

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

September 19, 2021 Eleven o'clock in the morning

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

Prelude
Jesus, Grant Me This I Pray
arr. Raymond H. Haan

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

Leader: Let us gather in praise.

All: **Let us rejoice in God's grace.**

Leader: Let us gather in praise.

All: **Let us celebrate God's love.**

Leader: Let us gather in praise.

All: **Let us exalt God's holy name.**

Leader: Come, let us worship our God.

With our voices, let us sing God's praise.

†Hymn: *Lord, I Want to Be a Christian*

1 Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart, in my heart;
2 Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart, in my heart,
3 Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart, in my heart;
4 Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart, in my heart;

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

Refrain

In my heart, In my heart, in my heart,
In my heart, in my heart, in my heart,

Lord, I want to be a Chris-tian in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more lov - ing in my heart.
Lord, I want to be more ho - ly in my heart.
Lord, I want to be like Je - sus in my heart.

†Prayer of Confession

All: If we are honest with you, O God, we don't like being the last. We want to be first. First in school, first at work, first in all that we do. We don't like to lose. We don't like to fail. We would rather be served than serve others. Forgive us O God, remind us again that the first will be last and the last will be first. That our job as your people is to be servants in the service of others. Help us to develop and live out a servant's heart, 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.

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The first Kyrie line consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

Christ, have mercy upon us

Christ, have mer - cy up - on us.

The second Kyrie line consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

Lord, have mercy upon us

Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

The third Kyrie line consists of two staves of music. The top staff is in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a common time signature (C). The bottom staff is in bass clef with the same key signature and time signature. The melody is written in a simple, hymn-like style with quarter and eighth notes.

†Our Assurance of God's Pardon

†The Gloria Patri *Glory to God in the Highest*

Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Sing glo - ry to
God! _____ Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to God's peo - ple on earth! _____

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Children's Message

Rev. Carol Hallman

Choral Anthem

Come Down, Lord

Stan Pethel

Epistle Lesson

James 3:13 – 4:3, 7-8a

†Hymn: *All Who Love and Serve Your City*

Erik Routley

William H. Jude

1. All who love and serve your cit - y, all who
2. In your day of loss and sor - row, in your
3. In your day of wealth and plen - ty, wast - ed
4. For all days are days of judg - ment, and the
5. Ris - en Lord, shall yet the cit - y be the

3
bear its dai - ly stress, all who cry for peace and
day of help - less strife, hon - or peace, and love re -
work and wast - ed play, call to mind the word of
Lord is wait - ing still, draw - ing near to all who
cit - y of de - spair? Come to - day, our Judge, our

6
jus - tice, all who curse and all who bless:
treat - ing, seek the Lord, who is your life.
Je - sus, "Work ye yet while it is day."
spurn him, of - fering peace from Cal - vary's hill.
Glo - ry, be its name, "The Lord is there!"

Gospel Lesson

Mark 9:30-37

Leader: This is the word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

"The Great G.O.A.T. Debate"

Rev. Carol Hallman

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

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 a four-part setting (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) in G major and 4/4 time. It consists of two systems of staves. The first system contains the first two lines of the prayer response, and the second system contains the final two lines. The lyrics are: "Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN." The music is marked *pp* (pianissimo) and *Devoutly*. The score includes a treble clef and a bass clef for each part, with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 4/4. The lyrics are placed below the vocal staves, and the piano accompaniment is shown on the lower staves of each system.

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

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

Invitation

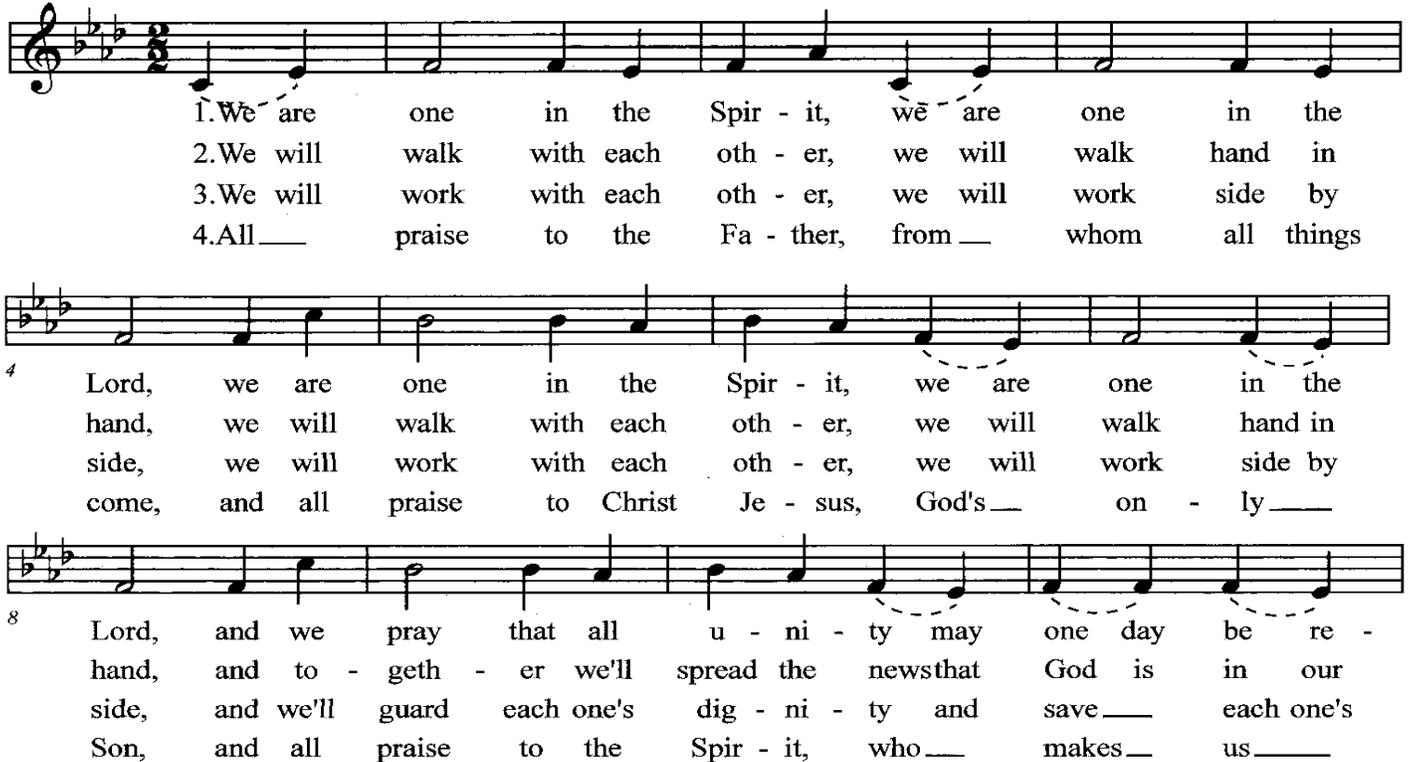
2 Corinthians 9:6-8 New Revised Standard Version

⁶ The point is this: the one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully. ⁷ Each of you must give as you have made up your mind, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. ⁸ And God is able to provide you with every blessing in abundance, so that by always having enough of everything, you may share abundantly in every good work.

Offertory *Jesus Loves Me* arr. Howard F. Starks

Blessing

†Hymn: *They'll Know We Are Christians*



1. We are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
2. We will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
3. We will work with each oth - er, we will work side by
4. All ___ praise to the Fa - ther, from ___ whom all things

⁴ Lord, we are one in the Spir - it, we are one in the
hand, we will walk with each oth - er, we will walk hand in
side, we will work with each oth - er, we will work side by
come, and all praise to Christ Je - sus, God's ___ on - ly ___

⁸ Lord, and we pray that all u - ni - ty may one day be re -
hand, and to - geth - er we'll spread the news that God is in our
side, and we'll guard each one's dig - ni - ty and save ___ each one's
Son, and all praise to the Spir - it, who ___ makes ___ us ___

12 stored: And they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love, by our
land:
pride:
one:.

16 love, yes, they'll know we are Chris-tians by our love.

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Benediction

Postlude *Processional of Joy* Hal H. Hopson

Assisting in Worship

Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor

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

Flowers on the Altar Today are Dedicated to the Glory of God in
Loving Memory of Martha Barnhardt Arthur
by Mark, Michelle & John and Carol & John

Remember in Your Prayers

Mabel Barnhardt, Brenda Bernhardt, Meeta Bond (friend of Bobbie Troutman), Destony Bowles, Julia Callaway, family of Rodney Callaway, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Leigha Davenport (6-year-old daughter of Susan Ward's friend), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Nancy Hipp, John and Dawn Isenberg, Anne Kennedy, Jasmine Kirby and son Noah (niece and great nephew of Don Whitfield), Johnnie Lippard (friend of Steve Bowles), Charlie Little, Diane Lockhart (Radell Lockhart's mother), Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Jimmy Mullis (friend of Daniel Artz), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, John Wagoner, Waylon Ward. ***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.***

Let us lift up prayers for various parts of the world. One way to do that is through the UCC Global Ministries <https://www.globalministries.org/resource/pray-with-lesotho-september-19-2021/>. They lift up places each week. If you follow the link you will find not just a prayer for Lesotho, but also information about our mission there and the mission partners we work with.

Today, September 19

12:30 p.m. Church Council Meeting

Tuesday, September 21

1:00 p.m. Bless These Stitches

Wednesday, September 22

7:30 p.m. Choir Rehearsal

If you are wanting to learn some new skills, if you are looking for ways to help at church, the **Tech Crew** might just be for you. Contact Jeff, Leslie or Mark for more information.

A reminder that as we are offering hybrid worship services we encourage you to either mail in or use the online system for your offering. We continue to need your gifts even if you are not here in person.

Thanks to all who stopped by and dropped off food items this past Saturday. **Little Red Wagon** items for Rowan Helping Ministries are now being collected each Sunday of the month for those attending worship. If you are not yet attending in-person worship, items can be dropped off at the Church during office hours. Items collected will be delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries monthly. RHM's Food Pantry Wish List for September includes: Corn, Green Beans, Mixed Vegetables, Beans (canned and dry), Rice, Pasta, Potato Flakes, Breakfast Cereal, Oatmeal.

Contributions with a notation for the **5-Alive Fund** are needed and appreciated at any time. Giving to the 5-Alive Fund is used to help those in our church and within our community.

The **Neighbors in Need** "Unfailing Love" offering will be collected on **October 3** as part of World Communion Sunday. Contributions can be made at any time. Neighbors in Need is part of the 5 for 5 offerings of the wider church. This year's offering is focused on supporting organizations and projects that are serving homeless and immigrant neighbors or communities.

There is an update of the article about a local church NIN project found on the UCC website. The article reports the construction of a tiny house by the Peace Congregational UCC and the Clemson community for an LGBTQ individual. It is now back on track. To read more:

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