

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

17th Sunday in Ordinary Time

July 26, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD WITH THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(Click [here](#) to connect to today's live worship.)

GATHERING MUSIC	<i>Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence</i>	Noel Rawsthorne
WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS, CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS		Mindy Douglas
PRELUDE	<i>Holy Manna</i>	Bonnie Johanson-Werner
CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 105:1-4))		John Weicher
Leader:	Give thanks to the Lord and call upon God's name; make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples.	
All:	Sing to the Lord, sing praises, and speak of all God's marvelous works.	
Leader:	Glory in God's holy name; let the hearts of those who seek the Lord rejoice.	
All:	Search for the strength of the Lord; continually seek God's face.	
HYMN No. 515 (verses 1-2)	<i>I Come with Joy</i>	<i>Dove of Peace</i>
	<i>I come with joy, a child of God, forgiven, loved, and free, the life of Jesus to recall, in love laid down for me, in love laid down for me.</i>	
	<i>I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's communion bread, in Christ's communion bread.</i>	
CONFESSION OF SIN		John Weicher
Call to Confession		
Prayer of Confession (in unison)		
	Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken, we confess that we fail to fulfill your will. Though you have bound yourself to us, we will not bind ourselves to you. In Jesus Christ you serve us freely, but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.	

**We do not love you fully
or love one another as you command.
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table
and unite us to Christ, who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

Silent Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Gracious God,
we do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from your mouth.
Make us hungry for this heavenly food,
that it may nourish us today
in the ways of eternal life;
through Jesus Christ, the bread of heaven. Amen.**

EPISTLE LESSON

Romans 8:26-39

Jennie Alwood

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 6:24-35

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

"This Ain't Manna, Folks"

Mindy Douglas

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(from A Declaration of Faith)

Mindy Douglas

**We believe that at the Lord's supper
the community of believers is renewed
by the memory of Christ's life and death,
by his real presence in the power of the Holy Spirit,
and by the promise of his coming again.
Christ makes himself known to us in the breaking of bread.
He offers us his body broken for our sake
and his blood shed for the forgiveness of our sins.
We accept his promises and gifts
and depend on his life to sustain ours.
In turn we offer ourselves in thanksgiving
to the risen Lord who has conquered death.
So we celebrate his victory here and now
and anticipate the joyous feast in his coming kingdom.
Reunited around one loaf and cup,
we receive strength and courage to continue our pilgrimage with God in the world.**

HYMN No. 515 (verses 3-4)

I Come with Joy

Dove of Peace

*As Christ breaks bread and bids us share,
each proud division ends.*

*The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.*

*The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here,
alive among us here.*

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Natalie Wolf

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Natalie Wolf

LITURGY FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Mindy Douglas

The Great Thanksgiving

Susan Dunlap

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Leader: Holy God, Holy One, Holy Three,

You alone are holy,

you alone are God.

The universe declares your praise:

beyond the stars,

beneath the sea;

within each cell;

with every breath.

All: **We praise you, O God.**

Leader: Generations bless your faithfulness:

through the waters;

by night and day;

across the wilderness;

out of exile;

into the future.

All: **We bless you, O God.**

Leader: We give you thanks for your dear Son:

at the very heart of human life;

near to those who suffer;

beside the sinner;
among the poor;
with us now.

All: **We thank you, O God.**

Leader: Remembering Christ's love for us
on the way,
at the table,
and at the end,
we proclaim the mystery of faith:

All (sung):



Christ has died; Christ is ris - en; Christ will come a - gain.

Leader: We pray for the gift of your Spirit:
in our gathering from our separate homes;
within this meal;
among your people;
throughout the world.

(prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

Blessing, praise, and thanks to you, holy God,
through Jesus Christ,
by your Spirit,
in your church,
without end.

All (sung):



A - men, a - men, a - men.

THE LORD'S PRAYER (in unison)

**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.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Communion Hymn (all sing)

Eat this Bread

Mindy Douglas
Taizé Community

***“Eat this bread; drink this cup;
come to me and never be hungry.
Eat this bread; drink this cup;
trust in me and you will not thirst.”***

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

John Weicher

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

All: **Eternal God,**

**we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.**

Grant that we may go into the world

in the strength of your Spirit,

to give ourselves for others

in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

HYMN No. 516 (verses 1,4) *For the Bread Which You Have Broken*

***For the bread which you have broken,
for the wine which you have poured,
for the words which you have spoken,
now we give you thanks, O Lord.***

***In your service, Lord, defend us;
in our hearts keep watch and ward;
in the world to which you send us
let your kingdom come, O Lord.***

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Mindy Douglas

POSTLUDE

Holy Manna

Don Hustad

Durham CAN Listening Session TODAY!

FPC is a member organization of Durham CAN (Congregations, Associations, and Neighborhoods). Over the years, we have worked on affordable housing, living wage, policing, jobs, education, Spanish language interpreters, health, rapid rehousing, transportation, and other areas of concern in Durham. **We are offering a listening session at 1:00 p.m. today via Zoom.** All are welcome. For more information, please contact Susan Dunlap, sjd4@duke.edu. Use this link (<https://duke.zoom.us/my/sdunlap>) to join us.

First Presbyterian Church welcomes all who worship with us. We honor and celebrate the human diversity and unity that God gives us in Christ. We welcome individuals of every age, race, nationality, gender, ability, sexual orientation, and economic circumstance to participate

fully in the life of the church. On July 19, 101 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

Hunger for Change Offering: The funds received from our Hunger for Change Offering go to the New Hope Presbytery for the Presbyterian Hunger Relief Program and are divided as follows:

50% - International Hunger Relief Programs

40% - Local Hunger Programs

10% - Administration.

These funds are dispersed through local grants to hunger relief programs based on a grant application process. Urban Ministries of Durham, Presbyterian Urban Ministries and Iglesia Emanuel have been frequent recipients. FPC's Walk-in Ministry also received a grant for purchasing blessing bag supplies in 2019. The fourth Sunday of each month is designated to receive the Hunger for Change Offering. Thank you for your offering today!

Portions of today's worship texts are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (1993, 2018 editions). Hymn texts are reprinted from *Glory to God* Presbyterian hymnal.

Many thanks to **Jody Maxwell, Pat Dillon, Jay Klinck,** and **John Weicher** for their "behind the scenes" technical assistance with making our virtual worship broadcasts live and accessible to us each Sunday morning.

Church staff will continue working from home until further notice. If you need assistance, you may call the church office (919-682-5511) and leave a message, or email/ text a specific staff person. Thank you for your patience as we respond to your calls, texts, and emails.

Children and Youth – Are you Connected? If you are not receiving a separate weekly email connecting you to FPC activities and events for children and youth, contact [Lenore Champion](#), [Natalie Wolf](#) or [John Weicher](#) to be added to the email listserv.

~ Our Concerns ~

This week: **Bruce Foster Momsen**, father of Deborah Momsen-Hudson, recovering from surgery

Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas

Joe (and Carlisle) **Harvard**, recovering at daughter's home (Rebecca Barnes)

Bill Hendrickson, recovering at home

Jo Ann Moore, isolating at home with COVID-like symptoms

Nora Tisdale, recovering at home from gall bladder surgery

Mickey Velkey, recovering from knee replacement surgery at Hillcrest Convalescent Center

Chuck and Jean Wilson, isolating at home with COVID-19

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Hospice Care: **Ruth Buck**, mother of Susan Buck

Care Communities:

Brookdale Durham: **Julian Boswell, Becky Crockett**

Croasdaile Pavilion: **Bob Rankin, Henderson Rourk**

Dubose Center at The Cedars, Chapel Hill: **Arthur Clark**

Durham Regent: **John Kerr, Ann Prospero**

Emerald Pond: **Paul Cornsweet**

Hillcrest Convalescent Center: **Peggy Mordecai**, mother of Beth Eisenson

Rose Vista Village Assisted Living, Kinston NC: *Phillip Herndon*
The Forest at Duke: *Fran Bryant*

Family and Friends of the Congregation:

Brendan Bequette, family friend of Margaret & Miguel Rubiera

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Johnny Boles, nephew of Maxie and cousin of Michael Honeycutt

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

Art Warren, friend of Michael Honeycutt & Paul Pasquarella



Submit your recipe(s) here: <https://bit.ly/PandemicCookbook>

Contact [Natalie Wolf](#) or [Cris Rivera](#) with any questions.

The deadline for submitting recipe(s) is Tuesday, July 28.



ORDER BY MONDAY noon (July 27)

FOR FRIDAY (August 7) DISTRIBUTION

Taking orders for 1-lb bags of Café Justo (www.justcoffee.org). The beans will be roasted in Agua Prieta NEXT week (Thursday or Friday) and be available the FOLLOWING week.

John Fricks will distribute from his home, 3319 Pinafore Dr, near Durham Academy, or, if you wish, at the church volunteer office.

Distribution at the church will be on Friday and Monday, during staff office hours (so that a staff person can open the door for you). Let John know what works best for you. Just send an email to John Fricks (jhfricks@gmail.com) or call 919-490-0601.

Specify how many bags (one-pound bags, freshly roasted, \$10 each), and specify the process (**CAF** or **DECAF**), the grind (**WHOLE BEAN** or **GROUND**), and the roast (**MEDIUM** or **DARK**).

- caf, whole bean, medium roast
- caf, whole bean, dark roast
- caf, ground, medium roast
- caf, ground, dark roast
- decaf, whole bean, medium roast
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Café Justo is an income security project launched with a grant from the Presbyterian Self Development of People fund. It is affiliated with Frontera de Cristo), a Presbyterian Border Ministry (www.facebook.com/fronteradecristo).



Eyewitness!

FREE VIRTUAL EVENT

First-Hand Stories of Policing, Race and Justice, Part II

There is incredible momentum to address racial inequalities in policing and the criminal justice system. But first we must listen to those who are most affected. Eyewitness! is a moderated listening forum with BIPOC in the Orange and Chatham county communities who have been disproportionately impacted by the justice system tell their stories.

Please join us for this online Zoom event brought to you by Orange and Chatham County court, government and community stakeholders.

Monday, July 27 • 5:30 to 7:00 pm

This event is free and open to the community. Use this link to sign on to the meeting at 5:30: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89259152537>



For more information contact
Orange/Chatham Public Defender
Susan Seahorn at 919-289-9693

The event will be simultaneously interpreted.

This is a moderated listening forum with BIPOC (Black, Indigenous and People of Color) in Orange and Chatham county communities who have been disproportionately impacted by the justice system, telling their stories. **Click [here](#) to join the Eyewitness session at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, July 27.**

Sign up to Volunteer at Iglesia Emanuel's Food Bank

[Iglesia Emanuel COVID-19 Food Bank Signup Genius](#)

Support the Durham Public Schools Foundation

Click [DURHAM FEAST](#) or [COVID-19 RESPONSE](#)

Sign up to volunteer at Urban Ministries of Durham

Contact [Margaret Rubiera](#) or [Jen McGonigle](#).

FPC is a Collection Site . . .

Durham Congregations in Action has been coordinating with food pantries all over the Durham area to help get people the food they need with support from the CROP Hunger Walk and other resources. Now, DCIA is partnering with churches all over the city to gather the supplies people need to stay safe and healthy through this pandemic. Our local food pantries have been flooded with requests for basic sanitation items that have become hard to come by in the pandemic, but they have not had enough to meet the demand. To answer this urgent need, DCIA is launching a hygiene drive to keep our partner pantries fully stocked with the supplies Durhamites need. They are seeking the following items:

- **CDC-approved disinfectant wipes or sprays (Lysol, scrubbing bubbles, Clorox)**
- **hand sanitizer**
- **empty spray bottles**
- **paper towels**
- **toilet paper**
- **feminine hygiene products**
- **hand and body soap**

If you can donate any of these, they can be dropped off at any of these partner congregations, from which the supplies will be delivered to area food pantries for distribution to our Durham neighbors!

- **First Presbyterian Church**- Mondays and Fridays, 9:00am-1:00pm.
305 E. Main Street
 - **Cole Mill Road Church of Christ** - Monday through Friday, 9:00am-4:00pm.
1617 Cole Mill Road
 - **Antioch Baptist Church** - Tuesday and Thursday, 9:00am-12:00pm.
1415 Holloway Street
 - **Pilgrim United Church of Christ** - Tuesday through Friday, 8:00am-12:00pm.
3011 Academy Road
 - **Christus Victor Lutheran Church** - Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, 9:00am–2:00pm
1615 E. NC 54 Hwy
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The **[Association of Mexicans in North Carolina \(AMEXCAN\)](#)** is collecting donations of long-sleeve shirts for farmworkers, and FPC is a collection site. AMEXCAN is accepting new or used long-sleeve shirts, hats, caps, or gloves. These items help protect farmworkers from heat stress and pesticide exposure. **The collection will run through Friday, July 31. Drop-offs (at FPC) will be accepted on Mondays and Fridays from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.** You can drop items off in the labeled boxes **inside the building**, in front of the volunteer office at FPC. If you'd like to donate shirts but can't get to the church, contact ***Katie Becker*** (katiebeckerwa@gmail.com) so that she can arrange to pick them up from your porch.

Thank you for supporting these collection projects and our neighbors in need!

CHURCH STAFF

Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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Robert Daye, Sexton
Mindy Douglas, Pastor/Head of Staff
Susan Dunlap, Parish Associate



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