



**Fourth Sunday of Easter**  
**April 17, 2016**  
**10:30 am**

# Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

*\* Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

## Prelude

## Welcome

Yolanda Adams

Please pass the red friendship pads to sign in at this time. If this is your first time visiting, please legibly write your name and address so we may send you a letter of welcome and more information about our church.

If you have a prayer concern, you may fill out a prayer card located in the pew pads and place it in the prayer box in the Narthex or in the offering plate.

## Call to Worship (Rev. 7:12)

One: We praise Creation's God:

**All: Praise and glory to God!**

One: Let each single voice praise God:

**All: Wisdom and thanks to God!**

One: Let all voices together praise God:

**All: Honor and Strength to God!**

One: With all Creation we praise God:

**All: Halleluia!**

## \* Hymn # 301

"Crown with Your Richest Crowns"

## Prayer of Invocation

We seek and find you in Creation, O God, in the world you have made and the people you have called. You are our shepherd and guide, leading us to share the shelter of your abundant life. Let us recognize you here in the beauty of this morning and in its challenge. May the Risen One, the Good Shepherd, lead us to act for your justice and peace so that all may drink from your springs of the waters of life, and find their tears of sorrow and pain wiped away. In the name of Christ we pray: Amen.

## Prayer of Confession

**Assurance of Grace** (Spoken by all)

**GOD is my shepherd; I shall not want.**

**God makes me lie down in green pastures,**

**and leads me beside still waters; restoring my soul.**

God leads me in the path of righteousness  
for the sake of God's name.

Even though I walk through  
the valley of the shadow of death,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
You anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
All the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of GOD  
my whole life long.

## **Anthem**

### **Time with Children**

Gary Mitchell

*Following a Time with Children, kids K-5 are invited to accompany JP Morrill to the Children's Church Room. Teens may go to the Youth Tower Room with Taleese Morrill. Both groups will need to be picked up after worship by their parents/guardians.*

### **\*Passing the Peace**

### **Scripture**

John 10: 22-30

### **Sermon**

"Being Led Like Sheep"

Margot Pickett

### **\*Hymn #247**

"My Shepherd Is the Living God"

### **Ministry Updates**

Yolanda Adams

**Prayers of the People (Maori Version)**

**Earth Maker, Life-Giver, Pain-Bearer,  
Source of all that is and all that shall be,  
Father and Mother of us all,  
Loving God, in whom is heaven:**

**May the hallowing of your name  
echo through the universe!**

**May your heavenly will be done  
by all creatures great and small!**

**And may your commonwealth of peace and freedom  
sustain our hope and come on earth!**

**With the bread we need this day, feed us.**

**For the hurt we inflict on one another, forgive us.**

**Through times of temptation, strengthen us.**

**From trials too great to endure, spare us.**

**From the grip of all that is evil, free us.**

**For you reign in the glory of the power that is Love. Amen.**

**We Offer Our Gifts**

**Call for the Offering**

**Offertory**

**Prayer of Dedication**

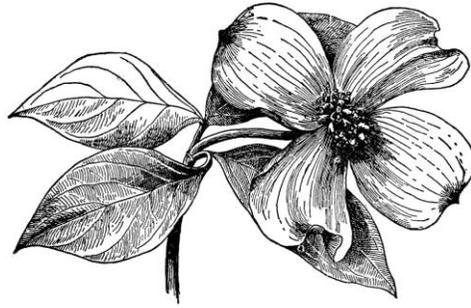
One: O God, take these gifts and multiply them for the healing of your beloved world.  
Know that we offer them as praise to you:

**All: Blessing and Honor; Glory and Power!**

**\*Hymn # 479**

**“God is My Shepherd”**

**Benediction**



*Please join us in the Friendship Hall for a time of fellowship and light refreshments!*

## **Welcome!**

*We are a progressive, risk-taking Christian faith community.*

*We follow the way of Jesus as the Christ and are welcome, open, and affirming to all.*

*We believe God is vibrant, alive, and still speaking to us!*

*We believe that God encourages us to engage the world through acts of mercy, peace, and justice.*

### **For Today's Service**

Greeters/Ushers: Kat Balsinger and Laura Slack  
Liturgist: Rev. Alice Martin-Adkins  
Deacon of the Month: Jacque Wuelling  
Alternate Deacon of the Month: Mary Ann Brackett  
Security/Floater: Randall Bowman  
Childcare/Nursery: Kerby Wyatt

### **Our Staff**

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**The next community Hard-2-Recycle event is scheduled for Saturday, April 23, 8am – 1pm, at City Tailgate Market in the AVL Public Works Parking Lot, 161 S. Charlotte St. Visit [www.ashevillegreenworks.org](http://www.ashevillegreenworks.org) for more information.**

## Events and Opportunities to Connect *More information on our website: [www.uccasheville.org](http://www.uccasheville.org)*

**Today!** Please join the **Earth Team** in the Library around noon for a meeting. If you're interested in caring for and celebrating nature and our environment, take some time to get involved. The meeting includes a five minute presentation from Brad Rouse/Alice Wyndham of Citizen's Climate Lobby re an energy audit/weatherization project for low-income Asheville residents?

**Men's Group** next meets Tues April 19, at 6:30 pm in **E-205**. This month's theme is Holy Laughter. Bring your favorite jokes including groaners, humorous stories (true or not, stolen or original), cartoons or whatever makes you laugh.

**On April 24, The Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund**, Vice President for Seminary Advancement at Christian Theological Seminary in Indianapolis and author of the book *Blessed are the Crazy: Breaking the Silence About Mental Illness, Family, and Church*, will be preaching at the 10:30 worship service as well as leading an Adult Forum at **9:00 AM** on Mental Health and the Church.

**After worship, Sarah will meet with folks in our congregation interested in starting a Mental Illness Ministry. We will provide lunch, asking that each person contribute up to \$10 if possible.** Please let Yolanda know ([ministry@uccasheville.org](mailto:ministry@uccasheville.org), 828-279-4899) if you plan to attend so we can have enough "loaves and fishes" for everyone!

**Congregational Conversation:** May 1<sup>st</sup> after worship in the Friendship Hall. As one of its first efforts, the Team is asking members of the congregation to join us for this Congregational Conversation to help us get an idea of "Where We Are Now" as a congregation. After losing our pastor of almost 20 years, many of us have been working through the various stages of grief over the last nine months. We'd like to share with you some of the stages of grief we learned about as a Team, and hear some of your feelings as to where many of you may be in your own stages of grieving. From this conversation, the Team will begin formulating plans for future meetings as, together, we explore where we've come from, who we are now, and who we feel God is calling us to be.

**Lunch Bunch:** Most Sundays, a varying group of us leave from the church around noon and head to a local eatery close by and just have a good time getting to know each other. All are welcome! Ask a greeter or usher for help finding Beaver or the lunch bunch!

**Sacred Pause:** Come and use artmaking/coloring as a way to find some meditative quiet and self-reflection in your life. Mondays 5:45-8PM Room 105 in the education wing of FCUCC. No class May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

**Stir the Soul Café:** Meets Wednesdays in the library from 2-4 pm. Join Loraine Tuenge for a time of discussion and fellowship.

## Faith Formation Classes *More information on our website: [www.uccasheville.org](http://www.uccasheville.org)*

**Faith Formation Class led by Brenda Lewis: "Joy of Sects"**— The class will be delving into the history and basic ideas of some of the major religions such as Islam, Judaism, Buddhism and Hinduism. Class will continue through May 8th, Pentecost Sunday, and will be facilitated by Rev. Brenda Lewis. No class on April 24<sup>th</sup> so that everyone may attend the 9:00 am special talk by that day's guest preacher.

**Special Faith Formation Class** on April 24<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am with Rev. Dr. Griffith Lund.

**Join us on Wednesday evenings, 5:30-6:30, for discussion of the book** "Reading the Bible Again for the First Time" by Marcus J. Borg in Room E-107, led by Margot Pickett. This Wednesday we will discuss chapters 4 & 5, "Reading the Creation Stories" and "Pentateuch Again".

# Church Calendar

## Sunday, April 17<sup>th</sup>

9:15 am “Joy of Sects” Faith Formation with  
Rev. Brenda Lewis E-101

9:15 am Children’s Chime Choir in E-107

10:30 am Worship, Rev. Margot Pickett

11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus

5:30 pm Youth Group in tower room

## Monday, April 18<sup>th</sup>

*Harper out of office*

5:45 pm A Sacred Pause (meditation through  
creativity) E-105

## Tuesday, April 19<sup>th</sup>

*Harper out of office*

10:30 am Staff Meeting

5:30 pm Board Meeting, Library

6:30 pm Men’s Group with Bill Petz, E-205

## Wednesday, April 20<sup>th</sup>

*Harper out of office*

2:00-4:00 pm Stir the Soul Cafe

5:30 pm Book Group with Rev. Margot Pickett

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm Choir Practice

## Sunday, April 24<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am Mental Health & the Church forum  
with Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith Lund E-101

9:15 am Children’s Chime Choir in E-107

10:30 am Worship, Rev. Dr. Sarah Griffith  
Lund

11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall

12:00 pm Lunch Bunch off campus

12:00 pm Laundry Love off campus

## Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup>

5:45 pm A Sacred Pause E-105

## Tuesday, April 26<sup>th</sup>

10:30 am Staff Meeting

## Wednesday, April 27<sup>th</sup>

2:00-4:00 pm Stir the Soul Cafe

5:30 pm Book Group with Rev. Margot Pickett

5:30 pm Bell Choir Practice

6:30 pm Choir Practice



*John Singer Sargent*





*Contemporary Ukrainian Artist Yuri Klapoukh*

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