

Service of Worship

September 13, 2020 | 15th Sunday after Pentecost

Worship Prep

- Check-in at DukeMemorial.org/here
- Home Altar: **Candle(s)** to symbolize the presence of the Holy Spirit and your Duke Memorial Community.
- Show us how you worship in the Duke Memorial Group! facebook.com/groups/dukememorial

Centering Prayer

Use this prayer to prepare your mind, body, and spirit for worship.

“Triune God, be present with us as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship you. We thank you that you are present everywhere at once, and so we ask for the blessing of the Holy Spirit to pour out upon those who lead us in worship and upon every worshipping community gathered anywhere throughout your beautiful world. May Jesus Christ, our Risen Lord, meet us powerfully to the glory of God the Father. Amen.”

Welcome | Pastor Heather

Duke Memorial Welcome Statement | dukememorial.org/welcome →

“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

Call to Worship

For the layers of comfort and convenience that surrounded our lives
and that we just took for granted, **forgive us.**

For we who must grieve in isolation and not in community, **comfort us.**

For we who care for the sick, **protect us.**

For the ability to turn off the fear-mongering and unhelpful commentary, **strengthen us.**

For the times when we are all out of creative ideas
for how to get through this with cooped up kids, **inspire us.**

For the grace to allow ourselves and others to just be less productive, **shower us.**

For the generosity needed from those of us who have more resources, **empower us.**

For just being your children, none of whom have done a global pandemic before, **love us.**
For the days ahead, **accompany us.**

**God unbound by time, help us to know that you are already present
in the future we are fearing.**

By Rev. Nadia Bolz Weber

Opening Hymn

Lift High the Cross | UMH 159 | CRUCIFER

R) Lift high the cross the love of Christ proclaim
Till all the world adore his sacred name

1) Come Christians follow this triumphant sign
The hosts of God in unity combine

2) Each newborn servant of the crucified
bears on the brow the seal of him who died

3) O Lord once lifted on the glorious tree
As Thou hast promised draw the world to Thee

4) So shall our song of triumph ever be
Praise to the Crucified for victory

Prayer of Confession & Assurance of Pardon

Lord, we confess that we often fail to love with all we have and are, often because we do not fully understand what loving means, often because we are afraid of risking ourselves. Our silence builds up walls of prejudice. Our lack of sympathy and generosity leave little time for others.

UMC Book Of Worship 893, adapted

Silence for Personal Confession

Holy Spirit, help us listen to your word of forgiveness.

Fill this moment and free us from sin.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

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Glory to God. Amen.

Passing the Peace

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

Participate by texting the peace of Christ with others.

Children's Time | Jim, Ellie, and Sam Garman

Response Song

If I Were a Butterfly

1) If I were a butterfly
I'd thank You Lord for giving me wings
If I were a robin in a tree
I'd thank You Lord that I could sing
If I were a fish in the sea
I'd wiggle my tail and I'd giggle with glee
But I just thank You God for making me me

R) For You gave me a heart
And You gave me a smile
You gave me Jesus
And You made me Your child
And I just thank You God
For making me me

2) If I were an elephant
I'd thank You Lord by raising my trunk
If I were a kangaroo
You know I'd hop right up to You
If I were an octopus
I'd thank You Lord for my fine looks
But I just thank You God for making me me

3) If I were a wiggly worm
I'd thank You Lord that I could squirm
And if I were a fuzzy wuzzy bear
I'd thank You Lord for my fuzzy wuzzy hair
If I were a crocodile
I'd thank You Lord for my great smile
But I just thank You God for making me me

Prayer for Illumination | Garman Family

**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.**

Old Testament Lesson | Numbers 21:4b-9 JPS

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Lesson | 1 Corinthians 1:18-24 NRSV

This is the word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Lesson | John 3:13-17 NRSV

This is the gospel of our Lord.

Glory to God. Amen.

Sermon | Chris Hamilton

Prayers of the People

Following each petition

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our 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.

Offering Ourselves | DMUMC Youth

Offering Our Tithes & Gifts

Support the mission and ministries of Duke Memorial

Online - dukememorial.org/give

Text - "dukememorial" to 73256

Mail - 504 W. Chapel Hill St, Durham, NC 27701 attn: Financial admin.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Closing Hymn

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross | UMH 298 | HAMBURG

1) When I survey the wondrous cross

On which the Prince of glory died

My richest gain I count but loss

And pour contempt on all my pride

2) Forbid it Lord that I should boast

Save in the death of Christ my God

All the vain things that charm me most

I sacrifice them to His blood

3) See from His head His hands His feet

Sorrow and love flow mingled down

Did ever such love and sorrow meet

Or thorns compose so rich a crown

4) Were the whole realm of nature mine

That were an offering far too small

Love so amazing so divine

Demands my soul my life my all

Benediction

Chimes of the Trinity

Postlude

Church Chat

Virtually hang out with the preacher following worship each Sunday! Connect with them and one another for a 20-30 minute time of sermon and worship reflection.

- Join Here | meet.google.com/icw-tidp-dne