



The Service for the Lord's Day
Seventh Sunday After Pentecost
10:00 a.m. Worship Service
July 12, 2026

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

WE CELEBRATE GOD'S LOVE

Prelude

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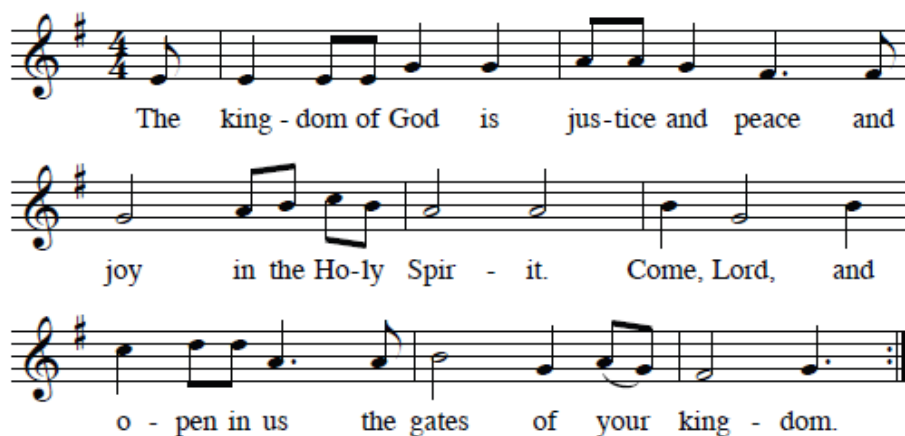
Pachelbel, arr. Crain

Welcome and Announcements

Gathering Song

The Kingdom of God

Berthier



*** Call to Worship**

ONE: We have been called to the banquet.

MANY: This is the feast.

ONE: We have been summoned to the wedding.

MANY: We anticipate a celebration of life and light.

ONE: From the highways and byways, God has invited us.

MANY: Prepare for a banquet that has no end. Let us worship the living God!

*** Hymn No. 396**

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Prayer of Confession

MANY: God of grace, we want to understand what the kingdom of heaven is like, but our minds are clouded by cares and concerns of the world. You invite us to your feast, O God, but we do not come. You beg us to give thanks for life, and we fail in our thanksgiving. When we do accept your invitation, we fail to prepare to truly participate. Forgive us for what we have done and for abandoning the path you desire for us. Turn our feet and hands to your will. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear your good news for the world even here and now.

Silent Prayers of Confession

WELCOME

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a long-time member, we are blessed to have you with us.

As a congregation, we seek to live as people united in Jesus Christ. Our church consists of people of all ages and stages on faith's journey, from those new to faith to those who have honed their faith for decades. We consider this one of Unity's greatest gifts. We see ourselves as an ever-widening family with room for everyone. We tend to worship in some pretty traditional ways. We study the scriptures and seek to understand the teachings and actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world.

We hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning - a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper connection with the God who loves you! After the service, stick around for a few minutes. Introduce yourself to one of the pastors. If you cannot stay or are worshipping with us online, please visit our website. See if this is a place and a people that God is calling you to be a part of, a place and a people where you might invest yourself in the amazing work God is doing, a place and a people you just might call home.

Assurance of Pardon

- ONE: Friends, hear these words, and listen to this good news; the empires of this world will rise and fall, but the mercy of the Lord will never end.
- MANY: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, thanks be to God.**
- ONE: As we are reconciled to God in Jesus Christ, let us share the welcome and peace of Christ with one another, standing to greet one other with, "Peace be with you," and responding, "And also with you."

* Passing of the Peace

Please stand and share the peace of Christ with those around you. When the organ music begins, return to your pew and remain standing as we sing the Congregational Response together.

* Congregational Response No. 581

Glory Be to the Father

GLORIA PATRI

**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.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

First Reading

Isaiah 25:1-9

Children's Time

Congregational Blessing

Go Now in Peace

Sleeth

**Go now in peace, go now in peace,
may the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

Anthem

Blessed Assurance
Jim Boyd, soloist

Knapp

Blessed assurance, Jesus is mine!
O what a foretaste of glory divine!
Heir of salvation, purchase of God,
born of his Spirit, washed in his blood.

Refrain: This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.
This is my story, this is my song,
praising my Savior all the day long.

Perfect submission, perfect delight,
visions of rapture now burst on my sight.
Angels descending bring from above
echoes of mercy, whispers of love. (*Refrain*)

Perfect submission, all is at rest;
I with my Savior am happy and blest,
watching and waiting, looking above,
filled with his goodness, lost in his love. (*Refrain*)

Second Reading

Matthew 22:1-14

“The Kingdom of Heaven is like a King Who Gave a Wedding Banquet”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S CALL

* Affirmation of Faith – The Heidelberg Catechism, 4.054-4.055

Q. What do you believe concerning “the holy catholic church”?

A. I believe that the Son of God through his Spirit and Word, out of the entire human race, from the beginning of the world to its end, gathers protects, and preserves for himself a community chosen for eternal life and united in true faith. And of this community I am and always will be a living member.

Q. What do you understand by “the communion of saints”?

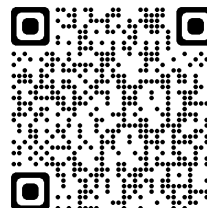
A. First, that believers one and all, as members of this community share in Christ and in all his treasures and gifts. Second, that each member should consider it a duty to use these gifts readily and joyfully for the service and enrichment of the other members.

Prayers of the People and the Lord’s Prayer

MANY: 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.

Offering

As we worship both at home and in the sanctuary, we pause in gratitude to God to prayerfully reflect on the response we make to God’s amazing grace in Jesus Christ. Financial gifts can be shared online at <https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/give/non>, through the mail, as the plates are passed, or in the mailbox in front of the Historic Sanctuary.



Offertory Anthem

Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us
Family Choir

arr. Hopson

Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need your tender care;
in your pleasant pastures feed us, for our use your folds prepare.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have bought us, we are yours.

You have promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
you have mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse, and power to save.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, early let us turn to you.

Early let us seek your favor; early let us do your will;
blessed Lord and only Savior, with your love our souls now fill.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.
Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, you have loved us, love us still.

* The 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.**

Leading Worship this morning:

Rev. Dr. Matt Rich
Senior Pastor

Rev. Molly Spangler
Associate Pastor

Beverly Tysinger
Lay Worship Leader

Margaret Monroe
Director of Music

Acolyte:

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* Prayer of Thanksgiving

* Hymn No. 506

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

COPELAND

* Charge and Benediction

* Congregational Response

What Is the World Like (stanza 5)

NEW WORLD



* Postlude

Finale Jubilante

Willan

*As you are able in body or spirit, please stand.

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SANCTUARY FLOWERS today are given to the glory of God and in memory of our wedding anniversary and Joan's birthday, by Tom Thomasson.

ASSISTED LISTENING DEVICES & LARGE PRINT HYMNALS are available at the Deacons desk in the Narthex of the Sanctuary.

OPPORTUNITIES TO CONNECT, WORSHIP, GROW, AND SERVE

Worship

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.

NURSERY IS AVAILABLE during today's worship service in Room S104 for infants-18 months and S103 for toddlers/preschoolers up through age 3. Both rooms are located on the bottom floor of the Sanctuary building. Our nursery is run by trained, paid staff with assistance from trained church volunteers. Age-appropriate Bible stories and activities are offered throughout the morning. Children may be dropped off up to 15 minutes prior to a worship service or may attend worship with you until the Children's Time and then will be taken to nursery by our volunteers and staff. ***If your child plans to leave the service following Children's Time, please 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.***

CIW IS AVAILABLE during today's worship service. "Children in Worship" is a Montessori-based worship program for young children (those who will turn 4 before September 1st, 2026, those who are Rising Kindergarten and 1st graders as well as those who have just completed 1st grade). They learn to worship in a way that corresponds to corporate worship yet addresses their needs as young children. ***Please bring your child with you to worship in the sanctuary and complete a Child Identification Sticker, found in the pew rack, and place it on your child's back. Check "CIW" on the sticker and add a cell phone number in case of an emergency.*** After the Children's Time, your child will be escorted to the CIW Room (M206) on the children's Sunday school wing.

SANCTUARY WORSHIP IS LIVESTREAMED - Please note that as you join us for worship in the Sanctuary, there is a possibility that you will be seen on the online livestream. If you have any questions or concerns, please let us know by contacting Dr. Matt Rich at the church office at 803.547.5543.

Christmas in July

LIVE NATIVITY REGISTRATION - Unity is planning our first Live Nativity for this Advent Season! This will be a live action retelling of the story of Christ's arrival on Christmas. **This event will take place on Friday, December 18th with two back-to-back shows, one at 5:30 p.m. and the second at 7:00 p.m.** It will take place outside, in front of the Historic Sanctuary. At this time, we are inviting adults and youth ages 6th grade and up to participate in all roles. All acting roles will be silent. We will pre-record the narration and actors will be acting out scenes to the recording. Therefore, you have no lines to memorize, even the narrators can read right off the page when we record. We need to know now, in July, if you can participate as an actor or a reader so we can plan costumes and rehearsals. If you are interested in participating, **please use the QR code to register**, or reach out to Pastor Molly at mspangler@unityfortmill.org. **Please sign up by Sunday, July 19th!**



Congregational Care

GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP THIS FALL - Have you experienced a significant loss? Are you struggling to process and reflect about that loss without getting overwhelmed? If so, you are invited to participate in a grief support group here at Unity this fall. This group will meet weekly for six weeks beginning in October and into November. Meeting times and dates will be confirmed closer to the fall. Rev. Jeannie Bickett, Susan Mobley, and Rev. Molly Spangler will lead the group in conversation each week. There will be space to share, reflect, and pray together as we support one another along this grieving journey. If you plan to participate, please register by contacting Rev. Jeannie Bickett at pjbickett@unityfortmill.org. We hope to see you there.

Endowment

AS YOU CONTEMPLATE YOUR LEGACY, please consider including Unity in your estate planning.

UNITY ENDOWMENT PROGRAM ACCEPTING APPLICATION FOR FUNDS - On May 11th, the Endowment Board authorized the distribution of up to \$30,000 for the 2026 – 2027 fiscal year. If you would like to fund a program or activity not funded by the budget, please submit the [attached application](#) to Pam Bright, Financial Manager by August 4th. Applications can also be found in the rack on the wall in the hallway next to the sanctuary. Distribution requests will be reviewed by the Endowment Board and announced on Endowment Sunday, September 13th. The Board will accept distribution requests after August 4th, but additional funds may not be available until after June 30th, 2027. For more information about the distribution timeline [click here](#). You may also visit <https://unityfortmill.org/endowment-did-you-know/> to access the documents.

Faith Formation

MONDAY MUSINGS meets **each Monday from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m.** with the pastors in Room M201 for conversation about and study of Sunday's sermon and scripture texts.

Fellowship Ministry

JOIN US FOR UNITY'S ANNUAL ICE CREAM SOCIAL on **Sunday, August 2nd, at 4:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall!** Enjoy a cool treat and an afternoon of fun and fellowship with friends and family. This exciting event is for all ages and is one you won't want to miss. "Churners" may bring homemade ice cream prepared in advance or churn your ice cream on-site. If you are interested in being a "churner" for this event, please contact Vickie Fulton at fultonvc@gmail.com or Jean Thies at jthies@comporium.net. Need a churn? Fully automatic ice cream makers are available to sign out from the Unity Kitchen and can make delicious frozen desserts in under 30 minutes. Be sure to participate in our popular Flamingo Counting Contest! Test your skills by counting the flamingos hidden throughout the event. The person with the closest count will be named this year's winner and receive an Ice Cream Scoop! Congratulations to Nim Routh, our 2025 Ice Cream Scoop Winner, who claimed the title at last year's Ice Cream Social! We look forward to seeing you on August 2nd. Come join the fun—you'll stay cool for sure!

Outreach

YOU'RE INVITED TO HEAR STORIES FROM HONDURAS – On **Sunday, July 19th, in the Fellowship Hall at 11:00 a.m.**, the team who traveled to Honduras back in June will share stories and photos from their trip. Everyone is invited to come hear stories of the ways God has been at work in the lives of our Honduras travelers and those they encountered on their trip this year.

UNITY'S OUTREACH MINISTRY TEAM INVITES YOU TO A SUNDAY WITH CINDY CORELL! On **Sunday, July 26th**, Cindy Corell is coming to visit us here at Unity. Cindy is one of the PC(USA)'s Global Ecumenical Liaisons, and a long-time friend and mission partner of Unity's. Before becoming a Global Ecumenical Liaison, Cindy was a mission co-worker in Haiti. Cindy is going to preach in worship and then share in a time of conversation following worship with us in the Fellowship Hall. Cindy will talk about her new role, as well as the what the new structure of mission looks like for our denomination. Our Outreach Team hopes to see you all on July 26th as we welcome Cindy and hear more about the mission work of the PC(USA).

CHANGE FOR THE CHURCH OFFERING - Continuing throughout the month of July, we will collect our Change for the Church Offering. During this time, we encourage everyone to collect their household change and donate to Unity for the following missions:

- One-half of the Change for the Church offering will be used to provide school supplies for children in need in the Fort Mill School District through the Foundation for Fort Mill Schools' Classroom Ready project.
- One-half of the offering will provide funds to the Syria-Lebanon Partnership Network to aid displaced and refugee children in Syria and Lebanon.

Details of how to give are listed below:

- Visit <https://onrealm.org/unityfortmill/-/form/give/> now to give online, select the "Change for Church" fund from the list of available funds.
- Buckets will be placed in the Narthex of the Sanctuary during the month of July for you to bring your loose change, folding money and checks for this annual Change for the Church offering.
- If you would prefer to mail a check, please make checks payable to Unity Presbyterian Church and write "Change for Church" in the memo line.

Stephen Ministry

UNITY PRESBYTERIAN IS A STEPHEN MINISTER CHURCH - Stephen Ministers are members of Unity Presbyterian Church who have gone through 50 hours of training to provide confidential, one-on-one Christian care to people who are facing a crisis or simply going through a difficult time. A Stephen Minister meets with his or her care receiver once a week for around an hour to listen, care, pray, and provide emotional and spiritual encouragement. Men are matched with male Stephen Ministers, and women are matched with female Stephen Ministers. To find out more about how you or someone you know could be matched with a Stephen Minister, talk with Susan Mobley or Dave Johnson, via email at Stephenministryreferrals@unityfortmill.org or call Rev. Molly Spangler at 803.547.5543.

Women of Unity

PLEASE KEEP IN TOUCH with all things happening with the Women of Unity by sending an email to wouministry@gmail.com. We would love to add you to our communications! Follow us on Instagram: [@woufortmill](https://www.instagram.com/woufortmill).

Worship and Music

WORSHIP AT 10:00 A.M. EACH SUNDAY IN JULY - As it is such a joy to gather our whole congregation for worship together, we will once again hold a single worship service each week at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in July. Unity traditionally participates in Change for the Church with casual dress and a special offering in July, so we'll also change our worship time to all worship together. Children in Worship (CIW) and Nursery will be offered at this service, as well as Family Choir. So, mark your calendars to note that we'll worship at 10:00 a.m. each Sunday in July - and come early because it means the sanctuary will be full each week!

FAMILY CHOIR - Join us for the last two Sundays of Family Choir! **Please note the start times below.** Family Choir is open to all children (who are readers), youth, and adults.

July 19 – **9:45** in the choir room

July 26 – **9:15** in the choir room

SUMMER HANDBELLS - During the month of August, make plans to join us for Summer Handbells. This group is for total beginners and experienced ringers alike. It's the perfect opportunity to try something new! Youth and adults are invited, and basic note reading and ringing techniques will be emphasized. We will rehearse for three Wednesdays at 5:30 p.m. (August 5, August 12, and August 19), and then we will play in worship at both services on August 23rd. **Use the QR Code to register on Realm.**



UNITY CHILDREN'S CHOIRS - New and returning Cherub Choir and Covenant Choir members are invited to a **Kickoff Party on Sunday, August 2nd, from 3:00 - 4:00 p.m. in the choir room.** Come get to know each other, enjoy some snacks, play games, and start learning a new anthem to sing together in worship at the end of August. We'll be done in time for the Ice Cream Social! **On August 9th, we'll start regular rehearsals.** Cherub Choir (children turning 4 by September 1st, 2026 through first grade) will meet from 2:30-3:15 and the Covenant Choir (grades 2-5) meets from 3:30-4:15 p.m. Parents, **please scan the QR code to register on Realm** for the new school year. Contact Margaret Monroe at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org or 547-5543 with any questions.



MUSIC CAMP - Save the Date! Music Camp will be **February 15th - 19th, 2027, from 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. each day.** Children in Kindergarten through 5th grade are invited to join us for a joyful week of singing, music, games, creativity, and faith formation at Music Camp! 4K children who attend Cherub Choir in the fall may also register with Music Director's approval. **Registration opens October 1st, 2026.** For more information, contact Margaret Monroe, Director of Music, at mmonroe@UnityFortMill.org.

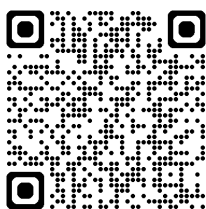
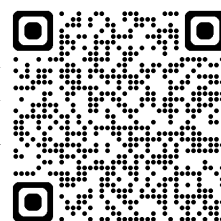
2026 FLOWER CALENDAR SIGN UP - Would you like to honor a family member, friend, or a special group of people? Placing fresh flowers in the sanctuary to the glory of God is a perfect way to remember and celebrate a special person/s or occasion in your life. Dates for 2026 are now added to a Sign-Up Genius for reserving a Sunday to place flowers in the sanctuary. You may visit <https://bit.ly/4qE41tj> and complete the steps for selecting your choice of Sunday(s). All instructions are included. If you have questions, please contact Michaela Braswell at mbraswell@UnityFortMill.org or 803.547.5543 ext. 130). Early sign-up is recommended to ensure the Sunday of your choice.

Young Adults

JOIN US FOR A YOUNG ADULT & COLLEGE STUDENT BIBLE STUDY! Join us on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays of the month during the summer at 7:00 p.m. for a bible study and fellowship, hosted by Dannie Vaughn. RSVP to Dannie Vaughn or Liz Corsig.

Youth Ministry

RSVP FOR SUNDAY YOUTH BRUNCH IN JULY! Join us for brunch & devotion immediately following 10:00 a.m. worship in the Historic Sanctuary in July. Rising 6th-8th graders will meet on July 5th & 19th, and rising 9th graders – graduated seniors will meet on July 12th & 26th. **Scan the QR code to learn more and RSVP!**



SIGN-UP FOR MID-WEEK MISSION IN JULY! All rising 6th graders – graduated seniors are invited to join us on Wednesday mornings this summer for service with a local mission partner, followed by lunch together. **Scan the QR code for more details and to sign-up.**

REGISTER FOR MIDDLE SCHOOL SLICK CITY NIGHT! All rising 6th-8th graders are invited to join us for a night at Slick City Action Park on **Thursday, July 30th from 6:30-8pm.** **Scan the QR code for more details and to register!**



REGISTER FOR HIGH SCHOOL LAKE DAY! All rising 9th graders- graduated seniors are invited to join us for an afternoon at Lake Wylie on **Sunday, July 26th!** **Scan the QR code for more details and to register.**

Hymns for July 12, 2026

10:00 a.m.

Hymn

Brethren, We Have Met to Worship

HOLY MANNA

Brethren, we have met to worship and adore the Lord our God.
Will you pray with all your power while we try to preach the word?
All is vain unless the Spirit of the holy One comes down.
Brethren, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Sisters, will you come and help us? Moses' sister aided him.
Will you help the trembling mourners who are struggling hard with sin?
Tell them all about the Savior. Tell them that he will be found.
Sisters, pray, and holy manna will be showered all around.

Is there here a trembling jailer, seeking grace and filled with fears?
Is there here a weeping Mary pouring forth a flood of tears?
Brethren, join your cries to help them; sisters, let your prayers abound!
Pray, O pray, that holy manna will be scattered all around.

Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too.
Let us love and pray for sinners till our God makes all things new.
Christ will call us home to heaven; at his table we'll sit down.
Christ will gird himself and serve us with sweet manna all around.

Hymn

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table!

COPELAND

Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring.
Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing.
Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done.
Christ insists they all are welcome. There is room for everyone.

Clouds of lights surround the table; ancient followers appear,
saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
Peter tells of his denying, Christ was ever in his sight;
Paul relates his fruitless efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways,
but they share one thing in common: they all end in thanks and praise
for the host who has invited north and south and east and west
to converge around this table, where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised
by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes
when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!
—and then passes wine that wakens in your hearts the taste of love.