

**Eighth Sunday after Pentecost**  
**July 23, 2023 – 10:55 A.M.**

\*Please stand as you are able

**ENTRANCE**

**MEDITATIVE MUSIC**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Rev. Will Waller

**ANNUAL CONFERENCE REPORT**

Linda Dunlap

**CHIMING THE HOUR**

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**

*I Love You, Lord—Page*

Lynn Meeks, Organist

**ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

**GREETING**

\***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jack Collins, Liturgist

L: Loving God, in the height of this day we pause to rest in you.

**P: Quiet our minds that they may be still,**

L: Fill our hearts that we may abide in love and trust.

**P: Christ, as a light illumine and guide me.**

L: Christ, as a shield overshadow me.

**P: Christ under me;**

L: Christ over me;

**P: Christ beside me on my left and my right. Amen.**

\***HYMN OF PRAISE**

*Christ Beside Me*

TFWS No. 2166

\***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 2<sup>nd</sup> grade may go to Children's Church.)*

**PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE**

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**

Psalm 8

Old Testament pg. 466

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

**People: Thanks be to God!**

**SERMON**

*Superheroes: Thomas*

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**OFFERTORY**

*How Great is Our God—Page*

*(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**

*We Worship You—Pethel*

Chancel Choir

**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**

*How Great Thou Art (vs. 1-3)*

No. 77

\***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: 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

**Serving Next Week July 30):**

Liturgist: Jessica Mitchell

Greeter: Rodney and Pat Cundiff

Acolyte: Silas Gibson

Usher: Bill Cooper

Children's Church: Christina Gibson

Nursery: Suzanne Ross

Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

**Elementary Small Group at 10:00 a.m. (July 30)**

Will Waller

**Prayer Concerns:**

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Kelly Peterson; 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; Karen Hobgood (Tammy Burdick); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Mittie Hambrick and Family** in the death of her aunt, Uva Louise Anderson Baker, on July 12; and **Jeanne Banks, Cyndee Holland and Sandra Funk and Families** in the death of their aunt, Elsie Burkholder, on July 15.

**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:**

- Today, July 23**      **5:30 p.m.**, Youth Meeting
- 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**
- Next Sunday, July 30**      **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups  
**10:55 a.m.**, Worship  
**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!!

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!