

ORDER OF WORSHIP  
MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

September 26, 2021

11:00 a.m.

In adherence to safer protocols during the current phase of CV-19, the congregation is asked not to sing at this time. We encourage everyone to wear a mask.

GATHERING AND GREETING

Prelude Prelude on “Children of the Heavenly Father” Robert Lind

Chiming of the Trinity

Welcome and Parish Notes Vicki Connolly

†Call to Worship

Where does it hurt?

**We gather this morning with listening hearts to hear the voices of our children.**

What do you hope?

**We gather this morning with listening hearts to hear the hopes of children and to nurture the hope within each of us.**

How can we help?

**We gather this morning with listening hearts to hear how we can help in partnership with those who are hurting, as ones who are hoping.**

Who are you and why are you here?

**We gather this morning as God’s people to worship God, in confidence that God hears our hurts and hopes before they are even on our lips, and calls us, as God’s partners, to help with a passion for justice and hearts full of love.**

Come, let us worship God on this Children’s Sabbath day.

Offering of Praise All Things Bright and Beautiful Chancel Choir

All things bright and beautiful, all creatures great and small,  
all things wise and wonderful: the Lord God made them all.

Each little flower that opens, each little bird that sings,  
God made their glowing colors, and made their tiny wings.

The purple-headed mountains, the river running by,  
the sunset and the morning that brightens up the sky.

God gave us eyes to see them, and lips that we might tell  
how great is God Almighty, who has made all things well.

†Affirmation of Faith

Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is one true church, apostolic and universal, whose holy faith let us now declare:

The People Respond:

**We believe in God the Father, infinite in wisdom and love, whose mercy is over all his works, and whose will is ever directed to his children’s good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son of man, the gift of the Father’s unfailling grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, as the divine presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ, and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest itself in the service of love as set forth in the example of our blessed Lord, to the end that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

Moment with the Children Reverend Lynda Hepler

Prayers of the People

Let us turn our hearts to God who loves us as a parent, offering arms of comfort and sending us out with encouragement, responding “Lord, listen to your children praying.”

For the holy Church of God, that we open our hearts and arms to live out your inclusive love that tends wounds, heals divisions, and nurtures wholeness in mind, body and spirit, in families, in communities, and in nations, we pray, **Lord, listen to your children praying.**

For our world, in which pandemic and poverty, war and want, famine and climate change threaten children’s ability to survive and thrive, that we join in collective care and action, we pray, **Lord, listen to your children praying.**

For all our brothers and sisters in need, especially children suffering from loss and loneliness, disruption and despair, incarceration and injustice, that we may listen to their pain and partner with them in pursuit of healing, we pray, **Lord, listen to your children praying.**

For our community and nation, which have become born of the trauma of pandemic and racial reckoning, suffered loss of jobs and homes, celebrations and security, education and connection, that we have the courage and commitment to work together to emerge stronger and better, we pray, **Lord, listen to your children praying.**

God of love, who shelters us like a mother hen and welcomes us like a father, hear the prayers of your Church and grant us today what we ask you in faith. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, who taught us to pray...

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.*

Prayer Response Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying Chancel Choir

Lord, listen to your children praying.  
Lord, send Your Spirit in this place.  
Send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Offertory Jesus Loves Me Greg Howlett

Anthem Children of the Heavenly Father Chancel Choir

Children of the heavenly Father safely in his bosom gather;  
nestling bird nor star in heaven such a refuge e’er was given.  
God his own doth tend and nourish; in his holy courts they flourish;  
from all evil things he spares them; in his mighty arms he bears them.  
Neither life nor death shall ever from the Lord his children sever;  
unto them his grace he showeth, and their sorrows all he knoweth.  
Though he giveth or he taketh, God his children ne’er forsaketh;  
his the loving purpose solely to preserve them pure and holy.

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

Homily *Where Does It Hurt? Listening to Heal Our Children* Rev. Hepler

Jeremiah 31:15-17

Song of Response The King of Love My Shepherd Is Chancel Choir

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.  
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth;  
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.

And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never;  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.

†Benediction Rev. Hepler

Benediction Response God Be With You Till We Meet Again Chancel Choir

God be with you till we meet again; by his counsels guide, uphold you,  
with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.

Chiming of the Trinity

Postlude Caricature of a Sunday School Song Dale Wood

†Please stand as you are able.

Our 8:50 am, Awaken Service and the 11:00 am, Morning Worship Service are broadcast on Facebook Live and our Youtube channel.  
The 11:00 am Morning Worship Service is also broadcast on WGOS- AM 1070.

**TODAY'S SCRIPTURE**

Jeremiah 31:15- 17

<sup>15</sup> This is what the LORD says:

"A voice is heard in Ramah, mourning and great weeping, Rachel weeping for her children and refusing to be comforted, because they are no more."

<sup>16</sup> This is what the LORD says:

"Restrain your voice from weeping and your eyes from tears, for your work will be rewarded," declares the LORD.

"They will return from the land of the enemy. <sup>17</sup> So there is hope for your descendants," declares the LORD.

"Your children will return to their own land."

**Please take a moment to complete the card in your bulletin. This will register your attendance and you can share updated information.**

**If you are visiting with us today, we invite you to fill out this card with as little or as much info you would like to provide.**

**Please make use of the prayer request form on the back of the insert. The completed insert can be placed in the offertory plate.**

Greeters for today's service are Lynda Stone and Dorann Edwards  
Ushers- Martha Berrier, Sara Faulkner, Prentice Weldon

**PRAYER LIST**

*If you or a loved one would like to be added to the prayer list, please contact Lorna McCullough at 336-259-5814. If you put a name on the list, please keep in touch to let us know how that person is doing, as names are removed after three weeks. During the coming week, please pray for:*

**Callie Browns, Andrea Cain and family, Margie Collins, Chris Eddinger, Cherie Johnson, Carol Kaiser, Anna Rose, Harold Vannoy, All military personnel, Our United Methodist missionaries, and The United Methodist Church**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

**Art Academy** is starting back for Fall semester. It is not too late to register. If you or anyone you know is interested in taking classes, please contact Melanie Byerly @ mbyerly@mumctville.org or call (336)472-7718 for information. All ages are welcome!

Get your Ticket! Tickets are on sale for the **Empty Bowls Spaghetti Dinner**, Friday, October 29<sup>th</sup> from 4:30pm -7:00pm. Tickets are \$8 and will be sold at both services. In the Narthex before and after the 11:00 Service.

**Have you Ever Wanted to Drive A Golf Cart?**

Guest and Volunteer Services at Novant Health Thomasville Medical Center is seeking people to drive golf carts and assist in helping patients from their cars to the facility and back. This is a great opportunity to serve the members of our community. If interested, contact Kristen G Fulp, Manager, Patient Services at 336-476-2881.

**Do you want to be a special blessing to others this Christmas and be blessed by your service?**

If so, contact Lynda Hepler about joining the Chrismon Tree team. We are looking for volunteers to help repair Chrismon ornaments, make new ornaments and setup the tree for our Advent/Christmas season. Help us celebrate and share the hope, love, joy and peace of the season. [lhepler@mumctville.org](mailto:lhepler@mumctville.org) or call 336-472-9711.

**CALENDAR**

**TODAY**

8:30- 12:30 Nursery  
8:50 Contemporary Worship (CEC)  
10:00 Godly Play Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades), Youth and adult classes also  
11:00 Worship  
3:30-5:00 Youth Group

**TUESDAY September 28**

8:30 Men's Fellowship Group (Contact: *Tim Lyons, tlyons00@gmail.com*)  
9:00 Sewing Ministry

**WEDNESDAY September 29**

The Weekly Update (Facebook Live)

**THURSDAY September 30**

10:30 Chicks with Sticks

**SUNDAY October 3**

8:30- 12:30 Nursery  
8:50 Contemporary Worship (CEC)  
10:00 Godly Play Sunday School (1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grades), Youth and adult classes also  
11:00 Worship & Children's Church  
3:30- 4:45 Glow Kids and Mission Possible Kids (3 yrs- 5<sup>th</sup> grade)  
3:30-5:00 Youth Group  
5:00- Blessing of the Animals Service on the front lawn

**Art Academy Hours**

Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday (1pm- 7pm)

Wednesday (10 am- 5pm)

The R.L. Pope class meets Sundays at 10 am and is broadcast over WGOS- AM 1070. The teachers for the Month of September are (5) Jim McGhee, (12) Allen Brown, (19) Tracy Brinkley, and (26) Richard Herman.

**Through your kindness and generosity Memorial United Methodist has been able to help with the following non-profits over the past two months...**

**American Red Cross- providing a space for Blood drives once a month, \$150.00 donation**

**Big Pink Chair Project- donation of a few chairs and a gift of \$200.00**

**Communities in Schools- \$475.00 donation and many school supplies**

**Haywood St- donation of \$200.00**

**Project Devine Interruption (T'ville City Schools)- \$410 in donations**

**UMCOR- Haiti Relief- donations of \$1,350.00**

**UMCOR- Hurricane Relief- donations of \$1,100.00**

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**We are called by Christ to Grow in Faith,  
Build Relationships and Serve All People.**

