



*"The Poor Invited to the Feast"*

**First Congregational United Church of Christ**  
**August 28, 2016**  
**10:30 am**

**Located at 20 Oak Street Asheville, NC 28801**  
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# 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 and Announcements

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 when it is passed later in the service.

## \*Call to Worship

One: Sing aloud to God our strength and shout with joy:

**All: God, our Host, welcomes us.**

One: God reminds us, "I brought you out of the land of Egypt and fed you along the way:"

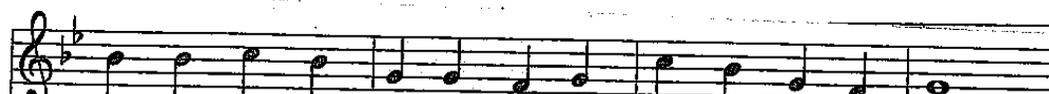
**All: When we opened our mouths, God filled us with good things.**

One: God calls us to walk the path of faithfulness, trusting the promise:

**All: a feast for all - freshly-baked bread, hot from the oven, and sweet honey to satisfy our hunger. Let us worship God!**



1 Here, O Lord, your ser - vants gath - er, hand we link with hand;  
2 Man - y are the tongues we speak, . . scat - tered are the lands,  
3 Na - ture's se - crets o - pen wide, . . chang - es nev - er cease.  
4 Grant, O God, an age re - newed, filled with death - less love;



look - ing toward our Sav - ior's cross, joined in love we stand.  
yet our hearts are one in God, one in love's de - mands.  
Where, oh where, can wea - ry souls find the source of peace?  
help us as we work and pray; send us from a - bove



As we seek the realm of God, we u - nite to pray:  
E'en in dark - ness hope ap - pears, call - ing age and youth:  
Un - to all those sore dis - tressed, torn by end - less strife:  
truth and cour - age, faith and pow - er, need - ed in our strife:



Je - sus, sav - ior, guide our steps, for you are the way.  
Je - sus, teach - er, dwell with us, for you are the truth.  
Je - sus, heal - er, bring your balm, for you are the life.  
Je - sus, mas - ter, be our way, be our truth, our life.

\*Hymn "Here, O Lord Your Servants Gather"

## Invocation

Hospitable God, you invite us to a banquet  
where the last may be first,  
and the humble and the mighty trade places.  
Let us share your abundance with no fear of scarcity;  
let us greet strangers as angels you have sent!  
Send your Spirit now  
so that we may find a place at your table  
and welcome others with radical hospitality.  
In the name of Jesus, Guest at all our tables, we pray. Amen.

## Reading of Scripture

Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16

## Anthem

## Time with Children

Taleese Morrill

*Children may go with JP Morrill to Children's Church in E-204, and the teens may go with Taleese Morrill to the youth room. The Nursery is open for children and babies pre-school and younger.*

## \*Passing the Peace

## Reading of Scripture

Luke 14:1, 7-14

## Sermon

"Power in Humility"

Rev. Brenda Lewis

## \*Hymn #423

"Great Is Your Faithfulness"

## Sharing our Gifts

Invitation to Share

Offertory

Prayer of Dedication (Spoken in unison)

Dear God, you have offered us a place at the table  
and you have called us to share without expectation

of being repaid. You have called us to make a place for the poor, the outcast and the oppressed. So we ask that you bless these resources so that they might support ministries of compassion and justice until all of your children have a place at the table. Amen.

**\*Hymn #349** "I Come With Joy" verses 1,4,5

## Blessing

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

### For Today's Service

Greeter/Usher: Frank Prevatt & Gary McLamb  
Liturgist: Cara Pollard  
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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**Taleese Morrill**, Youth Ministry Coordinator  
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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.*

**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.