

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

PRELUDE *Overture from Elijah* F. Mendelssohn

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

SILENT MEDITATION

* CALL TO WORSHIP

We all look to you for breath, O God.

**The young lions, the wolves, the ravens—
their calls are given voice by your Spirit.**

We all look to you for drink, O God.

**The river birch, the desert flower, the rainbow trout—
their thirst is quenched by your waters.**

We all look to you for food, O God.

**The spotted milk cow, the wild goat, the cackling hen—
their hunger is satisfied by your grain.**

We all look to you for life, O God.

**All of us, from birth until our breath grows shallow—
our lives are gifts from your gracious hand.**

* **HYMN 20** “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

* CONFESSION AND PARDON

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, we know that there is trouble in the land.
Yet, when being called to speak up about it entails risk,
we shrink back.**

**We wonder if you will really provide for our needs when we
are faced with powers greater than we are.**

Forgive our complacency, O God.

**By your Spirit, strengthen our resolve, and give us courage,
that we might live into our prophetic calling,
bearing witness to your sovereignty over all,
and holding fast to our hope in your power to heal.**

Silent Prayers

Assurance of Pardon

* SHARING CHRIST’S PEACE

Hymn 59 (refrain three times) “The Steadfast Love of the Lord”

**The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases;
God’s mercies never come to an end.**

**They are new every morning, new every morning;
great is your faithfulness, O Lord,
great is your faithfulness.**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE LESSON Galatians 4:8-11, 19-20, *p. 947 (NT)*

SECOND SCRIPTURE LESSON 1 Kings 17:1-7, *p. 282 (OT)*

SERMON “The Drought Begins”
Elijah and Elisha: Called and Sustained in Troubled Times

RESPONDING TO GOD’S WORD

* **HYMN 53** “O God, Who Gives Us Life”

* **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** *The Apostle’s Creed*

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Invitation to Offering

Offertory *Peace in the Valley* Thomas A. Dorsey

* *Doxology* (Hymnal, back page)

* *Prayer of Dedication*

THE LORD’S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord’s Table

Prayer of Thanksgiving & The Lord’s Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks ...

Let us pray for God’s rule on earth as Jesus taught us, saying:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

The Words of Institution

The Feast

All the bread we serve is gluten-free, and our juice is non-fermented.

507 “Come to the Table of Grace”

527 “Eat This Bread”

Prayer After Communion

GOING OUT TO SERVE

* **HYMN 517** “Here, O Our Lord, We See You”

During the singing of the hymn, you are invited to come forward with your monthly 5-cents-a-meal offering to fight hunger, both here and throughout the world. Please place your cash or check in the soup can by the Communion Table.

* CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *What the World Needs Now* Burt Bacharach

END OF WORSHIP ... BEGINNING OF SERVICE



Bold font indicates congregational participation.

* You are invited to stand in body or in spirit.

We light two candles in worship. The white candle reminds us of the presence of Christ's spirit in worship. The smaller candle is in a candle holder made by a member of our partner church, Iglesia El Divino Salvador in Guatemala, and it reminds us of our covenant with them.

Today's liturgist: Susan Maveety

Today's greeters: Woody, Janet and Austin Ferrell

Today's ushers: Bill and Terri Carpenter

The flowers in the sanctuary today are given by Glenn & Mary Jo Limbird in honor of their 48th wedding anniversary and of Ray & Annette Sheffield's 43rd wedding anniversary.

Out-to-Lunch Bunch

Everyone is welcome to join the Out-to-Lunch Bunch for lunch after church today! We will be going to Copper River Grill. See Judy Urich for more information about today's lunch outing.

Exploration of Other Faiths

The Faith Formation Committee is offering an opportunity to observe, learn about, and experience other faiths. The foundation of the study is the book *Holy Envy* by Barbara Brown Taylor—a gentle look at how other faiths strengthened her own Christian faith. To enhance our understanding, we will visit other houses of worship, carpooling from the church. See the list below for details and dates. Questions? Contact Peg Lewis at (828) 702-0161 or lewpeg3@gmail.com.

Friday, August 9: Meet at New Hope at 5:00 PM to carpool to Beth Israel Synagogue for their 6:00 PM service.

Tuesday, August 13: Attend first book discussion on pages 1-138, led by Kim Wells at 7:00 PM at the church.

Tuesday, August 20: Attend second book discussion on pages 139-307, led by Kim Wells at 7:00 PM at the church.

August Food Drive: Peanut Butter and Jelly

Beginning today, you are invited to drop off jars of peanut butter and jelly in the giant soup can in the Narthex. All donations will go to MANNA Food Bank. Thank you for your support.

MANNA Food Bank on August 13

Our next volunteer date at MANNA Food Bank is on August 13 from 4:15 to 5:30 PM. We meet directly at MANNA (627 Swannanoa River Road, Asheville) and do a variety of service activities. Questions? Contact team leader Linda Lewis at (828) 483-6296.

Habitat ReStore "Third Thursday" on August 15

Join us for our next "Third Thursday" at the Habitat ReStore on August 15 from 2-4 PM. We meet directly at the ReStore (31 Meadow Road, Asheville). Contact Susan Maveety at (828) 628-0840.

Church Picnic at Lake Julian on August 18

Please join us for the church picnic and evening vespers on Sunday, August 18 at 5:00 PM. We will be in Shelter #1, same as last year. The church will provide hamburgers, hot dogs, and drinks, and those who are able are asked to bring a side or dessert to share. A sign-up sheet is in the Narthex. Please bring yourself, a friend, and a lawn chair!

July Diaper Drive a Huge Success!

We did it! Our Summer Spirit Diaper Drive brought in 2,742 diapers for Beloved Asheville as of July 31. Thank you to all who donated.

Worship bulletin announcements for Sunday, August 11 are due to Administrator, Erin May, by noon on Wednesday, August 7

Calendar

Sun	4	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:45 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)
Tue	6	6:00 PM	Building and Grounds Meeting
Wed	7	1:00 PM	Nominating Committee
		5:00 PM	Outreach
Sun	11	11:00 AM	Worship
		12:30 PM	Out-to-Lunch Bunch (see Judy Urich)

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"Including, Renewing, Serving"

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

August 4, 2019

11 o'clock



"The Drought Begins"

First in the Series:



"As the LORD the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word."

1 Kings 17:1