

Duke Memorial United Methodist Church

504 West Chapel Hill Street • Durham, North Carolina • 27701

In mission where life is broken. † In celebration where life is whole.

Service of the Word

Seventeenth Sunday After Pentecost

September 15, 2002

TOWER BELLS 10:30 am

WORSHIP 10:55 am

ENTRANCE AND PRAISE

GATHERING

OPENING VOLUNTARY

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

You are warmly welcomed to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. Please sign the registration pad when it is passed to you. As it returns, note who is seated on your pew so you may speak to them after the service.

Visitors, please give us your telephone number so we may contact you in person.

GREETING

Grace to you, and peace from God and our Lord Jesus Christ.

The peace of our Lord be with you.

We gather to worship with joy and not fear, for by the power of God's love we have been reconciled to God.

"By grace we have been saved by faith, and this is not our own doing, it is a gift from God." (Eph 2:8)

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN #463 "Lord, Speak to Me"

CANONBURY

The cross and light precede us from the world into the sanctuary and from the sanctuary into the world.

The cross symbolizes the triumph of Christ. The light signifies God's presence with us.

***OPENING PRAYER**

God of infinite love and particular compassion, who loves all of us and each of us, we thank you for the gift of this moment, and we offer it to you as a gift of praise, of gratitude, of worship. We come bringing a patchwork quilt of hopes and fears to this worship, all bound together by the stubborn belief that what we do in this place and in this hour may make a difference in the rest of our lives. And so we offer this worship to you, wanting to believe, daring to believe that you would speak, even to the likes of us. May the fresh wind of your Spirit blow through this worship so that we might know your Presence. Amen.

MINISTRY MINUTE

Prayer for Our Children

Eilene Bisgrove

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus, to reach out and touch him, and say that we love him. Open our ears, Lord, and help us to listen. Open our eyes, Lord, we want to see Jesus.

ANTHEM

"The First Song of Isaiah"

Jack Noble White

Surely it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid. For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior. Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation. And on that day you shall say, give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name. Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted. Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world. Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 14:1-12

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

(Congregation is invited to sing 1st verse and chorus of "Jesus Loves Me" as the children come forward.)

***HYMN #402**

"Lord, I Want to be a Christian"

I WANT TO BE A CHRISTIAN

***GOSPEL LESSON**

Matthew 18:21-35

SERMON

"How Heavy is Your Sack?"

Lisa Brown Cole

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND PARDON

O God of the ages and of this present hour, hear our prayer and forgive our sins. We confess that we have hoarded our love, giving but the smallest portion. We confess, O God, that we have not always loved our neighbors as we ought. Too easily we grow impatient with them, too easily we dismiss them, too easily we turn a deaf ear to them. Forgive us.

We confess, O God, that we have not always loved ourselves as we ought. Too quickly we give up on ourselves, and too long we remember our failures. We try to be more – and less - than You created us to be. Forgive us.

We confess, O God, that we have not always loved You as we ought. We have hid from You in our shame; we have ignored You in our indifference. Too often we run here and there trying to give You everything except that which You most desire – our love. Forgive us, Free us, O Lord, to love you with all that we are and to love our neighbors as ourselves. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI # 71

“Glory Be to the Father”

GREATOREX

PARISH CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

GIVING OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY #94

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SENDING FORTH

*HYMN #389

“Freely, Freely”

FREELY, FREELY

*BENEDICTION

*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Amen”

DANISH

*GOING FORTH

*CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Our service of worship has ended. Our worship through service begins.

*Congregation is invited to stand.



We are a Stephen Ministry Congregation.

THE GENERAL RULE OF DISCIPLESHIP

To witness to Jesus Christ in the world,
and to follow his teachings,
through acts of compassion, justice, worship, and devotion,
under the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

Our Pastoral Staff:

Ruth Harper Stevens, Senior Pastor

R. Julian Irvine, Minister of Music/Worship

Lisa Brown Cole, Associate Pastor

Ann C. Stallings, Minister of Nurture

Gina Roberts, Minister to Youth and College Age

Our Support Staff:

Laura Denny, Administrative Assistant

Al Buehler, Tower Bells

Joe Stevens, Property Operations Manager

Stuart McCracken, Tower Bells

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Jon White, Tower Bells

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