

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost
July 31, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *You Who Are Thirsty*—Ross Lynn Meeks/Coree Pienkowski
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Steve Sherman, Liturgist
L: We come to the well of fear and doubt.
P: We have drawn deeply of those waters.
L: We come to the well of anger and hate.
P: These waters flourish in all the land.
L: Lord, bring us to the water of peace and hope.
P: Lord, bring us to the well of salvation. AMEN.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing* No. 400
***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 worshipping 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 John 4:1-30 New Testament pg. 89
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!
SERMON *Another Shot: It Wasn't Supposed to Turn Out Like This* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *Air from Water Music*—Handel

***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 *Come to the Water*—Foley Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Come and Fill Our Hearts* TFWS No. 2157
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, Alleluia! (repeat)

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** *Fill My Cup, Lord (sing twice)* No. 641

***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

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Steve Sherman

Greeter: Jane Turner

Acolyte: Linda Handy

Usher: Mike Turner

Children's Church: Jane Waller

Nursery: Jessica Call

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Serving Next Week (August 7):

Liturgist: Youth

Greeters: Youth

Acolytes: Youth

Ushers: Youth

Nursery: Pat Robertson

Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

Locking Up After Worship: Mark Newbill

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); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

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:

- **Monday, August 1 - Wednesday, August 3** **Youth Week**
- **Next Sunday, August 7** **Youth Sunday**
- **Sunday, August 14** **10:15 a.m.**, Chancel Choir
Following worship, Membership Class in the Assembly Room
5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting
- **Monday, August 15** **September Newsletter Deadline**
- **Wednesday, August 17** **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

This week is Youth Week. On Monday, we're having a TRIPLE ADVENTURE at Waid Park with geocaching, disc golfing, and tubing. On Tuesday, we're doing a walking treasure hunt through the streets of Rocky Mount. We're going swimming at Furnace Creek too. And on Wednesday, we're going tubing again, this time in North Carolina, and then finishing up with ice cream. Let Pastor Will know if you're attending. Youth Sunday is next Sunday!

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.