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By God's Grace – Kristye Addison Dudley

**ALL TOGETHER WORSHIP SERVICE
AND COMMUNION**

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“It may not be an easy thing to live in sweet fellowship
with all those with whom we come in contact;
but that is what the grace of God is given to us for.”

-Dwight L. Moody

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As you are able please stand.

Gathering Chime

Prelude

Largo

Vivaldi

Welcome and Announcements

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

*Call to Worship from Psalm 105

One: O give thanks to the Lord, call on God's name,
make God's deeds known among the peoples.

**All: Sing to God, sing praises to God;
tell of all God's wonderful works.**

One: Glory in God's holy name.

All: Let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.

*Hymn

God, Reveal Your Presence

No. 412

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession

**God of mercy and forgiveness, we confess:
our love is not always genuine;
we see evil and wring our hands instead of resisting it;
we forget to consider more ways to serve you;
we turn our back on strangers who could benefit from
our hospitality;
we do not pray enough for our enemies;
we associate with our own kind, fearing the "other";
we relish in fantasies of revenge.**

**For all this, and for all that burdens our heart today, O God,
we seek your forgiveness.**

Have mercy on us and hear our prayers...

Silent Confession

*** Singing** *Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us* No. 575
(Choir will sing once, then all sing)
***Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ have mercy upon us;
Lord, have mercy upon us.***

***Assurance of Pardon**

***Response** *You Are the Lord* No. 437

***You are the Lord, giver of mercy!
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!***

***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.

Prayer for Illumination

Gospel Reading Matthew 16:21-28 Sung as Hymn No. 718
(Please remain seated)

Epistle Reading Romans 12:9-21 NT, p. 162

One: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon *Visible Grace* Lori Pistor

***Hymn** *Ho, All Who Thirst* No. 479

Time with Our Children

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory *Come to the Table* Pote
Open Chancel Choir
(For reference, words are Hymn No. 508.)

*The Sacrament of Communion

Invitation to the Table

(Please write any Joys and Concerns in the Narthex Prayer Book)

Hymn of Preparation *I Come with Joy (vv. 1-3)* No. 515

Prayer of Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer No. 35

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

One: We give you thanks, Eternal God, for you nourish
and sustain all living things by the gift of water.
In the beginning, your Spirit swept over the face of
the waters, beckoning, then, the sun and the moon
and all of life.

Your covenant people Israel were led out of slavery
through the waters of the sea into the freedom of
the promised land.

Jesus was nurtured in the waters of Mary's womb,
Jesus a promise to all people of your incarnate love.

Baptized by John in Jordan River waters and
anointed with your Spirit, Jesus began life-changing
ministries of forgiveness, teaching and healing.

Thus, with the redeemed of every age we proclaim:

**All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

One: In being baptized by John in Jordan's waters, Jesus took his place with sinners and your voice proclaimed him as your beloved Son. Like a dove, your Spirit descended on him, anointing him as the Christ, to bring good news to the poor and proclaim release to the captives; to restore sight to the blind and free the oppressed. We praise you that in our baptism we are joined to Christ and, with all the baptized, are called to share in his ministry. Remembering Christ's life of obedience and sacrifice we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

One: Merciful God, by your Holy Spirit bless and make holy both us and these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of Christ. Here we offer ourselves to be a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to you. In your mercy, accept our praise and thanksgiving, that in communion with all the faithful in heaven and on earth, you would fulfill, in us and in all creation, the purpose of your redeeming love. Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ and in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, Creating God.

Hear us as we pray:
The Lord's Prayer

Hymnal p. 35

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup *Communion is served at the Chancel today. The elements are served by intinction (dipping a piece of bread into the chalice/cup) at the two outside stations. At the middle station, gluten-free bread is available as are the small communion cups if preferred.*

Prayer after Communion

***Hymn** *I Come with Joy (vv. 4 & 5)* No. 515

***Benediction**

***Hymn** *Halle, Halle, Hallelujah! (Refrain)* No. 591

***Halle, halle, hallelujah! Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Halle, halle, hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah!***

***Postlude** *Toccata in F Major* *Buxtehude*

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: Boyce Oglesby

Today's Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas

Director of Music: Ed Yasick

Special Music: Open Chancel Choir

Acolyte: Alan Burton

Lay Reader: John Page

Bus Driver: Christie Foppiano

Sound: John and Valerie Campbell

Counters: Rowena Morrison and Kim Markham

The Dorcas Food Pantry is down to our last can of corn

Your help stocking our shelves would be greatly appreciated
by the thousands of needy neighbors we serve with donated food.

We are low on the following items: pasta and pasta sauce, canned vegetables and
fruit, cereal, canned meat, chili and stew, baking mixes, cleaning supplies, toilet paper.

**Please drop off donations from Monday through Friday
from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. at 187 High House Road, Cary.**

Please call Jill if you have questions: 984-333-0058.

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)

Sunday School Classes begin September 10 at 9:45 a.m., for all ages.
Two NEW adult classes will be introduced.

(1) Faith TODAY: Each week's E-Link will include the topic for the Faith TODAY class and will list the titles of the next two classes as well.

Sept 10 Sports: *The Altars Where We Worship* - Hunter Piermont

Sept 17 Half Truths: *God Won't Give You More Than You Can Handle* - Jerry Slaymaker

Sept 24 More Than Enough: *Living Abundantly in a Culture of Excess* - Sheri Mitten

(2) Connections Class(es) - (the format is an adaptation of a Share, Word, Care model): meet weekly, so classes will meet each Sunday morning; are self-formed, numbering no less than 5 persons but not more than 10; use a simple format of:

- checking in with one another, which may include sharing things from one's daily life, concerns about issues in the world, and so forth
- discussing a reading, whether from the Bible, or from an agreed upon book, video, film, or article which helps further faith in some way. Examples will be available at Rally Day. Participants obtain the books together or individually, similar to a book club group (though this is not the same)
- praying together, for one another, and for others

There is an interest sheet available on the Christian Faith Formation table outside the office if you wish to try this format. Connections are most successful when similar life-stages and gender meet together, but there is not a hard and fast rule about this. If you would like to speak to someone who is in a current Connection group, please contact Director of Christian Education, Medora Hix, by telephone (919-819-5360 cell) or by email, medora.hix@carypresbyterian.org.

Almost Full - We still need one person to teach with the Pre-K/K class team; one teacher in Middle School, and one Shepherd guide in grades 1-3. Sign up today in the Narthex or send a note to Medora Hix or to Cathy Williams cathywilliams0303@gmail.com for more information or to respond.

Thank you to all who supported the Wild West Fest in a variety of ways. We haven't yet done the accounting, so we cannot report on the amount of funds raised. Please stay tuned. A wonderful time was had by all!

Last time to donate School Supplies for Guatemala - September 10:

To capitalize on the excellent sales right now for school supplies to take to the Nimasac schools and scholarship students, we are asking for donations of: 8 regular size backpacks (full, with straps, etc.), pencils and pens (various), colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, and composition books (bound—not spiral!), any amount. Those items can be brought to the box in the front hall near the office, please. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday, September 3	11:00 a.m.	All Together Worship Service
Monday, September 4		Labor Day – Church Office Closed
Tuesday, September 5	10:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Connections Book Club (P) Girl Scout Teen Troop 418 (Upper Level Education Building) Presbyterian Women Coordinating Team (P) Boy Scout Troop 232 (101, 103, 105) Strength, Hope, and Healing (Al-Anon) (100, 102)
Wednesday, September 6	7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday, September 7	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Stephen Ministry (100, 102, 106) YAF Meeting (103)
Friday, September 8	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P) Caring Place Distribution Set-Up (Fellowship Hall)
Saturday, September 9	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m.	Caring Place Designated Distribution (Fellowship Hall) Confirmation Retreat
Sunday, September 10	8:30 a.m. 9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Worship Service Sunday School/All Ages Worship Service Youth Leadership Council (Library) Youth Group Kick-off (Middle School Room) Youth Group Kick-off (Senior High Room)

2017 Memorial and Endowment Committee Grants

This year the Memorial and Endowment Committee received 10 grant applications and were able to award \$8,700 in grant disbursements!

The following grants were awarded:

1. **The Caring Place: Adult Education and Career Development Needs - \$1,500.** This grant is to support a new adult education program at TCP. It will provide funding for individuals to attain professional certifications, designations so that they may find better employment opportunity.
2. **Christian Faith Formation – Portable Room Dividers for Fellowship Hall - \$1,620.** This grant is to provide dividers that will create “classroom space” in the fellowship hall. There are many new Sunday School opportunities that are forming and this will provide the space.
3. **Montreat Music and Worship - \$1,380.** This grant is to support a CPC trip to the Montreat Music and Worship conference. The funds will primarily subsidize costs for the pastoral and/or choir “leader.”
4. **Esperanza – Mount Sinai Church, Phase II - \$3,000.** This grant is to support an expansion of the Nimsac Church for meeting and classrooms, as well as a computer lab.
5. **Christian Faith Formation – Child and Youth Art Project - \$200.** This grant will support refresh and restore the biblical artwork in the lower halls of the building.
6. **CPC Deacons: Fall Mission Work and Fellowship Day - \$1,000.** This grant will support a CPC sponsored fall work day to include community missional outreach.