

## SERVICE THIS MORNING

<p><b>8:45 am:</b></p> <p><b>Infants:</b> Jennifer Bowman <b>Toddlers:</b> Danielle Kilbarger <b>Preschool:</b> Corey Cameron</p>	<p><b>11:00 am:</b></p> <p><b>Nursery:</b></p> <p>Ashley Cordell Ansley &amp; Emerson Turner Brynne Fisher Anthony Frattaroli</p> <p><b>Ushers:</b></p> <p>Julie Raischel Doris Dunn Dave Johnson Chris Wynings</p> <p>Don Rice, Elaine Evans, Hayes Jones, Laura Sizemore, Ken Tysinger, Jim &amp; Sue Johnstone</p> <p><b>Greeters:</b></p> <p>John &amp; Carolyn Rogers Norma Lester</p> <p><b>Acolytes:</b></p> <p>Harry Brooks James &amp; Elizabeth Watson</p>
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### Children in Worship (CIW):

<b>Storyteller:</b> Jessica Martin	Melissa Hall
<b>Greeter:</b> Meredith Hattaway	Lisa Dickson
<b>Youth:</b> Laura Glenn	Thos Spratt

**CHILDREN OF ALL AGES** are welcome in worship. If you find that you need to leave the service to care for your child, Room M201 is open, and is connected to the sanctuary sound system. Ask an usher in the Narthex if you need directions.

### PROGRAMS FOR CHILDREN IN FIRST GRADE & YOUNGER:

Nurseries: (Pagers are available for your convenience)

- **Infant Nursery** (Room S104 – Ms. Sylvia/Ms. Carmen): Birth through 18 months.
- **Toddler/Preschool Nursery** (Room S102 – Ms. Carolyn & Ms. Angie): Children ages 18 months through 4 years (not attending CIW).
- If your child attends the Worship Service with you, s/he will be led to the appropriate nursery after the Children's Time.
- **Complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew rack. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "nursery" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**

Children may be picked up in the above rooms on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary. Our nurseries are open during both worship services and the Sunday school hour. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered in the Toddler and Preschool room each week.

**Children in Worship:** (children age 4 by September 1<sup>st</sup>, Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> Grade)

- Bring the child into the worship service and **complete a *bright yellow* Child Identification Sticker**, found in the pew racks. Place it on your child's back. **Please check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.**
- After the Children's Time, children will be led to Room M206. Please pick up your child following worship in The CIW Room (M206), on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the Ministries Building.

## CALENDAR

### TODAY:

8:45 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School
	Confirmation Parent Meeting, Sanctuary
11:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
4:15 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir, Handbell Room
	Middle School Youth Group, YW
	High School Youth Group, YW
5:30 pm	Youth Parent Meeting, FH

### MONDAY, September 9:

9:30 am	SM Supervision Group #1, M210
10:00 am	Creative Connections/Prayer Shawl Group, M312
6:30 pm	Endowment Board Meeting, M312
7:00 pm	Tony Dehler Circle, FH Parlor

### TUESDAY, September 10:

8:00 am	Men's Ministry Breakfast, FH
10:00 am	Namesake Bible Study, M106
6:00 pm	Girl Scouts Informational Meeting, FH
7:00 pm	Outreach Team Meeting, M312

### WEDNESDAY, September 11:

9:30 am	Adult Bible Study, M312
	SM Supervision Group #2, M210
6:00 pm	Joyful Ringers, Handbell Room
7:00 pm	Chancel Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

### THURSDAY, September 12:

10:00 am	Ladies of Unity Book Club, FH Parlor
1:00 pm	Games & Fellowship Group, FH
6:00 pm	Staff Team Meeting, M312
6:30 pm	SM Supervision Group #3, M210
	PNC Meeting, M207

### SATURDAY, September 14:

10:00 am	Chancel Choir Retreat, Choir Room, Sanctuary, & FH
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### SUNDAY, September 15:

8:45 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
10:00 am	Sunday School
11:00 am	Worship Service, Sanctuary
12:00 pm	Connections Class, M312
	Acolyte Training, Sanctuary
4:00 pm	Youth Safe Place Training, FH
4:15 pm	Junior Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room
5:00 pm	Cherub Choir, Handbell Room
	Middle School Youth Group, YW
	High School Youth Group, YW



## The Service for the Lord's Day Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 8, 2019

*"United in Christ's love, we glorify God  
through worship, nurture, and service to all people."*

The Organ Prelude is a veil dropped between everyday life and the Sanctuary. It is a sign for prayerful meditation and silence as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Prelude *Adagio from Symphony No. 5* Widor

### WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Introit (11:00 a.m.) *Surely the Lord Is in This Place* Lau

Call to Worship

ONE: Because you have searched us and known us,

**MANY: O Lord, you are worthy of all praise!**

ONE: Because you knit us together before we were even born,

**MANY: O Lord, we stand in awe of you!**

ONE: Because you are familiar with the deepest parts of our being,

**MANY: O Lord, we gather together today  
to worship your Holy Name.**

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\* Hymn of Praise No. 2

*Come, Thou Almighty King*

ITALIAN HYMN

\* Call to Confession

ONE: In worship, we come before God to confess, not as criminals ready to be punished, but as the redeemed family of the living God. We come to the throne of grace with confidence in God's everlasting love and perpetual mercy. Let us together confess our sin before God and one another.

\* Prayer of Confession

**UNISON: God of Creation, you created us to be more than what we have become. Renew within us a vision for who you have created us to be. God of Redemption, you recognize that we have traveled down paths from which we do not know how to return. Guide us back into your presence. God of Sustaining Power, you know that we have grown weary of doing good and have done what is easy instead. Give us your Spirit, that we might be guided each day by your love, hope, and faithfulness. In the name of Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.**

\* Silent Prayer of Confession

\* Assurance of Pardon

ONE: Sisters and brothers in Christ, we have been justified with God by the faithfulness of Jesus Christ. There is nothing in life or in death, nor in all creation that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

**MANY: Thanks be to God!**

\* Gloria Patri No. 581

Choir and Congregation

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

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## WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading

Luke 14:25-33

Anthem (8:45)

*Psalm 139*

Pote

Lynne Rayl and Jim Lester, duet

(11:00)

*Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God*  
Chancel Choir

Mueller

Create in me a clean heart, O God,  
And renew a right spirit with me.  
Cast me not away from thy presence,  
And take not thy holy spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation,  
And uphold me with thy free spirit.  
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways,  
And sinners shall be converted unto thee.

Second Reading

Jeremiah 18:1-11

Sermon

Rev. Lindsay White

“This Clay Pot is Giving Me Some Sass”

## WE RESPOND TO GOD'S CALL

\* Hymn of Response No. 695

CHANGE MY HEART

*Change My Heart, O God*

\*Affirmation of Faith

from Montreat Youth Conference 2018

**UNISON: We believe in God – the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, who gathers, protects, and cares for the church. We believe the church is one worldwide communion of saints, called from the entire human family. We believe the church is the single community of believers, reconciled with God and with one another. We believe that through the working of God's Spirit, unity is a binding force, and also that we must seek this unity, which must become visible to the world. We believe that the sin of division, separation, and hatred between people and groups has been conquered by Christ. We commit ourselves to protecting the unity of the church universal. We pledge to make this unity active in all of our words, thoughts, and deeds. Amen.**

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**UNISON: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.**

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission

Commissioning of Women of Unity Officers

Offertory

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

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(Congregation is requested to sign the Welcome Pad at this time.)

Online giving option: [UnityOnlineGiving.org](http://UnityOnlineGiving.org) (QR Code on pew cards)

\* Doxology No. 606

OLD HUNDREDTH

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

\* Prayer of Thanksgiving

**UNISON: All that we have and all that we are belongs to you, O God, our Rock and our Redeemer. We give to you today as an act of trust, allowing you to lead us where your heart is going and to use our gifts for your glory and for the benefit of our neighbors. In Jesus, we pray. Amen.**

\* Hymn of Commitment No. 5

JENNINGS-HOUSTON

*God the Sculptor of the Mountains*

\* Charge and Benediction

\* Choral Response (11:00)

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*The Lord Bless You and Keep You*

\* Postlude

*Toccata*

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\* Congregation Standing

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## NOTES ON THE SERVICE

**WE EXTEND A WARM WELCOME** to those visiting with us this morning. We welcome you to Unity Presbyterian Church, its work and worship, its nurture and service, its comfort and ministry. Please sign the Welcome Pad as it comes to you, giving us your address and telephone number. We invite you to speak with one of the pastors, or check “wish to join” on the Welcome Pad, if you desire to be a part of this church family.

**WELCOME PADS** are located in each pew. Each person is requested to sign this pad and provide the appropriate information. Pass the pad to your neighbor and return it to its original position, so that everyone may learn the names of all on your pew.

**BIBLES ARE LOCATED** in racks underneath the pews.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available at the Deacons' desk in the Narthex.

**LARGE PRINT HYMNALS** are available at the Deacons' desk in the Narthex.

**PLEASE REMEMBER** to turn off or silence your cell phone prior to the beginning of worship services.

**EVERYONE IS ASKED** to please welcome late-comers to worship by making room for them in the pews.

**WORSHIP BAGS ARE AVAILABLE** for children who stay in the sanctuary during worship. They contain tools to help children engage in worship. Parents will find an instruction card included in the bag; please take time to read it. Enjoy the bags, and at the end of worship, put the used bag in the return basket.

**LAY WORSHIP LEADER** at both services today is Lauren Mobley.

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