

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

September 25, 2022 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
Just As I Am, Without One Plea
arr. Dale Wood

Words of Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 91 excerpts)

One: You who dwell in the shadow of the Most High God.
ALL: Yahweh is our refuge, the one in whom we place our trust.
One: God promises to care for us, to protect us.
ALL: We need not be afraid.
One: We call on Your name, O God, holding onto the promises of
Your presence among us.
ALL: We love You, O God and come to offer our praise and
thanksgiving this day.

†Hymn: *Hymn of Promise*

Unison

The musical score is written for a unison voice part. It consists of five systems of music, each with a vocal line and a corresponding line of lyrics. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a mix of eighth and quarter notes. The lyrics are arranged in three lines per system, with the first line of each system starting with a number (1, 2, or 3) indicating different verses. The final system ends with a double bar line.

1. In the bulb there is a flow-er; in the seed, an ap-ple tree;
2. There's a song in ev-ery si-lence, seek-ing word and mel-o - dy;
3. In our end is our be - gin-ning; in our time, in-fin-i - ty;

in co-coons, a hid-den prom-ise: but-ter - flies will soon be free!
there's a dawn in ev-ery dark-ness, bring-ing hope to you and me.
in our doubt there is be - liev-ing; in our life, e-ter-ni - ty.

In the cold and snow of win-ter there's a spring that waits to be,
From the past will come the fu-ture; what it holds, a mys-ter - y,
In our death, a res-ur - rec-tion; at the last, a vic-to - ry,

un - re-vealed un-til its sea-son, some-thing God a-lone can see.

Prayer of Confession

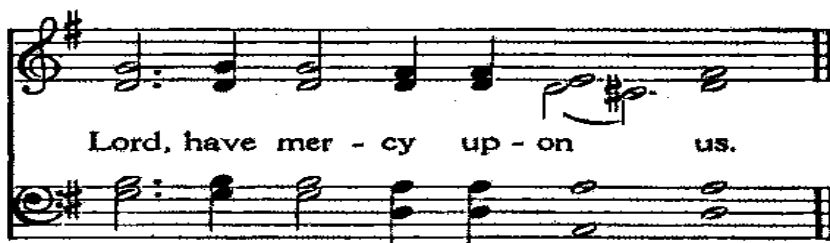
All: Compassionate One, we hear Your Word, but too often we fail to listen and live it out in our daily lives. We know what You require of us, but too often we falter and fail. Forgive our lack of compassion and mercy. Forgive us our unwillingness to live generously. Forgive us when we reject the stranger. Forgive us, please and open our hearts that we might learn from our failures and grow in Your ways. Amen.

†Silent Confession

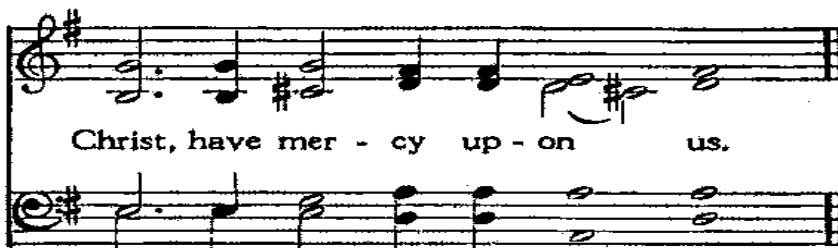
(30 seconds of silence is observed for silent confession)

†Kyrie: *Lord Have Mercy Upon Us*

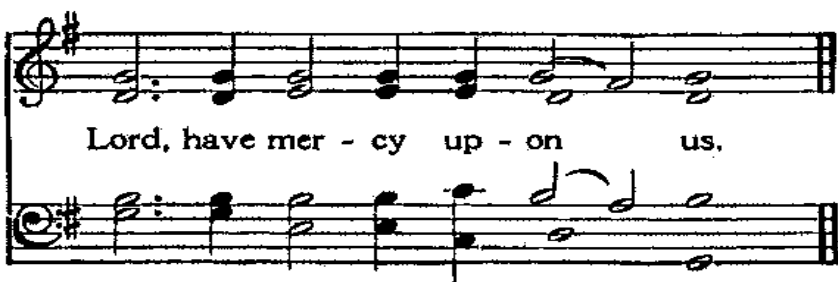
Lord, have mercy upon us.



Christ, have mercy upon us



Lord, have mercy upon us



†Our Assurance of God's Pardon

†The Gloria Patri

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja.

Hal-le, hal-le, hal - le - lu - ja. Hal-le - lu - ja, hal - le - lu - ja.

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Choral Anthem *On Eagle's Wings* arr. Mark Hayes

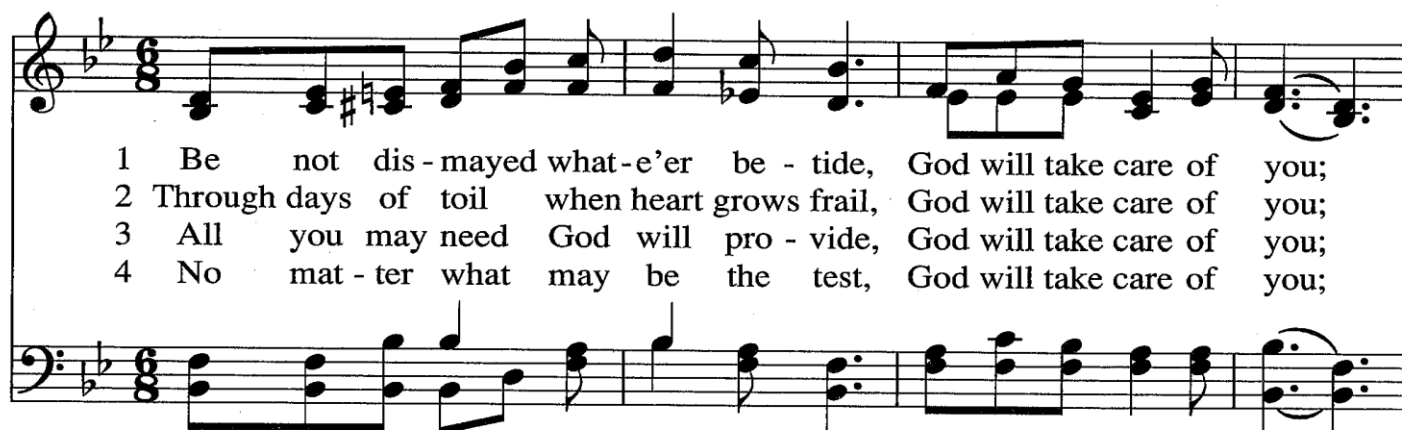
Scripture Lesson

Jeremiah 32:1-3a, 6-15

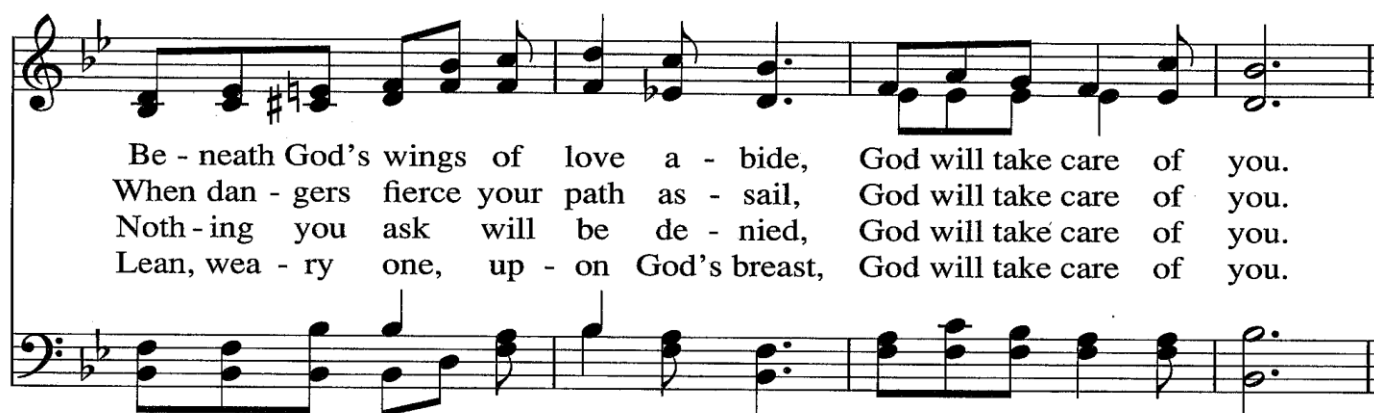
Epistle Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6-19

†Hymn: *God Will Take Care of You*

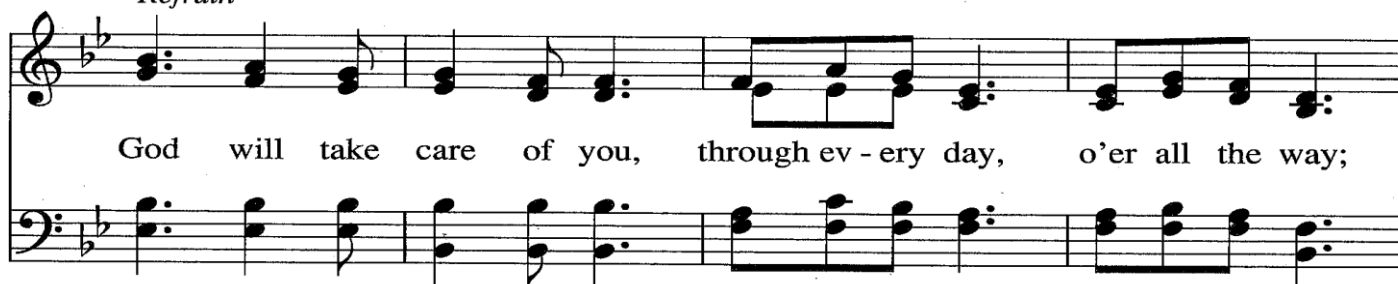


1 Be not dis-mayed what-e'er be-tide, God will take care of you;
 2 Through days of toil when heart grows frail, God will take care of you;
 3 All you may need God will pro-vide, God will take care of you;
 4 No mat-ter what may be the test, God will take care of you;

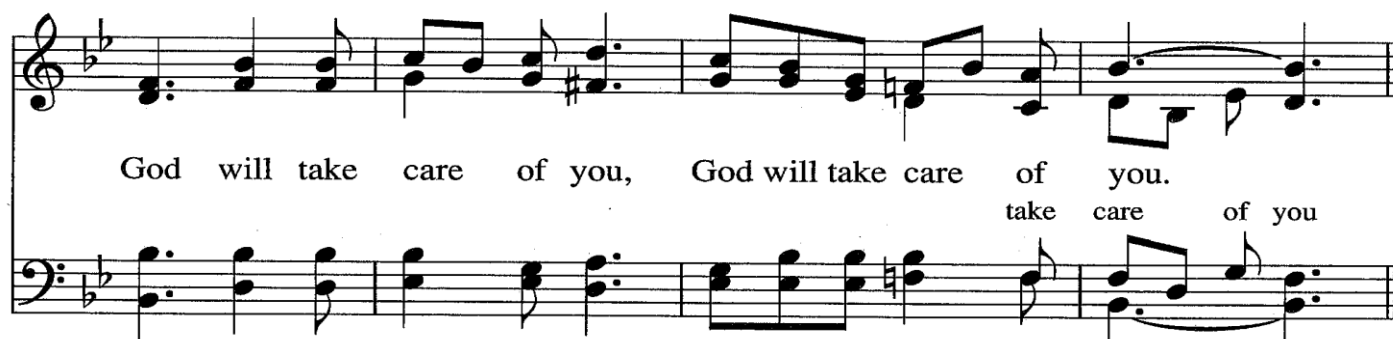


Be-neath God's wings of love a-bide, God will take care of you.
 When dan-gers fierce your path as-sail, God will take care of you.
 Noth-ing you ask will be de-nied, God will take care of you.
 Lean, wea-ry one, up-on God's breast, God will take care of you.

Refrain



God will take care of you, through ev-ery day, o'er all the way;



God will take care of you, God will take care of you.
 take care of you

Leader: This is a word of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

Sermon

“Those Who Would Be Rich!”

Rev. Dale Kennedy

†An Affirmation of Faith

The UCC Statement of Faith

All: We believe in You, O God, the Eternal Spirit, God of our Savior Jesus Christ and our God, and to Your deeds we testify:

You call the worlds into being, create persons in Your own image, and set before each one the ways of life and death.

You seek in holy love to save all people from aimlessness and sin. You judge people and nations by Your righteous will, declared through prophets and apostles.

In Jesus Christ, the man of Nazareth, our crucified and risen Savior, You have come to us and shared our common lot, conquering sin and death, and reconciling the world to Yourself.

You bestow upon us Your Holy Spirit, creating and renewing the church of Jesus Christ, binding in covenant faithful people of all ages, tongues and races.

You call us into Your church to accept the cost and joy of discipleship, to be Your servant in the service of others, to proclaim the gospel to all the world, and resist the powers of evil, to share in Christ's baptism and eat at His table, to join Him in his passion and victory.

You promise to all who trust You forgiveness of sins and fullness of grace, courage in the struggle for justice and peace, Your presence in trial and rejoicing, and eternal life in Your realm which has no end.

Blessing and honor, glory and power be unto You. 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

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, for ever. Amen.

Prayer Response: *Hear Our Prayer, O Lord*

pp Devoutly

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Alto) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and 4/4 time. The tempo/mood is marked 'pp Devoutly'. The score consists of two systems. The first system contains the lyrics 'Hear our prayer, O Lord; Hear our prayer, O Lord;'. The second system contains the lyrics 'Hear our prayer, O Lord, And grant us Thy peace. A-MEN.' The piano accompaniment is simple, using chords and single notes to support the vocal lines.

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

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

Invitation

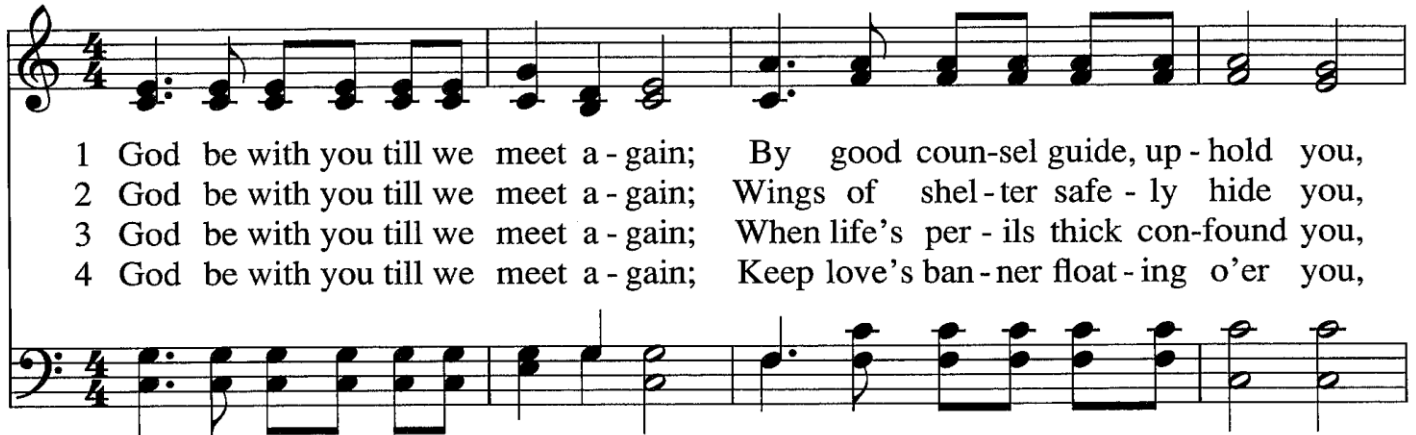
Offertory

Interlude

Nella Sharpe Holden

Blessing

†Hymn: *God Be With You*



1 God be with you till we meet a - gain; By good coun-sel guide, up - hold you,
2 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Wings of shel-ter safe - ly hide you,
3 God be with you till we meet a - gain; When life's per - ils thick con-found you,
4 God be with you till we meet a - gain; Keep love's ban-ner float - ing o'er you,

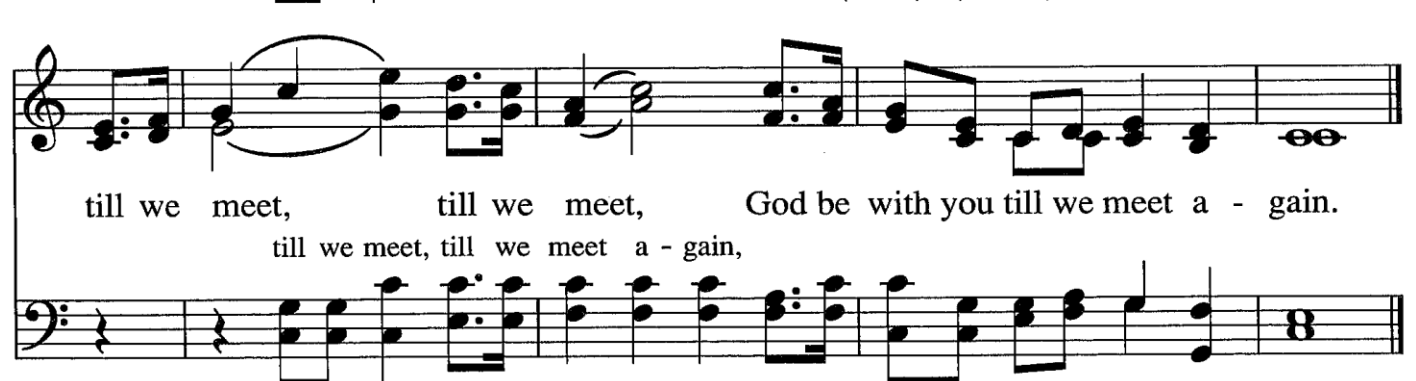


With a shep-herd's care en - fold you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Dai - ly man - na still pro - vide you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Put un - fail - ing arms a - round you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.
Smite death's threat-ening wave be - fore you: God be with you till we meet a - gain.

Refrain



Till we meet, till we meet, till we meet at Je - sus' feet;
till we meet, till we meet a - gain, till we meet,



till we meet, till we meet, God be with you till we meet a - gain.
till we meet, till we meet a - gain,

Benediction

Postlude ***Recessional*** Chester Nordman

Assisting in Worship

Rev. Dale Kennedy, Guest Pastor
Brian Sevison, Organist
Patti Marion, Lay Reader

We welcome Rev. Dale Kennedy as today's Guest Pastor. Rev. Kennedy is a retired UCC minister living in Asheboro with his wife, Debbie. He currently serves as President of the Western N.C. Association of the Southern Conference and is a member of the Southern Conference Board of Directors.

Choral Music Scholars

Teresa Greene, Alto
Graycen Murray, Soprano
Ali Abbey, Alto
Evan Moreno, Tenor
Pavel Gabulle, Baritone

Rev. Carol Hallman, Resident Pastor
Pastor Carol will be away until October 3

Tuesday, September 27

10:30 a.m.Meals on Wheels Deliveries

Wednesday, September 28

7:30 p.m.Choir Rehearsal



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Remember in Your Prayers

Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Steve Bowles, Rev. Warren Casiday, Tim Cook, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odrosky's sister), Betty Diehl, Stacy Erb, Winston Ezzell (Carrie Webster's father), Gary Hauze (no visits or phone calls, please), Nancy Hipp, Anne Kennedy, Jasmine Kirby and son Noah (Don Whitfield's niece and great-nephew), Jim Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Megan Meredith, Dan Morgan (friend of Steve Bowles), Joseph Najarian (son of Dena & David Najarian), Pat Norris, Veronika Poliakova, Patsy Paxton, Mark Shuping, Romas & Sarah Shuping, Claire Skinner, Clyde Taylor (Linda Hauze's uncle), David & Barbara Waller, Waylon Ward. ***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.***

The Mission Committee's focus this month is on Rowan Helping Ministries' Food for Thought Program. The Program is a children's backpack program. On Fridays, backpacks are sent home with children filled with items that are easy for a child to open and prepare during the weekend. On Mondays, the backpacks are returned to the school to be filled for the following weekend. Food for Thought item suggestions:

Mac & Cheese Cups
Canned Ravioli or Frank & Beans
Cereal Cups (individual serving size)
Oatmeal
Pudding
Fruit Cups
Various Granola Bars

You may drop off your donations at the Church anytime during office hours or on any Sunday morning.

This year's ***Neighbors in Need*** "BEHOLD!" offering focuses on economic justice. With inflation impacting all of our households. One-third of the offering supports Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Justice and Witness Ministries use two-thirds to provide grants to UCC churches and organizations and support various justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects.

Neighbors in Need is part of the 5 for 5 offerings of the wider church. **Our church will receive the offering on October 2nd, 2022, as a part of World Communion Sunday, though contributions may be received at any time.**