



Jesus Healing The Sick by Heinrich Hofmann

Season of Ordinary Time
September 27, 2015
10:30 am

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*

Rev. Alice Martin-Adkins is our guest preacher today.

Rev. Alice Martin-Adkins and her husband, Ron, have lived in Asheville for 10 years and been members of FCUCC since 2006. Alice, with Southern Baptist and Church of the Brethren roots, was ordained by the Church of the Brethren in 1976 after receiving her MDiv. from "Inter/Met" - an interfaith, experiential, on the job training, experimental seminary program based in Washington, D.C. during the 1970s. She has served as pastor of Church of the Brethren congregations in Reisterstown, Md., Champaign, Il., Kensington, Md., Hershey, Pa. and Washington, D.C. While at FCUCC she has served on the worship committee and Board, helped with the designing of the current congregational structure and by-laws, chaired the Spiritual Emphasis Team of the Capital Campaign and been deeply blessed by the ministries of this congregation, especially the Centering Prayer and Artist Rule groups.

Alice enjoys semi-retirement, working part-time for Biltmore, hosting friends who visit the area, and spending more time with her family (Drew, Myra and Matt) and especially the granddaughter, Javin River, born on July 2.

Welcome and Ministry Updates

Yolanda Adams

Voluntary

Guest Organist, Christian Marquess

***Call to Worship**

One – May justice roll down like waters renewing our desert experiences

ALL: And may the rhythm of love release us from our fear.

One – Rejoice, and know that everything belongs to god, we belong to God – all will be restored, all will be reconciled.

ALL: *Let the spirit of Jubilee ring throughout our lives!*

***Hymn #73**

“Enter Rejoice and Come In”

Unison Prayer

Blessed are you, O God, who created us to love one another and who called us to be a covenant community. We come this today, gathered in gratitude:

Grateful for this community and for your creation, all of which belong to you, grateful for the cycles of the year, sowing and reaping, for joy of work and play and rest, and for your unending love. Amen

Our Own Quiet Prayers

Prayer response “O God, Hear My Prayer”

O God hear my prayer, O God hear my prayer,
when I call an-swer me, O God hear my prayer, O
God hear my prayer. Come and lis-ten to me

The image shows three staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). The melody consists of quarter and eighth notes. The lyrics are written below the notes. The second staff starts with a '3' above the first measure, indicating a triplet. The third staff ends with a double bar line and repeat dots.

Recognition of Deacons

Yolanda Adams

Installation of New Members

Yolanda Adams

(See insert for liturgy for this)

Megan Worrell Lupton, Jasmine Beach-Ferrara, Meghann Burke, Calvin Burke, Mack Johnson, Michael Kern, Ron Phillips, Larry Horne, Greg Knepper

Solo

Violinist Carol Shoaf

1st Lesson

James 5:13-20

One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People

ALL: Thanks be to God

Psalm 1 (from Psalms for Praying)

A Time for Children

Rev. Becky Lindquist

***Passing of the Peace of Christ**

Following Passing of the Peace, children may leave the sanctuary with Connie Toops to pick potatoes from our community garden which they planted in the spring.

2nd Lesson

Mark 9:38-50

Sermon

“Salty Saints”

Rev. Alice Martin-Adkins

***Hymn #312**

“We Love Your Realm, O God” V.1-4

Joys and Concerns of the People of God

Prayer of Jesus

*God who is in the heavens
May your name be made holy,
May your dominion come
May your will be done,
On Earth as in heaven
Give us today the bread we need.
And forgive us our debts
As we have forgiven our debtors.
And do not put us to the test,
But rescue us from evil
For yours is the dominion, and the power,
And the glory forever.
Amen.*

We Offer Our Gifts

Offertory Solo

Prayer of Dedication

Christian Marquess

Yolanda Adams

***Hymn #181**

“You are Salt for the Earth, O People”

Benediction

Alice Martin-Adkins

Postlude

Christian Marquess

(Please remain seated for the postlude)

Today after worship, Earth Team will have several containers of fresh-cut herbs on the stage in the Friendship Hall. You are welcome to take some home to add special flavors to your cooking. (Garden produce donations will be used to purchase compost next spring to organically enrich the raised beds. Donations are welcome, but never necessary.)



For this week's service

Greeters & Ushers: Al and Ann Mojonnier

Liturgist: Reverend Loraine Tuenge

Deacon of the Month: Mary Ann Brackett

Alternate Deacon of the Month: Terry
Kaeser (at the Handicap Door)

Nursery/Childcare: Marcella Gonzalez

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 will be starting as our Interim Pastor soon. Her first Sunday with us will be October 4th. Please join us after worship that day to meet her during Friendship Time! You can read more about her on this week's insert or 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
- **Earth Team Meeting TODAY!** Earth Team will meet Sunday Sept. 27, after worship in the Library. Anyone interested helping make FCUCC "greener" is welcome to attend.
- **Blessing of the Animals:** Saturday, October 10th at 11 am in the Memorial Garden. Officiated by Pastor Gary. Bring your well behaved, beloved pets to this fun and meaningful event!
- **Room in the Inn** is coming next month! October 11 - 18 is our opportunity to minister to a group of homeless women. If you'd like to assist with transporting the women to/from AHope, please see our transportation coordinator, Mary Cowal. If you'd like to assist with

set-up/clean -up, please see our set-up and clean-up coordinator, Mary K. Set-up and clean-up involves only the first and the last day of RITI. If you'd like to accompany the women by spending the night with them, please see our overnight coordinator, Linda Comer. Still needed: One overnight host for Sunday, October 11th. One overnight host for Monday, October 12th. One overnight host for Saturday, October 17th. Thank you for caring and loving our community's homeless women. Sondra and I look forward to ministering with you... And having fun with you!!

- **Blue Ridge Pride:** Can you help volunteer to prepare for or staff our booth at this year's event? It's October 3rd from 11-7 and is always a fun event. If you can't help volunteer, we hope you will at least check out the festivities and come say hello to our folks! Contact Yolanda (ministry@uccasheville.org) if you are interested in participating.

- **A note about the artwork:**

Rev. Alice Martin-Adkins told me that the focus of this week's worship would be about healing based on the Mark text. Along with some traditional images of Jesus healing, the bulletin features photos of Self-Heal, a plant native to this area which you might even have growing in your yard. The flower essence of Self-Heal, as defined by the Flower Essence Society: "Self-Heal flower essence is especially indicated for those who have lost belief in their own capacity to be well, or who have abdicated this inherent responsibility to healers or others. It is a very beneficial remedy for those who face great healing challenges, whether physical, mental, or spiritual.



The central teaching of Self-Heal

is to enable the Self to affirm and to draw from the deep wellspring of life, toward true recovery and restoration. The name "Self-Heal" is perhaps its own best affirmation, since all healing depends on an inner commitment to be well. No variety of outer measures and techniques can bring about healing (physical, emotional, mental, or spiritual), if there is not a quickening from within the individual, a motivation to seek and affirm the wholeness of life."

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