



James Tissot, "The Woman with the Infirmity of Eighteen Years"

First Congregational United Church of Christ

August 21, 2016

10:30 am

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

** Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

As the Prelude is performed, please prepare to worship God in a spirit of prayerful meditation.

Welcome

Margot Pickett

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 when it is passed later in the service.

Hymn Sing (worshippers are invited to recommend a hymn for all to sing)

Prayer of Invocation

**O God of all goodness,
you welcome us, forgive us and heal us.
You seek us out from places where we have hidden from you.
You crown us with steadfast love and mercy.
Reveal yourself to us in this moment.
Let us know your presence so that we may bless you:
Bless you, O God!
Bless your holy name! Amen.**

Sung response "O My Soul, Bless Your Creator" (Hymn #13)

**O my soul, bless your creator; all within me bless God's name; bless
your maker and forget not all God's mercies to proclaim.**

Scripture

Isaiah 58: 9b-14

Anthem

"I Know De Lord's Laid His Hands on Me" Arr. Burleigh
Gary Mitchell, Tenor

Time with Children

Gary Mitchell

After a time with Children, children K-5 may go to the Children's Church room with Gary Mitchell and will return before the end of worship.

***Passing the Peace**

Scripture

Luke 13:10-17

Sermon

“Hypocrisy and Healing”

Margot Pickett

*Hymn #553

“There is a Balm in Gilead”

Ministry Updates

Concerns and Celebrations

Pastoral Prayer

We Offer our Gifts

Call to Offering

Offertory “Will You Come and Follow Me”- Kelvingrove

Prayer of Dedication (spoken in unison)

**With reverence and awe for your ways,
we offer our gifts for the work of love and justice,
the work of healing, restoring and setting free in
your holy name, God of our hearts. Amen.**

*Hymn # 382

“Come, We Who Love God’s Name” (verses 1-3)

Benediction

Please join us in the Friendship Hall for some light refreshments and conversation.

For Today’s Service

Greeter/Usher: Alison Langley

Liturgist: Tisa Lewis

Security: Randall Bowman

Childcare/Nursery: Marcella Gonzalez

Deacon of the Month: Randall Bowman
(bwr0165@aol.com)

Alternate Deacon of the Month: Beaver
Wyatt (beaverwyatt@bellsouth.net)

Our Staff

Rev. Margot Pickett, Interim Senior Minister
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Gary Mitchell, Assistant Minister
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Viviana Altamirano, Custodian

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.

Margot will be on vacation next week. Please reach out to Gary Mitchell in case of any pastoral emergencies.

Nursery Our nursery is open during worship for babies and children pre-school age and younger. Children and babies may be dropped off by a parent or guardian before worship or after a Time with Children. (You will be asked to sign in and leave a cell phone number). They must be picked up as soon worship ends. They are also welcome to remain with you in the sanctuary.

Faith Formation for Children and Teens On most Sundays of the month (except the first), we invite our children to go to a multi-age class in room E 204 following the Time with Children. Our teen youth meet with Taleese Morrill or volunteer parents in the Youth Tower on those Sundays. Teens are at Carrowinds with Taleese & JP today!

Events and Opportunities to Connect *More information: www.uccasheville.org*

Earth Team: Meeting today after worship in the Library. New folks are welcome to attend and learn!

The Staff Parish Relations Committee will meet on Aug. 24. The purpose of the SPR ministry is to help resolve conflicts that arise between members of the congregation and the staff, including the Senior Pastor. All deliberations of the SPR are kept in confidence while recognizing the need to sometimes involve multiple parties in order to resolve or minimize emerging issues. If you have a concern that you would like to discuss with the SPR, please contact one of the members listed below to make an appointment. **Cathy Whitlock**, whitlock@unca.edu , 828-681-9840. **Paul Gillespie**, tellpablo11@gmail.com, 828-681-0428. **Joyce Rhymer**, bobandjoyce1@charter.net, 828-277-3988. **Betty Dillashaw**, bettydtleaf@gmail.com, 336-260-0836. **Richard Howe**, rmhhowe@gmail.com 828 595 2796.

The Nominating Committee will begin working in September to find nominees to serve on the Governing Board for a three year term starting in 2017. The Board appoints this three-member committee and welcomes your suggestions of people to serve for approximately two months. Please submit names for the Nominating Committee to Sondra Helton, at Sondra.Helton@yahoo.com by Sept. 1. When the Nominating Committee begins their work, they will also ask the congregation for suggestions for new Board members. A slate of nominees will be voted on by the congregation at the Annual Meeting in December. (Please see section VII.2 of the Bylaws which are available in the Narthex)

Habitat for Humanity: We only need one more volunteer for First Congregational UCC's workday: Tuesday, September 6th (1 volunteer needed). Contact Mary Ann Brackett for more info: 777-6384.

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