

# The Beloved Community, Gathered for Worship

September 8, 2019

The Thirteenth Sunday after Pentecost

*God is in control, breathing Life into our very being;  
Let our souls tingle with the knowledge of God's creative Power;  
God's Love surrounds us and cradles those who will come and those who have gone;  
All are in God's loving care; let our souls rejoice with gratitude.*

Psalm 99, rephrasing by Beverly Daniel Tatum

## PRELUDE

Catherine York

## WELCOME

The Rev. David Grishaw-Jones

In a quiet moment of reflection and discernment,  
we prepare our hearts, minds and bodies for worship and celebration.

## INTROIT

*God of Great and God of Small* by Nathalie Sleeth

Alleluia Choir

## \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Diane Mix, pulpit assistant

One: Peace to you, dear friends!  
Peace to you, my brothers and sisters!

**ALL: Shalom, salaam and peace:  
God's peace upon the whole of creation!**

One: Rise, then, in body or spirit,  
For the Peace of Christ, the Kingdom of God is with us.  
*As the bell is sounded,  
you may rise in body or spirit.*

One: Come to this table, broken hearts and burdened spirits.  
Come to this feast, wandering pilgrims and refugee families.

**ALL: Here is the table of God's abundance and hope!  
We are the temple of God's blessing and love.**

One: So open your hearts, and raise your voices!  
Rejoice in the One who calls us to Life and Love.

**ALL: Today we forgive as Jesus forgives!  
Here we love as Jesus loves!  
Today we feast in communion with the Risen Christ.**

## \* HYMN

*I Come with Joy*

#349 NCH

## **CALL TO PRAYER AND CONFESSION**

In a quiet moment, we're invited to reflect on the week past: the nearness of God's grace, opportunities for growth and change, or maybe moments of regret and bewilderment on our many journeys of faith and service.

## **RESPONSE**

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river

I've got peace like a river in my soul...

I've got love like an ocean...

## **\*CELEBRATION OF GRACE & FREEDOM**

### **\*THE GREETING OF PEACE**

**\*RESPONSE** #27 NCH (first verse only)

From all that dwell below the skies

Let the Creator's praise arise: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let the Redeemer's name be sung

Through every land, by every tongue: Alleluia...

## **CHILDREN'S TIME**

### **COVENANT WITH A NEW MEMBER**

Dave Grishaw-Jones

### **\*THE LORD'S PRAYER/PRAYER OF JESUS**

*Our Father/Creator who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy Kingdom/Realm 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/Realm, and the power and the glory for ever. Amen.*

### **\*BLESSING CHILDREN & YOUTH**

### **A READING FROM THE CHRISTIAN SCRIPTURES**

Matthew 5:1-16

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

'You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your God in heaven.'

## **ANTHEM**

## **COMMUNION MEDITATION**

Dave Grishaw-Jones

## **\* HYMN**

*Walk in the Love Light*

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## **MOMENT IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

Grant Armstrong for the Fourth Century Fund

## **OFFERINGS OF SUBSTANCE AND SELF**

Financial gifts are collected for the work of Community Church and its ministries. Blank cards are also provided in the pews for an offering of self: to note places where you'll serve or respond to need, or to note that you've your financial gift online.

## **OFFERTORY**

### **\*DOXOLOGY (NCH #782)**

To God, all glorious heavenly Light,

To Christ revealed in earthly night,

To God the Spirit now we raise

Our joyful songs of thankful praise.

### **\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

One: Come, O Spirit, dwell among us.

**All: Come with Pentecostal power!  
Come with visions, dreams and wonder!**

One: Come, O Christ, in the breaking of this bread.

**All: Come with Pentecostal power!  
Come with healing in your wings!**

One: Come, O Fire, in the passion of our prayers.

**All: Come with Pentecostal power!  
Make us one. Make us bold. Make us whole!**

### **PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

Response: "God, in your mercy, hear our prayer!"

### **\*BLESSING AND SHARING OF THE FEAST**

Many and great, O God, are your works,  
Maker of earth and sky!  
Grant unto us communion with you,  
O star-abiding One!

(Note that gluten-free, peanut-free crackers are served in the small dish at each station.)

### **\*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND PRAISE**

**\*SENDING FORTH HYMN**

*Stars and Planets Flung in Orbit*

NCH #547

**\*BENEDICTION**

### **POSTLUDE**

**Welcome!** It's a joy to worship with you today. Large print bulletins & personal hearing amplifiers are available in the Narthex entry. Caring volunteers & paid staff tend our nursery during worship. Little ones are welcome any time and the service is piped to the Mezzanine.

**After worship**, all are welcome to gather for refreshments and conversation hosted by The Education and Faith Formation 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/peanut products and that you consider providing something gluten-free.*

# **“Walk in the Love Light”**

A Hymn by Dave Grishaw-Jones

Tune: HOW I LOVE JESUS (American Melody, NCH # 52)

Interpreting the Beatitudes in Matthew 5:1-13

1. O blessed are the poor and lost,  
Who long so to be free,  
Who cannot see the future’s face  
But trust in the mystery.

## **REFRAIN:**

**Walk, walk in the love light  
Walk, walk in the love light  
O shine, shine in the dark night  
And God’s blessings shine on you**

2. O blessed are the hearts that break,  
That weep by hatred’s tomb.  
Your tears will water the barren earth,  
Your melodies, bind our wounds.

## **REFRAIN**

3. O blessed is the daring church  
That hungers for the day  
When justice flows like rivers free,  
And weapons down nations lay!

## **REFRAIN**

4. O blessed – Mercy’s daughters, sons –  
Their circle never ends –  
Who risk forgiveness every day  
So enemies feast as friends.

## **REFRAIN**

## CHRONICLE PLUS -- TODAY at COMMUNITY CHURCH—Sept 8, 2019

10:00 am	Worship Service & Sunday School	Sanctuary
11:00 am	Fellowship Hour	Fellowship Hall
11:30 am	Photo Updates	Mezzanine

**Name Tags:** I know we are all excited to welcome Pastor Dave to Community Church of Durham. As excited as we are to get to know Dave, he wants to get to know us as well. Let's make it a little easier for him to get to know our names. During the month of September, we are asking you to wear a name tag during Sunday Service. If you do not already have one, ushers will provide one for you as you receive your bulletin.

**Thanks** to today's greeters Jimmy Hartman, Keegan Horne, and Lissa Merrill, sound engineers John Moore, Grant Armstrong, Russell Mason, Liam Ashburner, and Emerson Moore, and pulpit assistant, Hugh Tyler.

**Women's Bible Study:** The season's opener of the Women's Bible study group's study of "*More Bad Girls of the Bible*" will be getting underway on Wednesday morning (September 11<sup>th</sup>) at 10 am in the church parlor on the mezzanine floor of the church. We'll discussing which bad girls, who would call them bad and would we call them bad today? Books are available in the church office (\$13) and there is a copy in the church library. The first chapter is on Hagar. If you know her, bring your ideas. If you haven't yet met her, come so you can get to know her. She's an interesting woman. There's no previous Bible study required to get started. There will be a brown bag lunch with beverage and dessert provided on the mezzanine if you would enjoy staying for additional chat time.

**In Memorium... Faure Requiem Sing, Gabriel Faure, Wednesday, September 11, 2019 at 7:30 PM.** Following the 9/11 attack, people have gathered at the Durham Community Church to experience the Faure Requiem as a means of reflecting on the devastation of that event and seeking hope for the future. It is again time to gather and share in the experience of this beautiful music - an opportunity to reflect on all that has happened. The soloists this year are Lorna Ellis and Joe Murphy. The Rev. Michael Bradley will again accompany on organ and Nancy M. Brown directing. All are welcome! Singers - would-be singers - and listeners! All are needed! If you have a score for the music - please bring it with you. There will be some copies available to borrow for the evening.

**Summer Reading Recommendation:** Let's Read Together as a church community the Pulitzer Prize winning, non-fiction work, *Evicted*, by Matthew Desmond. His research will transform our understanding of eviction and its impact on generational poverty through

unjust housing policies. This is the national UCC Racial Justice Ministry book of choice for 2019. A discussion of the book, *Evicted*, is being planned for **Tuesday, Sept. 17, from 10 to 11:30** in the Parlor. If you have questions, please call Marion Ellis, 659-1123.

**ARTS TRIP GROUP** We are excited to announce a new collaboration with the Durham Parks and Rec! We invite all to join us on trips that explore music, theater, and the visual arts. To sign-up, visit the Durham Parks and Rec website or call Director, Rachel Gasowski, at (603) 817-4074. **Sept. 18:** Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Boothbay Harbor, ME (with stop at Red's Lobster Shack.) **Oct. 1:** *Beautiful: The Carol King Musical*, Capitol Center for the Arts, Concord **Oct. 24:** Mt. Kearsage Indian Museum, Warner, NH (This trip coordinates with Durham's Indigenous People's Day events.) **Date to be Determined:** Boston Symphony Orchestra Open Rehearsal with lecture.

**Help us Celebrate!** Katie Wells Wheeler, a fellow church member, is being honored by the nonprofit Arts In Reach (AIR) on **Wednesday September 25th**. Katie's recognition will be celebrated at the Atlantic Grill at 5:30 p.m. during the annual "Spirit of Arts In Reach" performance and fund-raiser. Katie and Doug are important contributors to the growth of AIR, an organization started by our own Kristin Forselius over twenty years ago. AIR provides a safe environment for troubled teenaged girls, aged 13-20, to develop self-confidence, healthy relationships, and life-long skills through literary, visual, and performing arts. If you would like to attend this event, you can purchase tickets online at [www.artsinreach.org/events/](http://www.artsinreach.org/events/) or contact Arts in Reach at 603-433-4278.

This semester the **Tuesday Morning Study Group (TMSG)** will discuss the book *The Color of Compromise: The Truth about the American Church's Complicity in Racism*, by Jemar Tisby. The reading is easy, but the ideas challenge our assumptions and what we have been taught in the past. All are invited to contribute your point of view. We will meet on Tuesdays in the church parlor, 10 - 11:30 AM, October 15 - November 19. Books will be available in the office soon (\$11). If you have questions, please call Marion Ellis, 659-1123.

**Gallery News:** *What/If?* Poetry Plus Reading Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Gallery from 4:00 to 5:30 For our very provocative theme—looking at how the world can change, we welcome both original and 'your favorite' relevant poetry, prose, fiction, theatre, song and (if you care—dance...why not?) We welcome poetry, prose and other expressions of nature, society, travel, meditation, family, or whatever inspires you to think about a better future in the midst of these often trying times. Refreshments will be served. New Gallery Show: *That Which Nourishes Us*: Saturday, October 26<sup>th</sup> to mid-February: This show will place a celebratory focus on what nourishes us.

**Membership Growth Initiative Celebrates Fred Atwood-Lyon's** Commitments to Church Growth and Photography on October 27<sup>th</sup>. Reverend Fred Atwood-Lyon, former member of Community Church of Durham, choir member, husband of Carol, and one of the founding leaders of our Membership Growth Initiative Committee was also a life-long photographer! All proceeds will be given to Membership Growth Initiative to continue his work to "get the message out" that life is "richer, fuller, deeper" in Christian Community. Your support and donations are appreciated in memory and honor of Reverend Fred Atwood-Lyon!

**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](mailto:KristinF@CCDurham.org) or Lorna Ellis: [Lorna.Ellis@comcast.net](mailto: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.

**Green Tip from the Green Justice Committee:** Leave dead trees standing...Unless they pose a threat to people or property, dead trees can be left standing. They provide homes for more than 400 species of birds, mammals and amphibians. Woodpeckers feed on insects found in them and many birds, including owls and flycatchers, raise their young in cavities hammered out by the woodpeckers.

Community Church of Durham is a vibrant place where lots is happening! Please submit items for the Chronicle Plus or eNews to [office@ccdurham.org](mailto:office@ccdurham.org) by noon on Wednesday for that week's bulletin or email.