

Service of the Word

May 19, 2019

The Fifth Sunday after Easter

Welcome! It's a joy to worship with you today. Large print bulletins & personal hearing amplifiers are available in the Narthex/Main St. entry. Caring volunteers & paid staff tend our nursery during worship. Your little one is welcome any time. Sunday School begins after All Ages Together for K-7th graders.

Prelude

Serenade in D Minor
by Franz Schubert

Catherine York, organist

Welcome

The Rev. Jill H. Small

The Greeting of Peace *You are invited to greet those near you, sharing the peace of God.*

Introit

Call to Worship (responsive)

Henry Smith, pulpit assistant

One From north, south, east, and west, we gather to be the Church.

ALL: From house, office, school, and playground, we gather to be in community.

One: May we worship together in faith.

ALL: May we worship together in hope.

One: May we worship together in peace.

ALL: Together, we worship as Community Church!

*** Hymn**

All People That on Earth Do Dwell

#7 NCH

(*Congregation may stand)

Invocation (unison)

Be among us now, God of courage and compassion. As we focus our thoughts and open our hearts, grant us patience and perspective so that ancient words may guide us to new awareness. Hear our prayer, in Jesus' name. Amen.

All Ages Together

The Lord's Prayer/Prayer of Jesus

Our Father/Creator who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom/Reign come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom/Reign, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” (#82 NCH)

Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone; Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own; In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever, Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own.

Anthem

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross
arr. by Gilbert M. Martin

Chancel Choir

Sharing Joys and Concerns
Our Church Family Prays

Invitation to Offering *Gifts of time, talent, and treasure make the mission and ministry we share possible. You may use a pew card to note online giving and gifts of service. Thank you.*

Offertory

* **Doxology** (#780 NCH)

Prayer of Dedication (unison)

God-with-us, as we serve others, we are serving you; as we show love for others, we show love for you. Accept the gifts we offer; may they bless those who give and those who receive. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are yours and in your Name we pray. Amen.

* **Hymn**

Shall We Gather at the River

#597 NCH

Text for the Day

Revelation 21:1-6

Sermon

Revelation Revisited

* **Closing Hymn**

We Love Your Realm, O God (vs. 1,2, & 6)

#312 NCH

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Allegro in D Minor by Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach

As our worship together ends, our true service begins.

After worship, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation in Fellowship Hall hosted by Council Members. This is one of the many ways we build community! *For the safety of those with allergies, we respectfully ask that you not bring peanuts or peanut products to church and that you consider providing something gluten-free.*

Thanks to today's greeters Cindy Nottage, Carla Wilson, and Wally Dunham, sound engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, Liam Ashburner, and Emerson Moore, and pulpit assistant, Henry Smith.

Dover Friendly Kitchen: Please join the Justice & Witness Team on **Thursday, May 30th** as we cook, serve, and partner around joyful hospitality with our friends and neighbors at The Dover Friendly Kitchen. If you have never volunteered, we would love to share this amazing evening with you. The energy is high, the smiles are many. We are serving out in our community sharing our blessings. For those who would like to prepare food, there will be a sign up sheet in Fellowship Hall. As always, see Bryn Burns or Beth Cilley for more.

Families First Monday June 3rd is an opportunity to provide a meal for Families First in Portsmouth. The main dish will be Salad Sandwiches (tuna, chicken, egg, ham), Milk, Green Salad, Fruit and Bars or Cookies for Dessert to serve 10. The sign-up sheets for food or delivery are posted in Fellowship Hall. Please drop off food in the kitchen by 3pm on June 3rd. For questions contact Fran Houlihan 749-6607 or office@ccdurham.org

A special thank you to Beth Cilley for many years of leading CCD's outreach in feeding the hungry through Families First.

After School Choir for Children & Youth will be rehearsing on Thursday afternoons in the Chapel. Taking the bus from the elementary schools is an option. Middle Schoolers often walk. For info/sign up, please contact Kristin Forselius: KristinF@CCDurham.org or Lorna Ellis: Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net. Rejoice Choir: Children from age 3-grade 2 are welcome to join from 4:20-4:50. Alleluia Choir: Children in grades 3-8 are welcome from 4:50-5:20.

Djembe Drums We are happy to announce that the church has purchased some djembe drums! We are looking for all ages, (9-99), who would be interested in playing together for a few weeks to prepare to share at our June 16th end of church school year Worship Service. Would you let Kristin know if you are interested?

Green Tips from Green Justice Committee: Fourth R – Recycle You may be able to earn a small amount of cash by turning in cans and bottles for the deposit. Scrap metal can earn money as well – you can post on Craigslist to find a buyer willing to pay a small amount to pick up your metal. Donate clothes and small household items to charities and look no further than our own ECHO Thrift Shop!

Community Church of Durham is a vibrant place where lots is happening! Please submit items for the Chronicle Plus to office@ccdurham.org by noon on Wednesday for inclusion the next Sunday. **Please be mindful of allergies and some folks' sensitivity to scent. Thank you!**

COMMUNITY CHURCH OF DURHAM, UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

An open and affirming congregation where all are welcome.



The Reverend Dr. Jill H. Small, Interim Pastor
Kristin Forselius, Education and Faith Formation Director
David Ervin, Music Director
Catherine York, Organist

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