

Welcome! WE ARE...

AN LGBT OPEN and AFFIRMING Congregation of the United Church of Christ and a Just Peace Church.

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.

We hope you will enjoy worshipping with us today. If you have any questions about us or the building, please ask one of our greeters! If you care to, please neatly print your name and address in the pew pads when they are passed down the pew and we will mail you a letter of welcome and more information about our church and its ministries. Visit our Facebook page or website to learn more about our classes, events, and ministries! You can sign up for our e-newsletter via our website. www.uccasheville.org www.facebook.com/FCUCC

Current Classes & Workshops

Sundays at 9:15 am: Rev. Brenda Lewis is leading an ongoing, drop-in style Bible study focusing on the Book of Daniel. Downstairs in the Education wing in E-107. Join us as we study Daniel, one of the most vivid collections of stories and visions in the Old Testament. With fire and lions, mystical creatures and a few vegetarians in the mix, we will explore the way these ancient writings instruct us today as we make our way in the midst of our own decisions to either fit in or to defy the culture around us.

Mondays at 5:45-8pm: Art as a Spiritual Practice for Peace and Healing. Join us in some meditative art-making! No art experience or supplies needed. Drop-ins welcome. Please arrive on time.

Jesus Justice Prayer Peace

**Indicates to stand in body or spirit*

Welcome & Ministry Updates

Yolanda Adams

Voluntary

***Call to Worship** (Psalm 90: 1-2)

One: Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations.

All: *Before the mountains were brought forth,*

One: Or ever you had formed the earth and the world,

All: *From everlasting to everlasting you are God.*

***Hymn #558** “O How Glorious, Full of Wonder”

Unison Prayer

We come

With songs aching to be sung,

With words aching to be spoken,

With questions aching to be answered,

With feelings aching to be expressed,

With hearts aching for love,

With arms aching for embracing.

We come

With wounds aching to be healed,

With emptiness aching to be filled,

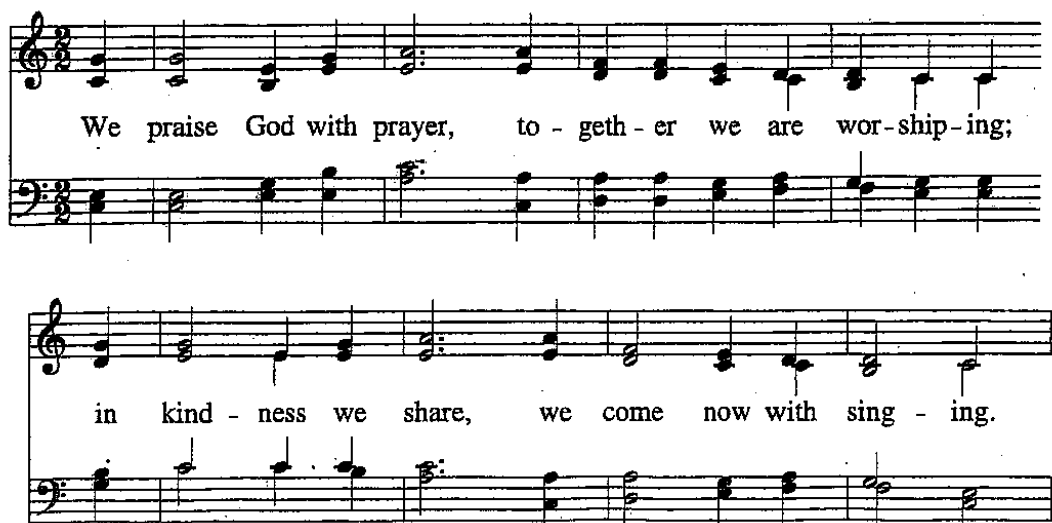
With joy aching to overflow.

Let your love

*Soak into our spirits and into our skin
Like soothing salve,
And leave a tingle where once there was an ache,
So that all may say
We have met with God today,
And everyone was touched
And no one was turned away.
Amen.*

Prayer Response

“We Praise God with Prayer”



The image shows two staves of musical notation for a hymn. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. The key signature has two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 3/8. The lyrics are: "We praise God with prayer, to - geth - er we are wor - ship - ing; in kind - ness we share, we come now with sing - ing."

A Reading of Scripture

Psalm 63: 1-8

Anthem

“In Terra Pax”

Jerry Estes

A Time with Children

Pastor Gary Mitchell

After a Time with Children, children may follow Gary out of the sanctuary and into a classroom for a time of religious exploration and education, and will return to the sanctuary before the last hymn. Children are also welcome to remain in worship.

***Passing the Peace**

A Reading of Scripture

Mark 10: 17-30

Sermon

“Too Full of Hands”

Rev. Margot Pickett

*Hymn #172

“Jesus Calls Us, O’er the Tumult”

A Time of Prayer

Joys and Concerns

Pastoral Prayer

The Prayer of Jesus (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

Unison Prayer of Dedication

*Generous God, we thank you for all that we have
— for all of it comes from you.*

We gratefully return a portion of what we have to you.

*May our offerings sustain and support
The work of this church to close the disparity
Between those who have much and those who have little
In this community. Amen.*

***Hymn #77** “Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing”

***Blessing**

Postlude

For this week's service

Greeters/Ushers: Mack Johnson & Michael Kern

Liturgist: Rev. Paul Gillespie

Deacon of the Month: Carol Duin

Alternated Deacon of the Month: Julie Everett (Handicap Door)

Nursery/Childcare: Savannah Price

Announcements

Please see our website for more upcoming events or to read our e-newsletter

- **Rev. Joe is on a Leave of Absence.** Rev. Margot Pickett has started as our Interim Pastor. You can read more about her on our website: <http://www.uccasheville.org/our-interim-pastor.html>. If you want to send Rev. Joe a get well card, you can mail it to his home at 29 Birchwood Lane Asheville, NC 28805
- **A Letter to the Congregation** from the board and one from Joe were mailed out last week. They probably should have started to arrive on Saturday, but mail can be slow here. If you are member or frequent visitor here but did not receive your letter, Harper can email you a copy, or mail another to an updated address. Email her with the request: admin@uccasheville.org.
- **You may contact our Interim Pastor, Margot Pickett** at margot.pickett@uccasheville.org. Her open office hours are Tuesday through Thursday 9 am to 12 pm. She prefers to know in advance if you will be stopping by, so please call the office or email her to arrange a time. If those hours don't work for your schedule, she is able to work with you. Just ask! For urgent pastoral needs, call her on her cell phone: 919-414-6053.

- **We are collecting for the special offering, Neighbors in Need today. Look for special offering envelopes in your bulletin or from a greeter. Please either put your donation in the NIN envelopes or mark NIN on the memo line of your check.** Neighbors in Need (NIN) is a special mission offering of the UCC that supports ministries of justice and compassion throughout the United States. One-third of NIN funds support the Council for American Indian Ministry (CAIM). Two-thirds of the offering is used by the UCC's Justice and Witness Ministries (JWM) to support a variety of justice initiatives, advocacy efforts, and direct service projects through grants. Neighbors in Need grants are awarded to churches and organizations doing justice work in their communities. These grants fund projects whose work ranges from direct service to community organizing and advocacy to address systemic injustice. Funding is provided through donations to the Neighbors in Need offering.
- **Faith & Flicks TONIGHT:** The new season starts Sunday, Oct. 11th at 5:45 pm with a screening of Big Fish in E-101. Join us for a great movie and conversation.
- **Our Monthly Game Night** will be held off campus this month as our church will be in use by the Room in the Inn guests. Dennis and Mary will be hosting at their home! Join them - everyone is welcome! Tuesday, Oct. 13th at 7 pm. 399 Lakeshore Drive Asheville, NC 28804.
- **Reading Buddies Program with Johnston Elementary:** If you are interested in being a reading buddy for a student who needs extra help at Johnston Elementary, please contact Yolanda (ministry@uccasheville.org). There will be a brief training and orientation tour of the school on the weeks of Oct. 12th and Oct. 19th. ALL Reading Buddies will need to complete the form for background checks as a LEVEL 2 volunteer. Access the form at this link: <http://www.buncombe.k12.nc.us/Page/21699> - Yolanda
- **Community Gathering:** The board has scheduled a Community Gathering/Discussion about Joe's Fitness Review for Sunday, October 18th following worship. The Board will share as much of the information as possible and do our best to answer any questions you may have. **Please make plans to attend this meeting.** If you cannot attend please find another congregant who plans to be there who can share the information with you later.
- **Finance Report:** On Sunday, October 25th following worship Spence Duin, Chair of Finance, will present a report about our finances in the Friendship Hall. He will be reviewing our budgets and how well our giving and pledging has met up with our goals for this year.

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Complete details for all events, and our continuing prayer concerns can be found in our weekly e-newsletter. Sign up or read the most current issue on our website: www.uccasheville.org. You can also scan the QR code with your smart phone or device to get to our website. You may also donate through Paypal on our website!

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Hoffman- "Christ And The Rich Young Ruler"

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