

## Order of Worship

Prelude "Prelude on DUKE STREET" arr. David Paxton

Welcome and Announcements Rev. Neely Gaston

Call to Worship Rev. Gaston and Congregation

O God, we gather in Your presence with expectation, hungry for an encounter with You, eager to hear Your Word.

**Open our eyes and ears to the presence of Your Holy Spirit.**

May the seeds of Your Word scattered among us this morning fall on fertile soil.

**May they take root in our hearts and lives, and produce an abundant harvest of good words and deeds.**

Let us worship God.

\*Hymn 715 "Come, Ye Thankful People, Come" ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

\*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

Bible Song 269 "Sowing and Reaping" 'T WAS LIKE A DREAM

Psalter Reading Psalm 126 (TH 832)

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ His only Son, our Lord Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary; suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; and the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic\* Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*universal or world-wide

Gloria Patri "Glory Be to the Father" [TH 734] MEINEKE

Children's Sermon

Silent Prayer "Meditation on AR HYD Y NOS" Welsh Tune / arr. L. O. Emerson

Prayer

Offertory "I Am His, and He Is Mine" arr. Rachel Sawyer

\*Doxology "Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow" [TH 731] OLD HUNDREDTH

Prayer

Scripture Matthew 13:1-9

<sup>1</sup>That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. <sup>2</sup>Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. <sup>3</sup>Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. <sup>4</sup>As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. <sup>5</sup>Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. <sup>7</sup>Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. <sup>8</sup>Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. <sup>9</sup>Whoever has ears, let them hear."

Sermon "Planting Seed on Good Soil"

Prayer

\*Hymn 383 "Almighty God, Your Word Is Cast" DUNFERMLINE  
(The organist will play a complete stanza as the introduction.)

\*Closing Prayer

\*Benediction

\*Postlude "Ancient of Days" arr. Paul Taylor  
\*Stand, if able

## Announcements for September 26, 2021

The WOC meets following worship in the Fellowship Hall.

Check out our new window treatments in the building. Thanks to my helpers: Ginger Sharpe, Carolyn Locke, Lucy Melton, David McCain, Paul Broome, and Gene Bailey.

We invite you to attend Bible Study on Wednesday. We plan to serve the meal at 6:00 p.m. have Bible Study at 6:30 p.m. followed by choir rehearsal at 7:00 p.m. There is a green sign-up sheet for those willing to prepare a meal.

Susan Howell & Wesley Wilder invite you to celebrate their wedding on Saturday, October 16, 2021 at 2:00 PM at East Fork Baptist Church, 13175 Cruso Road, Canton, NC. Additional information on card on bulletin board.

We will continue to collect nonperishable food items each week.

Sign-up sheets for church volunteers are located on the desk and bulletin board in the hall.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2021**



Upcoming Events	
<p><b>Sunday, September 26, 2021</b>            10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study            11:00 a.m. – Worship            WOC Meets following worship</p> <p><b>Wednesday September 29, 2021</b>            6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal</p> <p><b>Sunday, October 3, 2021</b>            10:00 a.m. – Adult Bible Study            11:00 a.m.- Worship</p> <p><b>Wednesday, October 6, 2021</b>            6:00 p.m. Fellowship Meal, Bible Study, Choir Rehearsal</p>	<p><b>September Birthdays &amp; Anniversaries</b>            September 27 – Matthew Sohner            September 28 – Pete Burton            September 29 – Robin Dodson            September 30 – Bud Lyle</p>



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Welcome in the name of Christ to all who gather for worship at Union Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church. As you join us for worship, we hope that you will sense God's presence, be caught up in joyful praise, be challenged by God's Word, and leave strengthened to live for Christ in the world. If you do not have a church home in this community, we encourage you to consider uniting with us in our work and worship.