



*Jesus and the Canaanite Woman by Sadao Watanabe*

SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

RALLY DAY

WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION

8:30 AM & 11:00 AM SEPTEMBER 9, 2018

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## Gathering Chime

Prelude

*Prelude*

Guilmant

## Welcome and Announcements

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

Introit

*Praise Ye, the Lord of Hosts*

Saint-Saens

## \*Call to Worship

(\* *Please stand as you are able.*)

One: Praise the Lord!

**All: Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.**

One: Happy are those whose help is from God—  
the One who made heaven and earth,  
the One who created the seas and all that is in them.

**All: Happy are those whose hope is in God—  
the One who keeps faith forever,  
the One who feeds the hungry  
and defends the oppressed.**

One: God will reign forever, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

**All: Let all who draw breath praise the Lord.**

\*Hymn

*Sing Praise to God*

No. 645

## \*Call to Confession

### \*Prayer of Confession

**Your Word reminds us that we are called  
to love our neighbors as ourselves.**

**But we make far too many distinctions,  
treating one person with more dignity  
and respect than another.**

**We gladly welcome those who look and act like us,  
but give a much less enthusiastic welcome  
to the stranger.**

**Forgive us for the moments when our faith has been empty,**

for the times that our works  
have not matched our words.  
Help us lean ever more towards your goodness  
and help our lives reflect that goodness in concrete ways.

*Silent Confessions*

**\*Response** *Rock of Ages (v. 2)* No. 438  
***Not the labors of my hands can fulfill thy law's demands.  
Could my zeal no respite know, could my tears forever flow,  
all for sin could not atone. Thou must save and thou alone.***

**\*Assurance of God's Mercy**

**\*Response** *We Are Forgiven* No. 447  
***We are forgiven. We are forgiven. Thanks be to God.  
Thanks be to God. We are forgiven.  
We are forgiven. Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.***

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ (11:00 a.m. service)**

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

**All: and also with you.**

One: Let us share that peace with one another.

**Prayer for Illumination**

**Scripture Readings**

**Wisdom Literature:** *Psalm 146* Read responsively

One: Praise the LORD, O my soul!

**All: I will praise the LORD as long as I live;  
I will sing praises to my God all my life long.**

One: Do not put your trust in princes,  
in mortals, in whom there is no help.  
When their breath departs, they return to the earth;  
on that very day their plans perish.

**All: Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the LORD their God,  
who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;**

**who keeps faith forever;  
who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.**

One: The LORD sets the prisoners free;  
the LORD opens the eyes of the blind.  
The LORD lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the LORD loves the righteous.

**All: The LORD watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.**

One: The LORD will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.

**All: Praise the LORD!**

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel:** *Matthew 15:21-28* NT, p. 17

**Sermon** *Teachable Moments* Lori Pistor

**\*Hymn** *For Everyone Born (vv. 1-3)* No. 769

### **Time with Our Children**

**Blessing of the Backpacks** (*see inside back page*)

**Commissioning of Faith Formation Teachers, Leaders,  
and Advisors** (*see inside back cover*)

### **Offering**

**Offertory Anthem** *Praise to God, Immortal Praise* Purifoy  
Chancel Choir

*Praise to God, immortal praise, for the love that crowns our days!  
Bounteous source of every joy, let thy praise our tongues employ.  
All to thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow.*

*As thy prospering hand hath blest, may we give thee of our best.  
And by deeds of kindly love for thy mercies grateful prove,  
Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise!*

*All the plenty summer pours, autumn's rich o'erflowing stores,  
Flocks that whiten all the plain, yellow sheaves of ripened grain,  
Lord, for these our souls shall raise grateful vows of solemn praise.  
Singing thus through all our days praise to God, immortal praise!*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise him, all creatures  
here below.*

*Praise him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son, and Holy  
Ghost.*

*All to thee, our God, we owe, source from whom all blessings flow.  
For the love that crowns our days, praise to God, immortal praise!*

## **Sacrament of Communion**

### **Invitation to the Table**

**Hymn**

*One Bread, One Body (vv. 1-2)*

No. 530

### **Communion Prayer**

Holy God, source of all being,  
you are greater by far than our human thoughts can comprehend.  
With all that you have created, you abide;  
weeping with us in grief and pain, rejoicing with us in life and love.  
You are everywhere in this very moment;  
holding the entirety of living experience  
and weaving us together in the great and intricate tapestry of Creation.

**Creator God, mother and father of us all,  
in your holy love you took on our limitations.**

**Born of a body, bound within a body,  
you know the whole of this human experience.**

**Learning to communicate with words;  
teaching us to communicate with presence.**

**Learning the fears that wring us dry;  
teaching us of the love that nurtures us back to life.**

Everlasting God, you are everywhere and right here.  
As close as the air we breathe,  
the air which binds us one to another and all to your beautiful creation.  
You are as close as the sunlight on our skin,  
as close as the rain that drips from our hair;  
the wind and the water that push us and lead us  
and call us again and again into relationship with one another and  
with you.

Holy Spirit, divine Advocate, guide and encourage us.  
Stir within our hearts,  
that we may speak anew the familiar words that Jesus taught us:

**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.**

### **Words of Institution**

#### **Sharing the Feast** (*All bread is gluten free.*)

*Communion is served in the pews. As you pass the bread  
or the cup, offer words to your neighbor such as:*

*'The bread of Life; The cup of Salvation.'*

*Take and hold the bread; then as one body all will eat together.  
Take and hold a cup; then all will drink together, in one Spirit.*

### **Prayer after Communion**

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| <b>*Hymn</b>        | <i>For Everyone Born (vv. 4-5)</i> | No. 769  |
| <b>*Benediction</b> |                                    |          |
| <b>*Response</b>    | <i>Amen</i><br>Chancel Choir       | Stainer  |
| <b>* Postlude</b>   | <i>Postlude in G Major</i>         | Couperin |



*The flowers in the Sanctuary are given  
by Jim and Barbara Turner to the glory of God  
and in loving memory of Barbara's sister, Betty Scott*

After worship, the Officer of the Day will be available in the Narthex  
with the "Ask Me" sign to answer any visitor or member questions.

Today's Officers of the Day:

8:30 – Kevin Steidinger

11:00 – Russell Diggs

## Today's Service Participants

**Minister:** Rev. Lori Pistor, Rev. Mitzi Lesher-Thomas,  
Rev. Alan Bancroft

**Director of Music:** Ed Yasick

**Choir:** Chancel Choir

**Children in Worship:** Jen Pierce

**Acolytes:** 8:30 - TBD; 11:00 - Sam Boswell

**Lay Reader:** 8:30 - Rhonda Carlile; 11:00 - Kirsten Nielsen

**Bus Driver:** Ellen Govert

**Sound:** 8:30 - TBD; 11:00 - TBD

**Ushers:** 8:30 - Tom Bolick and Kevin Steidinger

11:00 - Lloyd Hinnant, Anna Boswell, Jim Kurz, and Russell Diggs

**Counters:** Jim Bowdish and Jane Dunbar

### **New! Be a Greeter for Sunday School!**

**We'd love to offer a warm welcome to Sunday school visitors: help them learn about our classes, and perhaps escort them to a class.**

Ideally, we'd like to have two people: one in the Narthex and one near the lower/back door. Contact Cathy Williams or Medora Hix to find out more, or to accept this invitation.

### **Coffee Fellowship**

**If you've enjoyed a cup of coffee with us following worship, we hope you'll lend a hand in seeing fellowship time continue into the fall.** The only things you need to bring are your hands

and a willing heart - everything else is provided!

Check signupgenius

at <https://tinyurl.com/y86rl9kg> for open dates.

Questions? Contact Mitzi Lesher-Thomas at

[lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:lesherthomas@carypresbyterian.org)

### **Mindfulness Meditation Group at CPC**

**Interested in mindfulness? Thought about starting a meditation practice? Curious about sitting or walking with others in silence, just being present in the very moment?** If so, please come and meet us in the Narthex at 6:45 p.m. on the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month (excluding major holidays).

Thursday September 13 we will walk the outdoor labyrinth, followed by seated indoor meditation. Sitting meditations will be guided by Jason Troiano M.D., who has practiced mindfulness meditation regularly for over 10 years. The group is sponsored by the Health and Wholeness Ministry and the Spiritual Practice Team at CPC.

If you have questions or would like more details about the group, please email Jason at [jjtroiano@gmail.com](mailto:jjtroiano@gmail.com).

# **Announcements and Opportunities**

## **New Church Security Information**

**Entry key codes are currently being issued to those needing access to the building during the week and on Sunday.** The code will allow the user to open a specific door and enter the building. (Some doors will not permit entry, but all will allow exit.) Codes will be issued to staff members, church members with regular or specific building access needs, and representatives of groups regularly using CPC facilities. All members may request a code.

**Keypad installation is planned for the week of September 17. Please be sure to get your code by Sept. 17!** Keypads and codes will not be active immediately. The congregation will be notified when the system is operable.

The Buildings and Grounds Team and the Security Task Force is implementing this to enhance the safety and security of everyone who uses the church facilities.

## **Alternative Gift Market Coming Soon. Want to help?**

**The Alternative Gift Market will be Sunday, November 18.** Would you like to serve on the team to make this happen? Contact Medora Hix at [medora.hix@carypresbyterian.com](mailto:medora.hix@carypresbyterian.com) or Beth or John Campbell at [thecampbells@prodigy.net](mailto:thecampbells@prodigy.net).

## **Social Justice Team**

**The next meeting of the Social Justice team is on September 13 at 10:00 a.m. in the Parlor.** All are welcome to attend!

## **Triple F Group**

**Our first fall meeting will be on Monday, September 17, 2018, at 10:00 a.m., in Room 100.** We are privileged to have Veronica Bucki present a program on Eleanor Roosevelt. We will also be celebrating our 35th Anniversary. Come join us! The program on Creation has been rescheduled for later in the fall.

## **Cool Books Club**

**The Cool Books Club will meet Tuesday, October 2, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Peg Giesbrecht.** Our book of the month is *The Book of Joy: Lasting Happiness in a Changing World* by the Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu. Several reviewers state that the book exceeds the five star rating as these two extraordinary men of different faiths talk about ways we can all find joy even through difficult circumstances. Let's read and discover what we can gain from their experiences. The book is available in the library and online. Anyone seeking more information is welcome to call Peg Giesbrecht at 919-859-3951 or Ellen Cline at 919-469-1456.

# CPC Music Ministry Opportunities

**To all interested singers and musicians:**

**Please join us Wednesday, Sept. 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for dinner, music, and fellowship (sponsored by the Music and Worship Team).**

**This evening is for you if:**

- You have thought of singing in the choir, a smaller group, or as a soloist.
- You play a wind or string instrument and would like to join the CPC Orchestra. The group is open to wind and string players of high school age and above. The orchestra rehearses on Sundays after 11:00 a.m. worship and plays several times throughout the year (including Christmas Eve and Easter Sunday). Justin Dickson, our director, will be available to speak with you.
- You play any other instrument and have an interest in becoming part of our CPC music program. This includes instrumentalists for special occasions and preludes, as well as guitar and piano players.
- Bringing an instrument Sept. 12 isn't necessary; please join us to learn more about how you can use your talents.

**Some facts you may not know about our choir:**

- We accept people of any age, high school and above. Ages of members range from 16 years to 80 plus.
- No experience is needed. We have members with no experience (other than a love of singing), as well as instrumentalists, those who sing in other school, church or community ensembles, and with degrees in music.
- We welcome people from all religious backgrounds. Our choir has members with various church histories that help make worship meaningful for all.
- Minimal commitment is required. We rehearse on Wednesday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. and sing at either the 8:30 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. service on Sundays, September through May. If you need to be away, just sign-out that particular day.
- We have a lot of fun! We enjoy singing, talking, fellowship, and food!

**Questions? Please contact Ed Yasick ([ed.yasick@carypresbyterian.org](mailto:ed.yasick@carypresbyterian.org)), Justin Dickson ([justindickson541@gmail.com](mailto:justindickson541@gmail.com)), or any current choir member.**

## Youth Choir

Youth Choir for 2nd through 5th graders will start again on Sunday, September 16. We rehearse most Sundays from 5:15 to 6:00 p.m. in the choir room. Please contact Julie Henry at [julieghenry@gmail.com](mailto:julieghenry@gmail.com) with any questions.

### **CPC STAYCATION RETREAT - SAVE THE DATE: September 28 & 29!**

Registration for the "God's Story – Trivia but not Trivial!"  
CPC Staycation-style Retreat begins today on Rally Day!

The retreat is Friday, Sept 28 (potluck, games, outdoor worship)  
at the church building, and Saturday, Sept 29 at Bond Park.  
This year, the time at Bond Park is shortened but just as full: 9:30 – 2:00.



## The Blessing of the Backpacks

**Medora:** When it's the night before going to school, and you are picking out clothes and making sure you have all your school supplies...

**Children:** Jesus is with me.

**Medora:** When you are waking up, eating breakfast and going to school...

**Children:** Jesus is with me.

**Medora:** When you meet your teachers and new friends in your class...

**Children:** Jesus is with me.

**Medora:** When you are working and learning, and playing with friends at recess...

**Children:** Jesus is with me.

**Medora:** When you are telling your family about your day at school, when you are praying at night and thanking God for all those who help you at school and home...

**Children:** Jesus is with me.

**Medora:** Let us all pray together:

**All:** Gracious God, we lift to you today, these students.

They stand here ready to receive your blessings and they commit themselves to study and learning in the school year ahead. We ask your blessing on each of them.

We ask your blessing on these backpacks. They will hold the school work of each student and will be carried from home to school and back again. As these students carry these backpacks, may they be reminded of the love and care of this congregation that surrounds them each school day.

We pray as well for the teachers and staff in our schools. May they also be sustained by your blessing. May they be reminded that this congregation embraces their call to teaching and caring and surrounds them with love and care as well.

We pray in the name of Jesus who we seek to follow day by day. Amen.

# Commissioning of Faith Formation Teachers, Leaders, and Advisors

## **Minister:**

God of Creation, you have gifted these men and women with teaching skills, creativity, and curiosity.

We pray you would fill them with the power and compassion of your Holy Spirit.

Fill them with energy and insight into your Word, the story of Your faithful heart.

## **Teachers, Leaders, Advisors:**

*You have not called us to be perfect*

*You have called us to be faithful.*

*You have not called us to be all-knowing*

*You have called us to believe.*

*We dedicate ourselves to the call and task of teaching.*

*Grant us wisdom, patience and joy in our preparation and teaching of your Word.*

## **Congregation:**

**God of hope,**

**Guide each of these faithful disciples as they study your Word.**

**Strengthen the gifts you have given them,  
and energize their compassion,**

**Remind us to find ways**

**to support and encourage them throughout the year.**

**May we share in their joy and times of difficulty.**

## **ALL:**

***We commit ourselves,***

***each to our part,***

***in this joyful task.***

***May your steadfast, faithful, covenant love guide all we do.***

***Amen.***

## **THIS WEEK AT CARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

<b>Sunday, September 9</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Rally Day (Fellowship Hall)</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>After Worship Coffee Fellowship</b>
<b>Monday, September 10</b>	9:45 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 4:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Pastoral Care Team (Office) Abigail Circle (P) Staff Meeting (Office) Church Workday Girl Scout Troops 1366 and 1951 (Youth Area) Deacons Meeting (100) Childcare Administrative Board (102) Congregational Fellowship Team (P) Music and Worship Team (L) Christian Faith Formation (106)
<b>Tuesday, September 11</b>	9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Preschool PTP Back to School Brunch (FH) Connections Group (P) Mary and Martha Circle (Abbey Road Restaurant) Boy Scouts 232 (101/103/105) Miriam Circle (P) Strength, Hope, and Healing (L)
<b>Wednesday, September 12</b>	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 12:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Beginning Spanish: Part 1 (100) Preschool PTP Back to School Brunch (FH) Ruth Circle (102) Intermediate Spanish Conversation (100) Intermediate Spanish (100) Pop Up Bible Study (P) Choir Dinner (FH) YAF Meeting (103)
<b>Thursday, September 13</b>	6:30 p.m. 6:45 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Health Ministry Team (209) Mindfulness Meditation Group (Narthex) Missions Team (L) Bob Hall Group (100)
<b>Friday, September 14</b>	9:00 a.m.	Centering Prayer Group (P)
<b>Saturday, September 15</b>	10:00 a.m.	Confirmation Retreat 1 (FH, 106, Youth Rooms)
<b>Sunday, September 16</b>	<b>8:30 a.m.</b> <b>9:45 a.m.</b> <b>11:00 a.m.</b> <b>12:00 p.m.</b>	<b>Worship Service</b> <b>Sunday School</b> <b>Worship Service</b> <b>After Worship Coffee Fellowship</b>

### **Interested in becoming a member of CPC?**

Planning to become a member of CPC? Curious about membership; what it means and how you 'make it official'? Or a new member who wants to meet more folks, get more connected, or just ask questions?

Meet with Mitzi Leshner-Thomas Sunday, Sept. 16 at 9:45 a.m.  
in the Fellowship Hall Annex.