

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

*June 29, 2025 Eleven o'clock in the Morning*

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**†** *Please stand if you are able*

*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: Lord, some days my grief feels too heavy to bear.

**ALL: May I be able to trust you in the pain.**

Leader: Holy love, some days I don't know how I'll carry on.

**ALL: May delight find me in the midst of sorrow.**

Leader: As I struggle along, may I remember that I am not weak for grieving, but that I loved deeply. Amen.

**†Hymn: *Be Thou My Vision***

Blue Hymnal No. 334

**†Prayer of Confession**

Lay Reader and Congregation

**ALL: We admit to you, God of our life, that our celebration of the coming of your Spirit is often an empty ritual. Through the Spirit you offer us life, but we cling to the ways of death. Through the Spirit you offer us freedom, but we cling to our chains. Through the Spirit you offer us unity, but we continue building walls between**

ourselves and others. Through the Spirit you offer us power, but we shrink away in fear and doubt. Forgive us, O God, that we refuse the gifts you offer. Allow us to touch the risen Christ that our doubt may be overcome. Let us sing and dance with joy, truly celebrating your presence. Let us move with courage into the world with the word of your love. We pray in the powerful name of Jesus. Amen.

### †Silent Reflections

#### †Kyrie: *O Tender God Have Mercy*

O tender God, have mercy, for you are for us  
O living Christ, have mercy, for you will heal us.  
O tender God, have mercy, for you are for us,  
For you are for us.

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### †Our Assurance of God's Pardon

Rev. Mitchell

#### †The Gloria Patri: *I Come With Joy*

I come with joy, a child of God,  
Forgiven, loved and free,  
The life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me,  
In love laid down for me.

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### Children's Message

#### †Hymn: *He Leadeth Me*

Blue Hymnal No. 295

**Old Testament Reading:** 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14 (ESV)

Lay Reader

Leader: This is the word of God.

**ALL: Thanks be to God!**

### Sermon

Rev. Andrea Mitchell

## †Prayer from Guerillas of Grace

Congregation

Now,  
O Lord,  
calm me into a quietness  
that heals  
and listens,  
and molds my longings  
and passions,  
my wounds  
and wonderings  
into a more holy  
and human  
shape.

-Ted Loder in his book of prayers, Guerillas of Grace

(Please be seated.)

## Prayers of the People

Rev. Mitchell

Rev. Mitchell: May the Spirit of God be with you.

**ALL: And also with you.**

Rev. Mitchell: Let us pray.

## The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Mitchell

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

Congregation

**Prayer Response: *Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying***

Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Lord, send your Spirit in this place;  
Lord, listen to your children praying,  
Send us love, send us pow'r, send us grace.  
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**Offertory Invitation**

Lay Reader

Leader: It is now time to 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: Thank you for your many gifts and blessings. In gratitude, receive these gifts and offerings for your ministries here in this place. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

## †Hymn: *The Summons*



1. Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2. Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3. Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call
5. Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you go where you don't know and  
 your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you care for cruel and kind and  
 your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you set the pris - oners free and  
 your name? \_\_\_\_ Will you quell the fear in - side and  
 my name. \_\_\_\_ Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you let my love be  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you risk the hos - tile  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you kiss the lep - er  
 nev - er be the same? \_\_\_\_ Will you use the faith you've  
 nev - er be the same. \_\_\_\_ In your com - pa - ny I'll



shown, \_\_\_\_ will you let my name be known, \_\_\_\_ will you  
 stare \_\_\_\_ should your life at - tract or scare? \_\_\_\_ Will you  
 clean, \_\_\_\_ and do such as this un - seen, \_\_\_\_ and ad -  
 found \_\_\_\_ to re - shape the world a - round, \_\_\_\_ through my  
 go \_\_\_\_ where your love and foot - steps show. \_\_\_\_ Thus I'll



let my life be grown in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 mit to what I mean in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 sight and touch and sound in you and you in me? \_\_\_\_  
 move and live and grow in you and you in me. \_\_\_\_

Benediction

Rev. Mitchell

## Postlude

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

***Rev. Andrea Mitchell***, Guest Pastor

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

***Sarah Schiemann***, Lay Reader

We welcome Rev. Andrea Mitchell to Worship once again this Sunday.

Rev. Mitchell is a Board-Certified Chaplain serving at the Novant Health Forsyth Medical Center Cancer Institute in Winston Salem, NC. She is an ordained minister in the UCC . She is also a Reiki Master/Master Teacher. She enjoys, crochet, knitting, and being outside, especially when she can have a garden. She currently resides in Kernersville, NC with her husband, Jamie, and 2 dogs.

### **In Our Thoughts and Prayers**

Desiree Artz, Brenda Bernhardt, Tyler Bernhardt, Edith Bolick, Rev. David Crook, Gerri D. Crummett (Donna Odroosky's sister), Maggie Derby (great granddaughter of Jim Weaver), Emily Faust, Jim Lyerly, John Marion, Shirley McNeil, Eddie Meeker, Doris Miller, Dan Morgan, Patsy Paxton, Paul Paxton, 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.***



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## **Announcements**

### **Monday, June 30**

3:00 p.m..... Transition Team Meeting in Fellowship Hall

### **Sunday, July 6**

11:00 a.m.....Worship with Communion  
Rev. Dr. Kenneth Clapp  
and Rev. Lawrence Bolick

This afternoon Faith Baptist Church will present the annual Patriotic Concert. The Concert is free and open to the public. The Rowan Big Band will begin playing at 3:00 p.m. The Choral Concert will begin at approximately 5:00 p.m. Susan Trivette and Flo Peck will be participating in the choral concert. The address for Faith Baptist Church is 203 North Main Street, Faith.

We invite you to share any suggestions you may have with Church Council or Pastor/Parish Relations.

#### **Council Members:**

Greg Alcorn  
Don Whitfield  
Phyllis Little  
Shirley McNeil  
Ken Clapp  
Carolyn Cline  
Lynn Bernhardt

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