

Service of the Word

June 9, 2019

Pentecost

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 *To a Wild Rose* by Edward MacDowell 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 *Badgers and Hedgehogs* from "Bless the Lord" Alleluia Choir
by Andrew Carter

O ye badgers and squirrels and ferrets and foxes and hedgehogs, bless the Lord,
O ye parakeets and pelicans and porcupines and penguins,
guillemots and guinea-pigs and gallinules and godwits, bless the Lord,
O ye weasels and warthogs and wallabies and wombats,
chipmunks and chuckwallas and kookaburras and caterpillars, bless the Lord,
O ye dromedaries and ye dragonflies and diddy little daddy-longlegs,
budgerigars and bumblebees and bandicoots and bullfrogs, bless the Lord.

Call to Worship (responsive) Maria Niswonger, pulpit assistant

One: Morning has broken.

ALL: God's Spirit is on the move.

One: Among us now

ALL: Within us always

One: Let us worship God.

ALL: The Spirit in our midst!

*** Hymn** *On Pentecost They Gathered* #272 NCH
(*Congregation may stand)

Invocation (unison)

Spirit of Love, Spirit of Truth, guide us in this hour as we worship, as we question, as we grow together. Hear our prayer and grant us your presence, in your Holy Name we pray. 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

Wind Who Makes All Winds That Blow
by Richard Jeffrey

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)

Eternal, Almighty One, near to us as breath and beyond our imagining, accept the gifts we offer. As we give our time, our talent, and our treasure, inspire us to use every opportunity to establish peace and justice in your world. Whoever we are, wherever we are, we are yours and in your Name we pray. Amen.

***Hymn**

Breathe on Me, Breath of God

#292 NCH

Texts for the Day

Hebrew Scripture: Genesis 11:1-9

Christian Scripture: Acts 2:1-7 & 14-21

Sermon

The Force

*** Closing Hymn**

Spirit, Spirit of Gentleness

#286 NCH

Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Gavotte in G Major by George Frideric Handel

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 The Spiritual Nurture Ministry. 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 and that you consider providing something gluten-free.*

Thanks to today's greeters Roger Sevigny, Dale Hempen, and Cheryl Hempen, sound engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, Liam Ashburner, and Emerson Moore, and pulpit assistant, Maria Niswonger.

It is time to update our Church's Directory! It will be great to offer an updated directory complete with pictures and contact information to our new pastor when one joins our church family. Our new church management software allows us to create profiles of our members to include customized information. We would love to update our database to include information about your involvement within the church and community as well as information about your personal interests, hobbies, and skills. Enjoy hiking? museums? handy with tools? interested in volunteer work? When there is an event or need that matches your interests and skills, we can keep you informed. The session for updates and pictures will be **Sundays from 11:30-12:30 and some Mondays and Thursdays from 5:00-7:00 during June**. The sessions are free and you can receive a digital copy of your photo. Contact the church office at 868-1230 or office@ccdurham.org to schedule.

Search and Call Update! Over the past several months the Search and Call committee has been busy processing candidate profiles, generating a list of people to investigate more deeply, developing engaging interview questions, conducting Skype interviews, seeking background information, arranging for in-person visits, and having many prayer-filled discussions regarding who will become finalists. We understand all are curious about the specifics of the interviewees, and about our process, and about who will ultimately become our next minister. The Committee must assert confidentiality on the specifics of these questions to protect the credibility of the search process and the candidates involved. The search can be unpredictable so any forecast of a specific timeline would not be appropriate. However, we're encouraged by the Spirit's guidance and we hope to present a candidate sometime this summer. We appreciate your continued prayer and support as we move through the process of calling our next minister.

Thank you, Search Committee Chair, Jimmy Hartman

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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