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*His Love Endures Forever by Anthony Falbo*

**WORSHIP SERVICE**

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Ever-present God, you never leave us.  
Help us to stay with you when we are tempted to flee,  
and keep us seeking after that which is true,  
that all may know that you are the Lord, our God,  
a tenacious presence in whatever our reality.  
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Gathering Chime

### Prelude

*Andante*

Rinck

### Welcome

(Please sign the Welcome Book and pass it to your neighbor.)

### Introit

*O Be Joyful*

Haugen

### \*Call to Worship

One: You have been called to the banquet.

**All: This is the feast.**

One: You have been summoned to the wedding.

**All: This is the feast of life and light.**

One: From the streets and the byways, God has invited us.

**All: We have come to the banquet that has no end.  
Alleluia! Amen!**

### \*Hymn

*Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise*

No. 12

### \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, you are the Lord our God,  
who bought us out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of slavery.**

**And yet our trust in you is fragile,  
easily crushed by our bent toward indifference—  
the dismissal of your faithfulness  
as a result of our forgetfulness.**

**Our trust is fragile,  
easily broken by the slightest pause—  
an answer to prayer not instantly given,  
a request for peace not immediately felt.**

**Our trust is fragile,  
easily displaced by gods of our own making—  
the god of self-sufficiency, chased at any cost,  
the god of illusion, pursued in any form.  
Lord, have mercy on us,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*Silent Confession*

**\* Response**     *Jesus Knows the Inmost Heart (Refrain)*     No. 427

***Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.  
Jesus knows the inmost heart: nothing can be hidden.***

**\* Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Response of Praise**     *God Is So Good (v. 1)*     No. 658

***God is so good; God is so good;  
God is so good; God's so good to me.***

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Gospel Reading**     Matthew 22:1-14     NT, p. 24

One: This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Old Testament Reading**     Exodus 32:1-14     OT, p. 78

**Sermon**     *Waiting Games*     Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**\* Affirmation of Faith *from A Declaration of Faith 1977***

**Jesus lived with a constant sense of God's presence.  
He put God's claim on his life above all else.  
He joined others in God's worship and praise.**

**We believe Christ gives us and demands of us  
personal lives that are centered in God  
and open to God's reality and rule.**

**We need constantly to search out  
God's way in Scripture,  
not expecting detailed directions for every decision,  
but relying on the Word to tell us who God is,  
to press God's present claim on us  
and to assure us of God's grace and comfort.**

**Life in God's presence issues in life for others,  
for if we do not love sisters and brother whom we see,  
we cannot love God whom we do not see.**

**\*Hymn**                      *In a Deep, Unbounded Darkness*                      No. 850

## **Time with Our Children**

## **Announcements**

**Gather in... Faith, Compassion, and Abundance**                      Katelyn Riffle

## **Sharing our Prayers of Joy and Concerns**

**Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer**                      Hymnal, p. 35

## **Offering of Tithes and Gifts**

**Offertory Anthem**        *For the Beauty of the Earth*                      Rutter  
    Chancel Choir

*For the beauty of the earth; for the beauty of the skies,  
For the love which from our birth over and around us lies:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the beauty of the hour; of the day and of the night,  
Hill and vale and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child,  
Friends on earth and friends above, for all gentle thoughts and mild:  
Lord of all, to thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.*

*For each perfect gift of thine, to us all so freely given,  
Graces human and divine, flow'rs of earth and buds of heav'n,  
Lord of all, to thee we raise; this our joyful hymn of praise.*

**\*Doxology**     *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*     No. 607

***Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Christ, all people here below;  
praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.***

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

***God of the wilderness and Promised Land,  
in days of want and in days of plenty you have  
been with us. By these gifts we now share, may  
others know of your providence and care. Send  
us — not only our offerings, but our very selves —  
to console and comfort, to lift up and reach out,  
to listen and sit beside your children everywhere  
at the one Table you have set; through  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.***

**\*Hymn**                     *O God, In Whom All Life Begins*                     No. 308  
(Choir will sing verse #1, please join them in verses 2 & 3)

**\*Charge and Benediction**

One: And let all God's people joyfully say:

**All: Alleluia! Amen!**

**\*Passing of the Peace**

One: May the peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you,

**All: and also with you.**

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

After worship, the Officer of the Day will be available  
at the Chancel steps to answer any questions  
for visitors and CPC members.

Today's Officer of the Day: Su Johnson

## Today's Service Participants

**Ministers:** Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Leshner-Thomas

**Director of Music:** Ed Yasick

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Acolyte:** TBD

**Lay Reader:** Su Johnson

**Bus Driver:** Troy Burton

**Sound:** Sam Witherspoon

**Counters:** Brian Short and Alger Faber

## Announcements and Opportunities

(Please check your E-Link newsletter in your email  
or the PDF of E-Link on the CPC website for full information)

**Triple F Group's next meeting will be on Monday, October 16, 10:00 a.m., Room 106.**

Keith Perkins from the Cary Police Dept. will give us tips on protecting ourselves.

**Men's Fall Retreat: October 20-22,** Itinerary includes fellowship, food and a discussion of Life's Transitions. Location is the Hardie's family home in Montreat, 'Wonderland.' Thanks to the Hardie's generosity in hosting, the cost is nominal and will be determined at the end of the retreat.

**Advent Expectations: imagining and creating Advent/Christmas worship, Sunday, October 22 following worship.** Join the Music and Worship Team. Bring a lunch, meet in the Fellowship Hall. For more information contact Peggy Viser, Pastors Mitzi or Lori.

**CPC Blood Drive: October 25** is the date for our next Blood Drive. Paper sign-ups have started, and SignUpGenius is now active. Sign up now for best times!

**The 500<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Reformation is coming October 29!** Be sure to attend any class, any age, that day for interesting learning experiences.

To learn a lot about the Reformation, go to the Bible and Beyond adult class currently meeting in the church Library for a more thorough study. Newcomers in that class (as in any) are always welcome.

**The Cool Books Club will meet on Tuesday, November 7,** at 7 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht. The book for this month is Truth Speaks to Power: The Countercultural Nature of Scripture by Walter Bruggemann.

**Not-So-Silent-Retreat: Friday November 10 - Saturday November 11**

Our "Not-So-Silent Retreat" will be at Cedar Cross Retreat Center near Louisburg. The 24-hour retreat will be from Friday, November 10 at 4 p.m. until 4 p.m. Saturday, November 11. Cost for lodging and meals is \$85. Car-pooling can be arranged. Contact Jeanne Bolick ([jlbolick@att.net](mailto:jlbolick@att.net)) or Diane Garber ([dianegarber@icloud.com](mailto:dianegarber@icloud.com)) for more information or to register.

**The Social Justice Ministry at Cary Presbyterian Church invites you to a presentation about human trafficking on Thursday, November 16, at 7:00 p.m.** Moffett Churn, Interim Associate Minister at First Presbyterian Church in Raleigh and a founder of the New Hope Presbytery Human Trafficking Roundtable, will speak about this phenomenon from a moral and faith-informed perspective.

**Hurricane Matthew Relief Trip: November 18.** Leaving CPC at 7:00 a.m. and returning around dinnertime. Contact Sally Goettel at [sgoettel@nc.rr.com](mailto:sgoettel@nc.rr.com).

## CHRISTIAN EDUCATION NEWS

Look for new whiteboards at the two main entrances that will outline that Sunday's topics in adult education - Then make the decision to attend one of the classes! You'll be glad you did.

### Faith TODAY Adult Sunday School class notes—Next Week

#### Oct 22 : Behind Pulpit and Pew

Worship wars have occurred in some churches; the piece of furniture in the chancel (what?) is called a communion table, not an altar, why do we have litanies instead of more silent prayers, who picks the hymns-all this and more as we discuss why we worship, and why this way.

#### Connection Classes

Connection Classes are now being launched. Contact Director of Christian Education, Medora Hix, by telephone (919-819-5360 cell) or by email, [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org) for more information or to be a part of this.

### THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

<b>Sunday, October 15</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> Sunday School/All Ages
	9:45 a.m.	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	12:00 p.m.	Youth Leadership Council
	1:00 p.m.	CA Youth Group: Corn Maze
	4:00 p.m.	MS Youth Group (Umstead Park hike/dinner)
	5:15 p.m.	SH Youth Group – Bridge to Life
<b>Monday, October 16</b>	6:30 p.m.	Personnel and Administration (209)
<b>Tuesday, October 17</b>	9:00 a.m.	Preschool Conscious Discipline Parent Book Study (102)
	10:30 a.m.	Connections Book Group (P)
	6:00 p.m.	Girl Scout Teen Troop 418 (Upper Level Ed Bldg)
	6:30 p.m.	Officer Orientation (102)
	7:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Troop 232 (101, 103, 105)
	7:00 p.m.	Strength, Hope, and Healing (Al-Anon) (Library)
	7:00 p.m.	Budget and Finance Committee (106)
<b>Wednesday, October 18</b>	10:00 a.m.	Prayer Shawl Knitting Group (P)
	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
<b>Thursday, October 19</b>	12:00 p.m.	CPC Staff/Deacon Lunch at Glenaire
	7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (100/102/106)
	7:00 p.m.	YAF Meeting (103)
<b>Friday, October 20</b>	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
<b>Saturday, October 21</b>	No activities scheduled	
<b>Sunday, October 22</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> Sunday School/All Ages
	9:45 a.m.	
	<b>11:00 a.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b>
	12:00 p.m.	CROP Walk; Advent Planning
	2:00 p.m.	SH Youth Group: Corn Maze
	6:00 p.m.	MS Youth Group: Fall Festival (103)



## Be The Hands!

### A Day of Mission and Fellowship, Saturday, November 4

Spreading Christ's love throughout our community...together!

Sponsored by the Deacons and Mission Team, this will be a day of work, fun and fellowship for all ages!

Here's how you, your family, your neighbors and friends can take part:

**Donate** by taking a leaf from the Donation Tree located in the Narthex (shown below) and buy or collect items to package for helping agencies in our

community and beyond. Needs include personal care and hygiene items, hurricane relief supplies, non-perishable snacks, school supplies, and more.

**Participate** in one of more than 10 separate Be The Hands projects throughout the community including yardwork, meal preparation, friendly visits to area senior-living centers, car inspections, food collections, painting, kit assembly, card writing and more.

**Pray** with us at the Be The Hands day kickoff with a 9:00 a.m. continental breakfast and Service of Blessing. Come and join hands together as we ask for God's strength and guidance for the day ahead.

**Fellowship** if you're able to work a lot, a little or not at all. Join your church family and friends for a free THANK YOU dinner that evening from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. in the CPC Fellowship Hall.

Sign up NOW to Be The Hands. Sign-up sheets are posted in the Narthex or sign up online at <https://tinyurl.com/y8u9c2a8>

For more information, please contact Todd Crouse ([crousetrc@gmail.com](mailto:crousetrc@gmail.com))



## Urgent Need for Children in Worship Leaders

*(Thanks to those who have responded so far)*

New leaders for our Children in Worship program are still needed urgently. Our group of leaders is dwindling, and some are having to lead many times a month (our preferred scheduling is about once a month). You choose your own schedule, and full training is provided. This is a critically important ministry of the church.

Children in Worship is exactly that: worship. It is not arts and crafts, playtime, or filler activities. It is worshipful sharing of the Bible story, response time, prayer, and liturgical gestures. All training will be customized to your schedule. To respond, or to ask more, please contact Medora Hix at the church office, or Jen Pierce, a leader and member of the Christian Faith Formation team. We need more leaders as quickly as possible.

Thank you.