

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
July 16, 2023 – 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 *I Sing the Mighty Power of God—Page* Lynn Meeks, Organist
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Benny Gibson, Liturgist
L: O God, you are our refuge and our strength.
P: A very present help in times of trouble, therefore we will not fear.
L: O God, you made an everlasting covenant with us.
P: Help us to be your people in this world of trial and trouble.
L: O God, too often we have sinned and have fallen short of your glory.
P: Search us, O God, and know our hearts; test us and know our thoughts.
See if there is any wicked way in us and lead us in the way everlasting.
L: O God, we have embraced the freedom you offer us.
P: We embrace the Son who makes us free. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Great Is Thy Faithfulness* No. 140

***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 Matthew 10:26-33 New Testament pg. 10

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Superheroes: Martin* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God—Luther*
(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

***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 *You Are Mine* Chancel Choir/Dea McClure, Flute

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Spirit of the Living God* No. 393
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

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** *A Mighty Fortress Is Our God* No. 110

***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 altar flowers are given by P. D. and Mittie Hambrick to the glory of God and in celebration of their July family birthdays. Their grandson Mason turns 1 July 20 and their son Perry and daughter Cameron also have birthdays this month!

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Benny Gibson
Greeter: Mittie Hambrick
Acolyte: Jovie Angle
Usher: P. D. Hambrick
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Heather Quinn
Counters: Cindy Smith, Glenda Thompson

Serving Next Week July 23):

Liturgist: Jack Collins
Greeter: Martha Sue Gibson
Acolyte: Bella Godfrey
Usher: Benny Gibson
Children's Church: Nancy Middaugh
Nursery: Avery Tosh
Counters: Ina Clements, Ben Whitesell

Elementary Small Group at 10:00 a.m. (July 23)

Heather Quinn

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Willie Denny; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Rodney Cundiff; Bob Huffman; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).

Forget-Me-Nots:

Kathleen Higgins

**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
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Monday, July 17** **August Newsletter Deadline**
- **Wednesday, July 19** **6:00 p.m.**, Nominations and Leadership Development Meeting
- **Next Sunday, July 23** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
 10:55 a.m., Worship

- **Tuesday, July 25** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
 12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
 6:00 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting
 7:00 p.m., Church Council Meeting

- **Wednesday, July 26** **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, July 27** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
- **Sunday, July 30** **Following worship**, United Women in Faith hosting a churchwide birthday party

- **Wednesday, August 2** **7:00 p.m.**, Chancel Choir
- **Sunday, August 6** **10:15 a.m.**, Chancel Choir
 5:00 p.m., Family Pool Party at Furnace Creek Swim Club

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

Sunday, July 30 – Join your church family after worship for good fellowship, a picnic lunch, fun and games, and birthday cake at a churchwide birthday party hosted by the Rocky Mount United Women in Faith! No reservations are necessary. Please bring a picnic side dish to share.

Save the date!!!! Family pool party on August 6 at 5:00 p.m. at Furnace Creek Swim Club. All families and youth invited! Individuals who are not members of Furnace Creek Swim Club will be required to pay a \$5 fee. Potluck style, so bring a dish to share with everyone!!

Rocky Mount United Methodist Church announces an opening for a Part-time Office Manager. The hours for this position will be Monday through Thursday 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and will begin at the beginning of August. We are looking for a person who has excellent writing skills and can communicate well with the pastor and staff. Some duties would include greet visitors and direct incoming phone calls, type and print the weekly worship bulletins, type, print and mail the monthly newsletters, maintain a calendar of church events and special activities, and maintain the church website and online calendar. We prefer the applicant to be strongly proficient with social media. Please send a resume to sprc@rm-umc.org.

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!