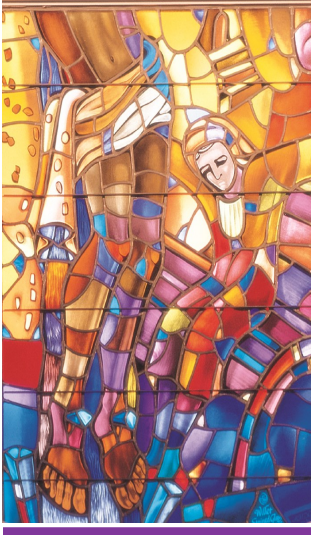


DAVIDSON
UNITED
METHODIST
CHURCH

The Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2021

* All who are able, please stand.



WE WILL BE THE BODY
OF CHRIST IN OUR
COMMUNITY THROUGH
WORSHIP
EDUCATION
FELLOWSHIP
SERVICE

OPENING VOLUNTARY

DIX

Conrad Kocher (1786 - 1872)

adapted by William Henry Monk (1823 - 1889)

Tyler Rae Durkee, organ

WORDS OF WELCOME

Rev. Jim Humphries

* OPENING HYMN, No. 547

O Church of God, United

ELLACOMBE

O church of God, u - nit - ed to serve one com - mon Lord,
From ev - ery land and na - tion the or - dered ranks ap - pear;
Though creeds and tongues may dif - fer, they speak, O Christ, of thee;
May thy great prayer be an - swered that we may all be one,
pro - claim to all one mes - sage, with hearts in glad ac - cord.
to serve one va - liant lead - er they come from far and near.
and in thy lov - ing spir - it we shall one peo - ple be.
close bound, by love u - nit - ed in thee, God's bless - ed Son:
Christ ev - er goes be - fore us; we fol - low day by day
They chant their one con - fes - sion, they praise one liv - ing Lord,
Lord, may our faith - ful ser - vice and sin - gle - ness of aim
to bring a sin - gle wit - ness, to make the path - way bright,
with strong and ea - ger foot - steps a - long the up - ward way.
and place their sure de - pen - dence up - on his sav - ing word.
pro - claim to all the pow - er of thy re - deem - ing name.
that souls which grope in dark - ness may find the one true light.

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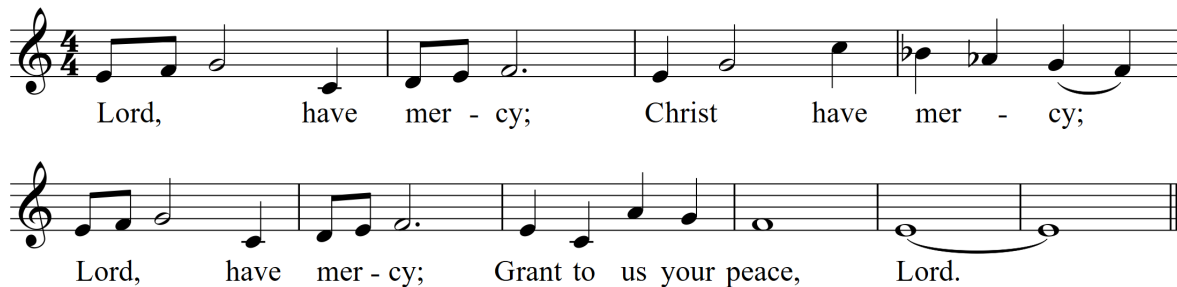
PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
Through your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your name. Amen.

Song of Forgiveness

Kyrie

HAVE MERCY



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Words of Assurance

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Glory to God. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 3:1-13

This is the reason that I Paul am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles—for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him. I pray therefore that you may not lose heart over my sufferings for you; they are your glory.

Lector: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Rev. David Hockett

* AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in God,
who is love, whose love is manifest in all Creation,
in our lives, and in all people.
We follow Christ, who embodied God's love.
In his life and ministry, his death and resurrection,
and his granting to us of his Spirit, he filled us with that love as well.
We live by the Spirit, the presence of God's love in us.
In that love we participate in the Church, the Body of Christ,
in loving God by loving our neighbors
through our prayers, our presence, our gifts and our service.
Love is our faith, and it is a gift from God.
We thank God, and ask God's blessings,
that we may love in the name of Christ
and the power of the Spirit, to God's glory. Amen.**

Steve Garnaas-Holmes

* GLORIA PATRI

VIRGINIA



Glo - ry be to the Fa - ther and to the Son and to the Ho - ly Ghost;
As it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and ev - er shall be,
world with - out end. A - men. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The pastor will end each petition with: Lord, in your mercy,
to which the congregation responds: **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.**

THE OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS

*Thank you for your generous support of the ministries and mission of Davidson UMC.
You may give to the church's General Fund by texting 704-457-5083 with the amount you
would like to contribute, online at www.davidsonumc.org/finances, or by placing your offering
in the Offering Collection Cabinets located at the doors of the Sanctuary.*

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace from Ower the Hills

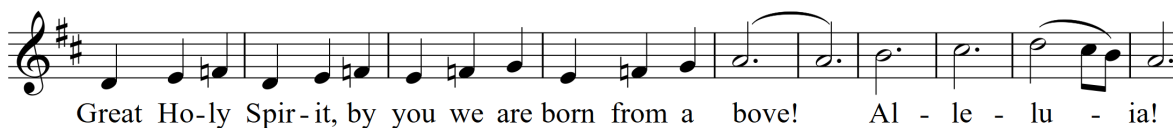
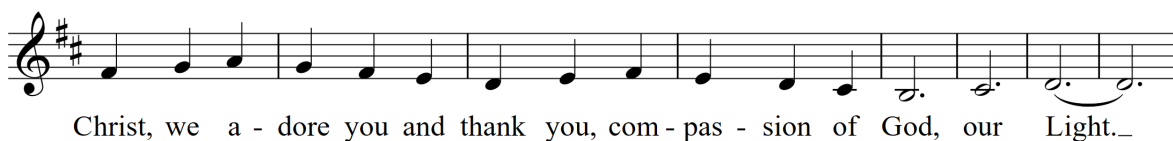
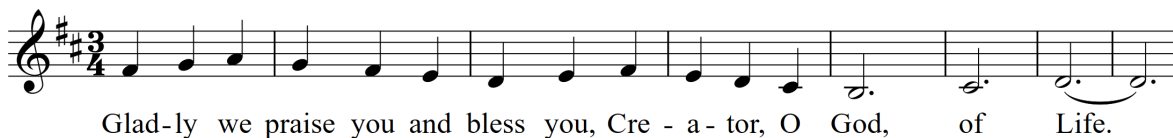
arr. Stephen Hatfield

Debbie Chartraw, flute

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* DOXOLOGY

GLADLY WE PRAISE YOU



* **CLOSING HYMN, No. 553**

And Are We Yet Alive

DENNIS



And are we yet a - live, and see each oth - er's face?
Pre - served by power di - vine to full sal - va - tion here,
What trou - bles have we seen, what might - y con - flicts past,
Yet out of all the Lord hath brought us by his love;
Then let us make our boast of his re - deem - ing power,
Let us take up the cross till we the crown ob - tain,



Glo - ry and thanks to Je - sus give for his al - might - y grace!
a - gain in Je - sus' praise we join, and in his sight ap - pear.
fight - ings with - out, and fears with - in, since we as - sem - bled last!
and still he doth his help af - ford, and hides our life a - bove.
which saves us to the ut - ter - most, till we can sin no more.
and glad - ly reck - on all things loss so we may Je - sus gain.

WORDS: Charles Wesley, 1749

MUSIC: Johann G. Nägeli; arr. by Lowell Mason, 1845.

* **OUR MISSION**

**We will be the Body of Christ in our community
through worship, education, fellowship, and service.**

* **BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

CLOSING VOLUNTARY



WELCOME!

Welcome to Davidson United Methodist Church! Thank you for choosing to worship with us today. If it is the first time you are worshipping with us, it is a joy to introduce you to our church; our doors are open to all. Wherever you are on your spiritual journey, we'd love to walk alongside you. Our mission statement captures our desire "to be the Body of Christ in our community through worship, education, fellowship, and service." It is our commitment to live out our Christian faith in fresh and relevant ways.

Let us hear from you; we would like to encourage you on your faith journey. Whether you are a spiritual seeker who's just starting to ask questions about God or a committed Christian who wants to dig deeper, you will find a home here at Davidson United Methodist Church (DUMC). Check out our ministries, listen to a sermon, and read about what's going on at DUMC on our website at: www.davidsonumc.org.

Thank you for being a part of our worship! The Peace of Christ be with you!

THE FLOWERS ARE PLACED IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY to the glory of God
by Reed Paden and Mary T. Crowder-Paden
in celebration of the 2nd birthday of their grandson, August Everett Boone.

THOSE SERVING TODAY

Lectors: (9:00) RW Williams (11:00) Laurann Patterson

THE MISSIONAL PRAYER FOCUS for this week is the **Men's Shelter of Charlotte**. They operate Mecklenburg County's two year-round emergency shelters for homeless men, providing basic needs such as beds, meals, restrooms, and shower facilities. See more information at www.mensshelterofcharlotte.org. You can help by providing food and serving at our DUMC-sponsored lunches on the first Sunday of each month. Sign up at www.davidsonumc.org/event-registrations.

LIVESTREAM NOTE

This worship service is recorded and shared via the Internet on our church website (www.davidsonumc.org) and Facebook page (www.facebook.com/DavidsonUMC).

Audio or video of any congregant may appear in the webcast.

PASTORAL CARE NOTE

A DUMC pastor remains on call after hours to be of assistance during emergency situations (death, sudden hospitalizations, etc.). Please call 704-770-1264 (or the Church Office -704-892-8277- which provides this number as well) and a pastor will respond as soon as possible.

MISSIONAL IMPACT OPPORTUNITIES

MAKE-A-DIFFERENCE (MAD) COLLECTION FOR JULY is for NEW school items for the **Community Back-2-School Event**. The organizers are requesting the items by the first week of August. Needed are: composition books, two-pocket folders, scissors, and personal pencil sharpeners. Place donations in the MAD baskets in the Gathering Space or in the bins in the Church Office lobby.

BACK-2-SCHOOL EVENT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES For the past several years, DUMC has joined Gethsemane Baptist Church and other area congregations to host an event that provides school supplies to children in need in our community. On Saturday, August 14 from 10 a.m. to noon, we will offer a drive through event at Gethsemane Baptist Church in Davidson. Families who have preregistered can pick up free backpacks loaded with supplies. We have volunteer opportunities on July 24 and July 31 at 1:00 p.m. and August 2 at 2:00 p.m. to help with ironing patches to face masks, adding labels to water bottles, and filling hand sanitizer keychains. We also need several volunteers on the day of the event to help with on-site distribution. We appreciate donations of gift cards and new school supplies. To volunteer or for more information, please contact Cat Rutledge at catrut@bellsouth.net or 704-996-9010.

MEN'S SHELTER DUMC provides a meal for the Men's Shelter the first Sunday of every month. Our next date is Sunday, August 1. Sign up at www.davidsonumc.org under Registrations to serve a meal, make a sausage or vegetarian casserole, or purchase fruit cocktail or green beans. Thanks to all of you that have so faithfully provided to this ministry; your passion for it is a gift.

INVOLVEMENT AND MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY

DUMC MEMBERSHIP CLASSES Those seeking to learn more about DUMC and/or would like to formalize their membership are encouraged to attend membership classes on Sundays, August 15 and 22. Register on the website under Registrations. Contact Charlotte Thomas at cthomas@davidsonumc.org or 704-892-8277, ext. 279 for more information.

YOUTH, CHILDREN, AND FAMILY MINISTRY OPPORTUNITIES

SUNDAY MORNING SMALL GROUPS Middle and High School Small Groups are back for Davidson UMC Youth! Join us Sunday mornings in the Molly McKay House starting at 10:00 a.m. We will have a light breakfast and discuss specific topics for middle school students (grades 6 - 8) and high school students (grades 9 - 12). Following our time together we will attend the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

SUNDAY NIGHT YOUTH The Davidson UMC Youth Group is back together this evening from 5:00 - 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall! In honor of the summer Olympics, we are hosting an Olympic game night! Come dressed in your competitive outfit, fight for the title of Davidson Youth Olympian, and win some great prizes. Everyone in grades 6 - 12 is invited to join us! Bring a friend!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION The VBS Preschool session on August 3 -5 is FULL. Email Susan Cavasinni to be placed on a waitlist at scavasinni@davidsonumc.org.

SAVE THE DATE! Camp Tekoa, located in Hendersonville, NC, is a churchwide family camp. Come join other DUMC families September 24 - 26, 2021 for a weekend of fun and fellowship. **We have space for three more families!** Register on the church website under Registrations. Contact Menita Mercuri for more information at mmercuri@davidsonumc.org.

WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL REGISTRATION 2021-22 class options and tuition info is available on the church website at davidsonumc.org/weekdaypreschool or contact Diane Jordan at djordan@davidsonumc.org.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES

DISCIPLE STUDY INTEREST MEETING The DISCIPLE Bible Study series is a deep and thorough exploration of the Bible and what it means to be a disciple of Jesus Christ. Participants follow a disciplined pattern of daily home study and weekly group meetings. DISCIPLE's focus on both information and transformation gives participants a solid grounding in Scripture and a richer, more meaningful faith.

Study manual notes and DVD clips featuring biblical scholars teach about the different types of literature in the Bible, its major themes, and the cultural and political contexts of its time. DISCIPLE also encourages participants to discern their gifts in a context of support and fellowship and to find their part in God's mission and ministry. To learn more, please come to an information session given by leader Tom Peckham on August 1 in the Purcell Room at 10:00 a.m. and 12:00 p.m., following each service.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE AND SUPPORT GROUPS

LGBTQIA FAMILY AND FRIENDS will meet Tuesday, August 3 at 6:30 p.m. in Room 220. For the next few meetings, we will be working together on ideas to ensure that all feel included and affirmed in our congregation. All are welcome to attend. Contact Beckie McCall at 704-491-4353 to RSVP or for additional information.

THE DAVIDSON CAREER TRANSITION PROGRAM (DCTP) is open to people currently in the job market or those in transition who are interested in career information, help, and support. They meet the first and third Wednesdays of the month from 10:00 a.m. - noon with a networking session from 9:30 - 10:00 a.m. in Room 216/218. Please contact Sherry Carpenter at scarpenter@davidsonumc.org for additional information.

DAVIDSON CARE MINISTERS DUMC offers Davidson Care Ministers (DCMs) to help you during difficult periods of grief, depression, anxiety, loneliness, and other life challenges. DCMs are gifted and well-trained laypersons who are experienced in offering Christ-centered care, to help guide you to healing and wholeness. If you have questions or would like to learn more about how you can request care from a Davidson Care Minister, please contact Rev. Jim Humphries at jhumphries@davidsonumc.org or 704-892-8277, ext. 234. If you have emergency after-hour pastoral needs, contact our on-call pastor anytime at 704-770-1264.

OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

LAY SERVANT TRAINING The district is offering Lay Servant Ministry training for both basic and advanced courses in Charlotte at Central UMC the weekend of October 16 -17. Any members who have taken the basic course may sign up for an advanced course. The courses serve to encourage members who want to discover their spiritual gifts and use them to advance servant leadership, develop future leaders, maintain consistent spiritual practices, and be part of a group who hold each other accountable in their discipleship. If you are interested in attending, please contact layleader@davidsonumc.org for more information.

2021 SANCTUARY FLOWERS SCHEDULE A Signup Genius schedule is available on the church website under Registrations. We have open dates on August 8; September 5 and 12; October 3 and 24; November 21 and 28; December 26. Contact Jonna Eichorn at jeichorn@davidsonumc.org or 704-892-8277, ext. 221 with any questions.

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