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**First Congregational United Church of Christ
June 5, 2016 10:30 am**

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

** Indicates to rise in body or spirit*

Prelude

Gary Mitchell

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

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 when it is passed later in the service.

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 146)

Leader: Happy are those whose hope is in God,
maker of heaven and earth--

People: for God keeps faith forever!

Leader: God executes justice for the oppressed
and gives food for the hungry.

**People: God sets the prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.**

Leader: God lifts up those who are bowed down.

**People: God watches over the strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.**

Leader: People of God, sing praise to the One who is your help—

People: for God keeps faith forever!

***Hymn #25** “O God, Our Help in Ages Past” (verses 1, 3, 5, 6)

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

We confess, O God, that the burdens which weigh us down also narrow our vision. Fear of scarcity makes us focus on our own survival. We regard strangers with suspicion and find it difficult to share. We speak words that we regret and keep silent when we need to speak. Weariness and discouragement sap our energy and our faith.

We wonder how there could be good news that is not of our own making. We fail to look for and to see the ways that you are at work among us and in our world. We resist your power that might allow us to change the ways we live.

Silent Prayer

Assurance of Pardon

In the person of Jesus,
God invites us to discover the freedom and new life that God offers us.
God's forgiveness heals us.
God's grace dispels our weariness and discouragement.
God's love clears our vision.
God's compassion lifts our burdens.
We are made new!

All: Thanks be to God! Amen.

Commissioning of Pilgrims to Iona

Congregational Response:

**God bless the path on which you go,
God bless the earth beneath your feet,
God bless your destination.**

God be a smooth way before you, a guiding star above you, a keen eye behind you, this day and forever.

Anthem

“God's Eye Is On The Sparrow”- arr. Fettke

Michael Dawn Martoccio – Soprano, Jason Kindle -Tenor

Scripture

I Kings 17:8-16

Time with Our Children

Gary Mitchell

Children will remain in worship today.

Scripture Reading

John 6: 1-14

Sermon

“The Miracle of Multiplication”

Rev. Margot Pickett

***Hymn #347**

“Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

Sharing Our Gifts

Call for Offering

Offertory “Prelude in Classic Style” - Young

Prayer of Dedication (spoken in unison)

Money, bread, and wine: these we offer you, O God. By your Spirit, transform them into a life-giving cup, life-giving bread, life-giving money, that you may restore all your people to life, and life abundant.

Celebration of the Lord’s Supper

Invitation

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. You who come to me shall not hunger; you who believe in me shall never thirst.

All: In company with all who hunger for spiritual food, we come to this table to know the risen Christ in the sharing of this life-giving meal.

Prayer

Words of Institution

Sharing the Bread and Cup

All are welcome at this table. Please come down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and return by one of the side aisles. Each station has a gluten free option. The liquid in the tall cup is wine, the liquid in the short cup is juice.

Communion Duet “Let Us Break Bread Together” - arr. Courtney

Michael Dawn Martoccio – Soprano, Jason Kindle -Tenor

Prayer of Thanksgiving (spoken in unison)

We have received from your hand, O God, bread from the earth to fortify our hearts and wine to gladden our spirits. May these signs of Christ’s presence fill our lives with such gratitude that we are impelled to spread the joy wherever we go. Amen.

***Hymn #81**

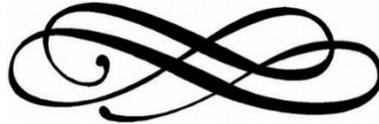
“God Be with You”

Benediction

Postlude

“Riccard on St. Ann” - Young

Please join us in the Friendship Hall for Transmission 101's Lunch and Learn about being Transgender. Suggested donation to cover food costs is \$5.



The Iona pilgrims are: Sandy Clark, Richard and Ruth Howe, Mandy Kjellstrom, Ralph and Emily McCoy, Deb Morris, Cecilia Rawlins, Beverly Reddick, Joyce Rhymer, Gordon Rice, Ronald Salman, Dorri Sherrill, Milton and Nancy Spann, Loraine Tuenge. They will be gone June 9th through June 19th. You may follow the *Stir the Soul* blog to keep up with their trip: stirthesoulcafe.wordpress.com

For Today's Service

Greeters/Ushers: Sandy Clark & Andy Potts

Liturgist: Rev. Dorri Sherrill

Communion Prep: Carol Duin/Tara Darby

Communion Servers: Mandy Kjellstrom, Bev Reddick, Ruth Howe, Richard Howe, Deb Morris.

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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.

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

Camping Trip: We have found a location for our all church campout September 23-25th. We need your \$20 deposit ASAP to reserve our spots! Make checks out to FCUCC with “camping” in the memo line and put in the offering plate or give to Mary Ann Brackett today. Please see our website for full info: www.uccasheville.org/all-church-camping-trip. Mary Ann Brackett is organizing and can answer questions.

Sacred Pause on Monday Nights: Starting in June, Sacred Pause will meet monthly from 5:45 to 8pm on the following dates: June 20 (Yolanda Adams leads), July 18 (Loraine Tuenge leads), August 22 (Jacque Wuelling leads).

Guest Preacher and Workshop Leader June 26th: Please plan to join us on June 26 when we will have a special guest preacher, Rev. Elizabeth (Beth) Kennett, from the Center for Congregational Health. Beth is an ordained minister in the United Church of Christ who specializes in consulting and coaching ministries. Beth also has expertise in transitional issues, team building, and conflict management. She will introduce us to the “Five Cs of Congregational Health: Clarity, Conflict, Communication, Community, and Change,” focusing primarily on Communication and Community. The Transition Team has highlighted these as areas of growth for FCUCC as we move into the future and has invited Beth to preach *and lead a workshop immediately after worship* for the congregation on June 26. We hope many of you can be there!

Mental Health Ministry: We will be hosting a three-part Summer Series on the matters and topics surrounding Mental Health. Reverend Jerene Broadway will be leading this series during the Sunday School (Faith Formation) hour, from 9:15 am to 10:15 am in Room E-101 the **12th of June, the 10th of July, & the 7th of August**. Each class will be geared towards different aspects of Mental Health and Illness so you don't have to come to all three to understand and engage in the conversation. This will be an informative and compassionate series and we hope that you will be able to come as often as possible. Reverend Jerene is a member of our church and is a staff chaplain at Mission Hospital, serving primarily in the Copestone Psychiatric Units. She is also a member of the board of the National Alliance on Mental Illness Western Carolina.

Calling All Graduates: If you or anyone in your family are graduating this year, please send Yolanda information on the graduate such as name, where they are graduating from, and where they are going. From Kindergarten to Doctorate, we will honor all on Sunday, June 12th in the worship service. Please send information to ministry@uccasheville.org.

All Church Retreat August 12-14 at Lake Logan Episcopal Center

The theme of this year's retreat is “Re-Imagine the Gifts of God: Sowing Seeds of Hope and Wholeness”

Retreat Leaders are David LaMotte, Rev. Karen Richardson Dunn and Katie Warren, M. of Ed. The Transition Team will also facilitate a session on our church heritage immediately after lunch on Saturday. If you haven't been to one of our wonderful retreats before, please consider coming this year. It is a rejuvenating experience. Registration forms are available in the Narthex (pink sheets) or in the plastic pocket outside Yolanda's office. More information can be found on our website: www.uccasheville.org.

Calling All Musicians! Young and old! Professionals and Amateurs!

Do you play a musical instrument? Sing? Dance? If so, we'd love to have you participate in the July 31st worship service that will be a celebration of music and musicians. As the hymn goes, "When in our music God is glorified, and adoration leaves no room for pride, it is as though the whole creation cried: Alleluia!" Please be in touch with Yolanda (ministry@uccasheville.org) or Margot (Margot.Pickett@uccasheville.org) as soon as possible, and no later than July 17 if you are interested in being part of this special service!

TODAY'S Events

Transgender 101 "Lunch and Learn" Sessions

We'll be holding two sessions after worship TODAY and June 12, led by our own Allison Scott and Tara Darby. As we constantly live into our mission of welcoming all and engaging the world through acts of mercy, peace and justice, it's important to take advantage of every opportunity to know and understand each other more fully. We will serve some light refreshments, in the Friendship Hall, enough to fill your body as we fill our minds and hearts. We are asking for a small donation of \$5.00 to help defray cost of the refreshments being served.



Art Gallery Exhibit Our next gallery show will be by portrait artist Jacob William Bennett. Jacob graduated with honors from Young Harris College in May with a major in Art and will be moving to the U.K. to begin a Masters Program at the University of Leeds in September. Jacob will be in worship with us on today and will stay for a meet and greet in the gallery during the coffee hour. I encourage all our artists to stop by and meet this exciting young talent.

Church Calendar

Margot will be out of the office June 6th through June 20th.

Harper will be out of the office the week of June 13th.

Sunday, June 5th

10:30 am Worship
11:45 am Transgender Lunch & Learn
12:00ish pm Lunch Bunch (off campus)
12:00 pm Laundry Love (off campus)

Tuesday, June 7th

10:30 am Staff Meeting

Sunday, June 12th

9:15 am Children's Chime Choir in
Sanctuary
10:30 am Worship, Rev. Aubra Love
11:30 am Friendship time in Friendship Hall
11:45 am Transgender 101 Panel in
Sanctuary



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