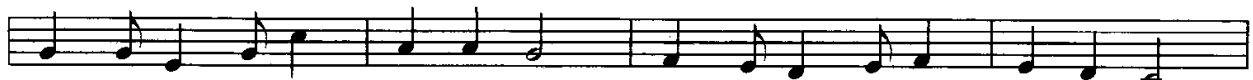
Call to Worship (based on Ephesians 3:14-21)

- One: We gather this morning, bowing to our God
ALL: **The one from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name**
One: May this time of worship strengthen our inner being and may Christ dwell within our hearts
ALL: **We come to listen and learn, to be rooted and grounded in love**
One: May we grow in our faith and our knowledge and most of all our love as we worship God.

†Hymn: *Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ*



1. Let us tal-ents and tongues em-ploy, reach-ing out with a shout of joy:
2. Christ is a - ble to make us one, at his ta - ble he set the tone,
3. Je - sus calls us in, sends us out bear-ing fruit in a world of doubt,



bread is bro - ken, the wine is poured, Christ is spo - ken and seen and heard.
teach - ing peo - ple to live to bless, love in word and in deed ex - press.
gives us love to tell, bread to share: God (Im-man - u - el) ev - ery - where!

(first time soft, second time loud)



⁹ Je - sus lives a - gain, earth can breathe a - gain, pass the Word a - round: loaves a - bound!

†Prayer of Confession

ALL: Like Phillip, there are times we look at a situation, throw up our hands and say we just can't do this God. It looks impossible. We don't have enough time, energy or money. Help us to see with the eyes of Andrew who opens his imagination when he sees a boy with 5 loaves and 2 fish. And help us to open our hearts to the faith that can see those gifts and multiply them bringing God's kin-dom ever closer. Forgive us our faint hearts and remind us again that You are the God of abundance. Amen.

†Silent Reflections

(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent reflections)

†Kyrie: *Shepherd Lead*

Shep - herd, lead, lead me in your righ-teous-ness,
make your way plain be - fore my face. For it is you, God,
you, God on - ly, who makes me to lie down in safe - ty.

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†Our Assurance of God's Pardon

† *The Gloria Patri*

1 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia,
Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!

The image shows a musical score for 'The Gloria Patri' in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the accompaniment is in the bass clef. The lyrics are '1 Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia,' and 'Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia!'.

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Old Testament Reading

2 Kings 4:42-44

Epistle Lesson

Ephesians 3:14-21

† **Hymn: *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go***
Blue Hymnal No. 339

Gospel Reading

John 6:1-21

Leader: This is a word of God.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

Sermon
“The Unexpected Gifts”
Rev. Carol Hallman

†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

Leader: May the Spirit of God be with you.

ALL: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

The Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

(debts, debtors)

Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

Red Hymnal No. 501

Invitation

Offertory

†Doxology

We give you but your own, what - e'er the gift may be;

All that we have is yours a - lone, we give it grate - ful - ly.

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Blessing

†Hymn: *Let Us Break Bread Together*

1. Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; _____ let us break bread to -
2. Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; _____ let us drink wine to -
3. Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; _____ let us praise God to -

6 geth - er on our knees. _____ When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing
geth - er on our knees. _____
geth - er on our knees. _____

12 sun, Oh _____ Lord, have mer - cy on me. _____

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Benediction

Postlude

Assisting in Worship
Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor
Laurie Klaus, Guest Pianist
Carolyn Cline, Lay Reader

Remember in Your Prayers

Desiree Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Lucy Carte and family, Rev. Warren Casiday, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Betty Diehl, Stacy Erb, Roger Hogendorn (grandson of Linda Hauze), Emily Hauze (daughter-in-law of Linda Hauze), Rick Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's uncle), Jim Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Doris Miller, Dan Morgan, Pat Norris, Patsy Paxton, Glenda Shrewsbury, Patty & Mark Shuping and family, Romas & Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Tom Troutman, Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward, Eric Webster, Frances Wensil, Janette Yost. ***If you know of anyone who should be added or removed from our prayer list, let the office know. If you have prayer concerns, please text, call or email Pastor Carol.***

Sunday, August 4

11:00 a.m.....Worship with Communion
After WorshipHot Dogs, Hamburgers and Covered Dish Get Together

Announcements

On August 4th we will be dedicating school supplies and blessing backpacks, but we are also going to have an opportunity to share a meal together following worship. The Open and Affirming Committee is organizing the meal. It will consist of hamburgers and hotdogs, and you are invited to bring sides and desserts. There is also a sign-up sheet for some items needed to go on hotdogs or hamburgers. There will be a free will offering to cover the cost of the hamburgers and hotdogs. There is no speaker or agenda to this meal just an opportunity for food and fellowship. All are welcome to join and bring friends and neighbors, just let the office know how many are coming so we know how many hamburgers and hotdogs to purchase. The idea is to have a fellowship meal every month on the first Sunday solely for the purpose of fellowship. Come join us!

We look forward to sharing table together.


We invite you to share any suggestions you may have with Church Council, the pastor or Pastor/Parish Relations. Our Council members are Don Whitfield, Patti Marion, Donna Odroosky, Bobbie Troutman, Phyllis Little, Shirley McNeil, Greg Alcorn, Ken Clapp, Carolyn Cline and Lucy Carte. Concerns and suggestions are welcome at any time. *Copies of approved monthly Council Minutes will be made available on the bulletin board outside the Church Office. They can also be emailed upon request.*

Church Council is in need of new council members. Please let Pastor Carol or Don Whitfield know if you feel called to fill one of these positions. There will be a Congregational Meeting on August 11 after Worship to vote on new members.

If you would like to read scripture on Sunday mornings, please contact Pastor Carol or Missie Alcorn.

We are looking for volunteers on Communion Sundays to help prepare communion. Please see Pastor Carol if you are interested in learning more.

During July, back packs and school supplies will be collected for Communities In Schools. They will be dedicated on Sunday, August 4 during morning worship. There are collection bins in the narthex and downstairs for school supplies. Please consider donating supplies for school students, the list is below. School starts the first week of August.



Communities In Schools®
Rowan County

Donation Item Listing

We Accept the Following Items:

Core School Supplies	Miscellaneous Items
1, 3, & 5 Subject Notebooks	Arts & Crafts Items
[REDACTED]	Binder Clips
Books (Pre-K-12th Grade reading books)	Bulletin Boards (3x4 and smaller)
Calculators	Construction Paper
Colored Pencils	Desk Accessories (LIKE NEW)
[REDACTED]	Hand Sanitizer
Composition Books	Hand Soap
Copy Paper	Hole Punchers
Crayon Packs	Incentives/Prizes (NEW/pocket size)
Dividers	Journals
Erasers	Knitted Scarves & Hats
Glue Bottles	Manilla Folders (New)
Glue Sticks	Note Pads (NEW/all sizes)
Highlighters	Page Protectors (New)
Lunch Bags	Paint & Supplies (NEW)
Markers	Paper Clips
Notebook Paper- Loose-leaf	Paper- misc.
Pencil Cases	Poster Board
Pencil Sharpeners	Post-It Notes
Pencils	[REDACTED]
Pens	Staplers, Staples & Removers
Pocket Folders	Stickers
[REDACTED]	Tape/Tape Dispenser
Rulers	Tissues
Scissors	Toothpaste/Toothbrushes
White Out	Tote Bags
Water Bottles	
Ziploc Bags	
We DO NOT Accept the Following Items:	
Adding Machines	Overhead Projectors
Branded Items (including 3-ring binders, envelopes, letterhead)	Printers
Carpet Samples	Printer Ink & Toner
Clothes/Shoes	Seasonal Décor Items
Computer Monitors	Stuffed Animals
Computer PC System Units	Televisions
DVD's	Transparencies
Fabric Books	VCR's
Fabric Samples	
Filing Cabinets	
Hanging Folders	
Hole Punchers	
Magazines	