

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 24, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC

Jeanne Banks, Pianist

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Will Waller

VBS WRAP-UP

Tammy Burdick

CHIMING THE HOUR

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Hymn—Simper

Lynn Meeks, Organist

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

*PRAYER OF FORGIVENESS

Becky Newbill, Liturgist

L: We long to be set free from those powers which control our lives; to let go of our fears of them; to stop trying to build fences between us and those who are not like us. Let us confess our sins, as we pray together, saying,

P: Like children, we fear that if we tell you what we have done, God of Justice, you might not love us anymore. Forgive us, Gracious Father. Remind us that we are no longer sinners, but your children. Baptized, we are clothed in the graciousness and faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, who came that we might be set free of all that imprisons us.

L: God forgives us, so we might be new people. God equips us, so we might serve others. God sends us forth, so we might be a witness to everyone we meet.

P: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name (vs. 1-4)

No. 154

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

Where Children Belong

TFWS No. 2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng. Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Waller

(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 8:26-29

New Testament pg. 63

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Another Shot: Life Among the Tombs

Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY

He Touched Me—Gaither

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

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!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

ANTHEM

I Am Thine O Lord

Solo

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER

All I Need Is You

TFWS No. 2080

All I need is you, Jesus, all I need is you. You are the source of all I need. All I need is you.

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

There is a Balm in Gilead

No. 375

*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

As We Go

As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead. May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard, and be a light unto the world, as we go.

*GOING FORTH

Rev. Waller

*POSTLUDE

Mrs. Meeks

The flowers on the Communion Table are given by P. D. and Mittie Hambrick to the Glory of God and in celebration of birthdays for their son, Perry and their daughter, Cameron.

The rosebud on the Communion Table is given to the Glory of God and in honor of the birth of Mason Dalton Hambrick on July 20 to Brian and Kelly Hambrick. Grandparents are P. D. and Mittie Hambrick.

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Becky Newbill
Greeter: Judy Anderson
Acolyte: Annette C. Board
Usher: Jack Watts
Children's Church: Betty Worley
Nursery: Mittie Hambrick
Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill
Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Serving Next Week (July 31):

Liturgist: Steve Sherman
Greeter: Jane Turner
Usher: Mike Turner
Children's Church: Jane Waller
Nursery: Jessica Call
Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill
Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Sue Oesterle (Jerry Davis); Dr. James Callis (Mike Meeks); KC Barron (Becky Newbill); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Everett Cotter (LuAnn Dunbar); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Melissa Hays-Smith (Marsha Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); and Diana Clements and Family in the death of her mother, Ola Overstreet, on May 17.

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator**

Meetings and Announcements:

- Tuesday, July 26** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
12:00 p.m., Youth Meeting – Pizza and Treetop Quest
6:00 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Church Council Meeting

- Wednesday, July 27** 5:00 p.m., Nominations Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- Thursday, July 28** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**

- Next Sunday, July 31** 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship

- Sunday, July 31-
Wednesday, August 3** **Youth Week**

- Sunday, August 7** **Youth Sunday**

- Sunday, August 14** **Following worship**, Membership Class in the Assembly Room

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Thank you Youth, especially Noah Burdick, Noah Buckner, Hayden Blankenship and Logan Blankenship who were able to help out with VBS. You guys are great! Calling all Youth: Tuesday we're headed to Mellow Mushroom and Treetop Quest for pizza and a challenge course. Challenge yourself to eat the most delicious pizza in Roanoke and then challenge yourself to be strapped into a zip line high above planet earth. Sounds like fun? Come out on Tuesday at noon to participate. Also, Youth Week is coming up in just ONE WEEK!

On August 14, right after worship, there will be a membership class for all those interested in joining the church or wanting to know more about church membership. It'll be from 12:15-2:00 p.m. We'll have food, drinks, and after an informational session about the United Methodist Church and Rocky Mount UMC, we will be taking your questions. In order to plan for food, please RSVP by emailing Will Waller at will@rm-umc.org by August 7.

How does eliminating hunger sound? How does participating in an event with the ENTIRE church strike you? How does helping our neighbors fight back against hunger move you? On September 11, we're partnering with Rise Against Hunger to package 10,000* meals. We're going to share a meal together and then we're going to get to work. All ages are welcome; there's a job for young and old. Visit our registration and donations page (<https://rm-umc.org/rise-against-hunger/>) to sign-up and to give. Your tax-deductible donations are not required to participate, yet are appreciated. *We can package far more than that if we get more than expected in financial donations.

We are collecting green beans and corn for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

The Staff-Parish Relations Committee of Rocky Mount United Methodist Church announces an immediate opening for a custodian. The position is a 30-hour a week position. We are looking for someone who communicates well with the pastor and Staff Parish Relations Committee, cleans the building and grounds, and ensures the building is ready for worship services on Sundays or whenever scheduled as well as events throughout the week. One week of paid vacation is given for the first six months with two weeks paid vacation after. Hours are flexible about when to clean. Please send a resume to Ms. Kelly Peterson at ekpeterson@embarqmail.com to apply.