

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

Service of Worship • Twenty-fifth Sunday after Pentecost

November 19, 2023 • 10:55 AM

TOWER BELLS

GATHERING

WELCOME

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

WELCOME STATEMENT

Rev. Charles Lancaster

As our Lord Jesus Christ calls us to love and accept every person, Duke Memorial United Methodist Church welcomes into our life together those of every age, race, ethnic background, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, family or socioeconomic status, educational background, and physical or mental ability. In our commitment to the reconciliation of all persons as beloved children of God, we celebrate our diversity and recognize the sacred worth and dignity of all. We invite you to join us in our faith journey toward discipleship in Christ with mutual respect, understanding, and love.

PRELUDE

Fred Mason Jr., Organist

How Great Thou Art

arr. Dan Miller

CALL TO WORSHIP

Rev. Mick Raynor

Calls to worship ring out over the wreckage—

Amidst senseless suffering, who are we to praise?

Warmongers want us pointing fingers,

but we are marching, holding hands.

Evil-doers want us hopeless,

but we buoy each other into a tide of way-making.

Oppressors want us fractured,

but we have made ourselves into a quilt, into stained glass.

We will praise the ways we have found one another—

oceans and plains away, our hearts reach out.

It is a lie that we do not belong to each other—

the Holy Spirit accompanies beloveds who love the truth.

—Enfleshed

*OPENING HYMN

UMH (red) 698 | God of the Ages

NATIONAL HYMN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Rev. Mick Raynor

Almighty Creator, we confess that we have not lived into Your first instruction for us in Genesis, to care for the earth as You have cared for us. We have failed to live into our created intention, to be stewards of all our glorious creation. As we gather in this season of thanksgiving, we confess our sins. We have turned to the ways of the world and not to Your ways, as passed down from our ancestors of the faith. We have turned to worldly measures of success through wealth, possessions, and notoriety, instead of living as You first desired: to care for the earth and its bounty so there will be an abundance for all.

silence for personal confession

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen.

PASSING THE PEACE

Greet one another with signs of reconciliation and love

The peace of Christ be with you, **and also with you.**

PROCLAMATION

CHILDREN'S TIME

Rev. Jennifer Ingold Asbill

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Gary Boyd

**Lord, open our hearts and minds
by the power of your Holy Spirit,
that, as the Scriptures are read
and your Word proclaimed,
we may hear with joy what you say to us today. Amen.**

*GOSPEL LESSON | MATTHEW 25:14-30 CEB

This is the Gospel of our Lord. **Glory to God. Amen.**

SERMON

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

** Please rise as you are comfortable*

RESPONSE

*HYMN OF RESPONSE

UMH (red) 368 | My Hope Is Built

THE SOLID ROCK

OFFERING OURSELVES | A CELEBRATION OF FRED MASON JR.'S MINISTRY

Bill Self

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Rev. Mick Raynor

Following each petition:

Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Worship and Song 3068 | The Lord's Prayer

MALOTTE

OFFERING OUR TITHES AND GIFTS

Rev. Mick Raynor

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*DOXOLOGY

UMH 94 | Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Rev. Mick Raynor

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

UMH 140 | Great Is Thy Faithfulness

FAITHFULNESS

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Heather Rodrigues

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

POSTLUDE

Fred Mason Jr., Organist

Now Thank We All Our God

S. Karg-Elert

Today's hymns were chosen by Fred Mason Jr. as they are some of his favorites



Fred Mason Jr. Celebration: Join us for a reception and light lunch after the service in Whitford Hall to celebrate how Fred has served our congregation with beautiful music for over 18 years! Scan the QR code to contribute to a Love Offering for Fred in appreciation for his dedicated service to Duke Memorial.

Flowers: The flowers today are given by the Altar Guild in honor and thanksgiving of Fred Mason Jr. for his ministry at DMUMC.

Christmas Market is near! The Market is our one-day, low-cost holiday shopping event for Durham families with limited financial means... and we need your support to make this happen! Want to help stock the shelves? You can donate online or help us shop! *Scan the QR code to learn more.*



Poinsettias: Scan the QR code to order a poinsettia in honor or memory of someone in your life to be included as part of our Advent season, as we rejoice in a weary world.



Live Stream This worship service is being live streamed.

Love what God is doing in and through Duke Memorial? Consider investing in our church by making an annual financial commitment. *Scan the code to fill out the form and pledge through your gifts, prayers, presence, service, and witness.*



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The names that will be read for removal at Charge Conference on November 19 are: Howard Pleasant, Josh Pleasant, Amy Kellum, Thomas Kellum, Nancy Gibson Powell, Melinda Thumm, Michael M. Thumm, Michael B. Thumm, Barry Moore, Deborah Moore, Timothy D Langford, Phillip Epting, Ashley Epting, and Jody Morrow.

Fidget baskets are located on either side of the altar rail and in the narthex. Feel free to use a fidget or two at any point during worship and then return them to the basket at the end of service. Additionally, there is **“Pray Ground”** space in front of the pews on the right side of the sanctuary. This is space in the sanctuary for our worshippers of all ages and stages. Feel free to let your child play in this space as they participate in worship.

New? Tell Us More | We hope to connect with you and one another inside and outside the church building. We encourage you to take time to fill out the connect card, explore our Spiritual Formation groups, ministries for children and youth, and our ministries designed to connect the church to the world through service. *scan code or visit dukememorial.org/here*



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