

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

DURHAM, NORTH CAROLINA

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 2, 2020

A SERVICE FOR THE WORSHIP OF GOD

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

GATHERING MUSIC

Beach Spring *American Hymn*, arr. Don Hustad
Bell Melody

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Natalie Wolf

PRELUDE

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Robert Lowry, 1869

Ginger Jones, Soprano; Alan Rudell, piano

*My life flows on in endless song;
Above earth's lamentation,
I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn
That hails a new creation;
Thro' all the tumult and the strife
I hear the music ringing;
It finds an echo in my soul—
How can I keep from singing?*

*I lift my eyes; the cloud grows thin;
I see the blue above it;
And day by day this pathway smooths,
Since first I learned to love it,
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
A fountain ever springing;
All things are mine since I am his—
How can I keep from singing?*

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 145:8-9, 21)

Mindy Douglas

Leader: The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
All: **slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love.**
Leader: Lord, you are good to all,
All: **and your compassion is over all your works.**
Leader: My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord;
All: **let all flesh bless God's holy name forever and ever.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Mindy Douglas

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

**Lord of abundance and compassion,
we confess that when we see the overwhelming needs of your beloved world,
we want to turn away,**

seek our own security,
and retreat from the chaos all around us.
Forgive us for failing to heed Jesus' command to provide for the crowds.
Forgive us for hoarding what we have instead of willingly offering it to you
that it might be blessed, multiplied, and used to sustain everyone.
We know that you are present in seemingly desolate places,
meeting us in our doubts,
using even our failings and mistakes for your purposes.
In your abounding, steadfast love,
grant us mercy and make of us a merciful, gracious, and faithful people.
Amen. (Presbyterian Outlook, Jill Duffield, 2020)

Silent Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

COLLECT FOR THE DAY

Carl Rist

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.

HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING

Isaiah 55:1-5

Carl Rist

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

GOSPEL LESSON

Matthew 14:13-21

Natalie Wolf

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God!**

SERMON

Natalie Wolf

HYMN No. 498 (verses 1,3,4) *Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Beach Spring

*Loaves were broken, words were spoken
by the Galilean shore.*

*Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven,
was their food forevermore.*

*By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,*

Jesus, feed again your people.

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*Loaves are broken, words are spoken,
as in faith we gather here.*

Jesus speaks across the ages:

"I am with you; do not fear!"

*By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.*

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

*By the loaves you break and give us,
send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger,
words that tell your love and care.*

*By your body broken for us,
by your wine of life outpoured,
Jesus, feed again your people.*

Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (in unison) (From *A Brief Statement of Faith*)

Mindy Douglas

**We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.**

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor
and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed
and blessing the children,
healing the sick
and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.**

**Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.**

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Mindy Douglas

INVITATION TO GIVE AND DEDICATION OF THE OFFERING

Mindy Douglas

CONCERNS AND CELEBRATIONS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Prayers of thanksgiving and intercession)

(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.

SOLO

If I Can Help Somebody

Alma Androzso

If I can help somebody, as I pass along,

If I can cheer somebody, with a word or song,

If I can show somebody, that he's travelling wrong,

Then my living shall not be in vain.

My living shall not be in vain,

Then my living shall not be in vain

If I can help somebody, as I pass along,

Then my living shall not be in vain.

If I can do my duty, as a good man ought,

If I can bring back beauty, to a world up wrought,

If I can spread love's message, as the Master taught,

Then my living shall not be in vain.

CLOSING PRAYER

Natalie Wolf

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Leader: O Lord Jesus Christ, the Way, the Truth, and the Life:

All: **Do not let us stray from you, the Way,**

Leader: nor distrust you, the Truth,

All: **nor rest in anything other than you, the Life. Amen.**

– Desiderius Erasmus (c. 1466-1536)

BENEDICTION

Natalie Wolf

POSTLUDE

Beach Spring

American Hymn, arr. Dale Wood

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 26, 93 households tuned in to the 11:00 a.m. live-streamed broadcast of worship.

Music Notes:

- The “Bell Melody” is being played on new bells purchased with funds from the Horst and Ruth Mary Meyer Fund for Music.
- We are grateful to have acclaimed soprano **Ginger Jones-Robinson** and pianist **Alan Rudell** provide music for today’s worship. Earlier this year Ms. Jones-Robinson and Mr. Rudell gave a free recital at FPC. Ms. Jones-Robinson has appeared in solo recitals throughout the Carolinas and with the leading orchestras of the region, performing works of Mozart, Beethoven Da Falla and others. She has also appeared in a wide variety of operatic roles. Currently pursuing her Doctorate of Musical Arts degree at the University of South Carolina, Ms. Jones-Robinson is accompanied by Dr. Alan Rudell, who serves on the faculty of Allen University in Columbia, South Carolina.

Portions of today’s worship texts are taken from *Book of Common Worship* (2018 edition). 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 making worship broadcasts live and accessible to us each Sunday morning. We are also grateful to **Jennie Alwood** for the beautiful art images she finds for our online worship each week.

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](#) or [John Weicher](#) to be added to the email listserv.

~ Our Celebrations and Concerns ~

Birth Announcement: Congratulations to **Laura McNab** on the birth of a great grandson. **Lionel Craig Madsen** arrived July 27, 2020. His parents are **Chloe and Xander Madsen** of Durham. **Leah**, Laura’s daughter, and her husband **Bret Rockow** of Raleigh are the ecstatic grandparents.

Sympathies: We join with peoples all over the world in celebrating the life and witness of civil rights leader and US Congressman **John Lewis**. Lewis died July 17, 2020 after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

Concerns: **Gail Chasin**, friend of Kathy Krahenbuhl

Jennie Bodkin, sister of Mindy Douglas

Bruce Foster Momsen, father of Deborah Momsen-Hudson

Joe (and Carlisle) **Harvard**, recovering at Rebecca Barnes’ home

Bill Hendrickson, recovering at home

Mickey Velkey, recovering from surgery at Hillcrest Convalescent Center

All those impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic

Durham Public Schools administrators, teachers, parents and students as they prepare for a new school year

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

Johnny Boles, nephew of Maxie and cousin of Michael Honeycutt

Peggy Boulden, mother of Dick Boulden

Becky Evans, sister of Vernon Neece

Shannon Johnson, daughter of Mary Putman

Chris Kovach, friend of Jeanne Hervey

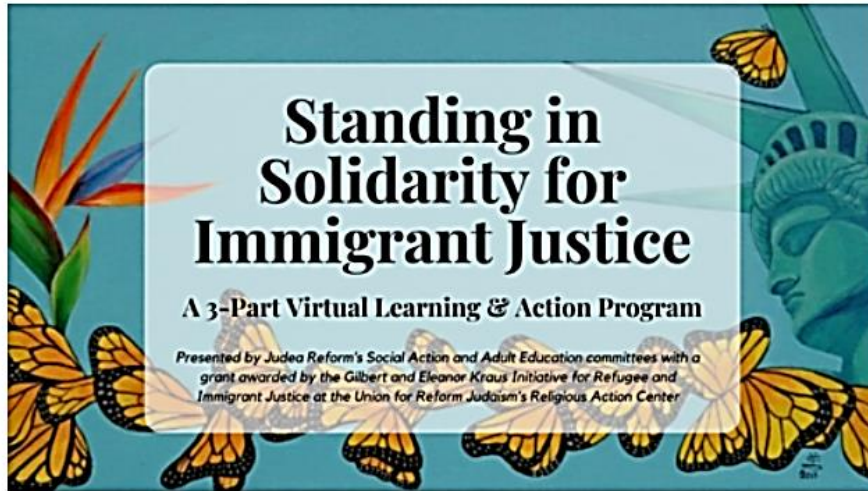
A CONVERSATION WITH CONGRESSMAN DAVID PRICE

Aug. 5th, 3 pm ET

Live on [facebook.com/
PCUSAWashington/](https://www.facebook.com/PCUSAWashington/)



Join Rev. J. Herbert Nelson, Stated Clerk of the PC(USA), and Rev. Jimmie Hawkins, Director of the Office of Public Witness PC(USA), for a conversation with Congressman David Price (D-NC). The discussion will focus on the HEROES Act, the stimulus package, voting, and how people of faith can play a role in protecting the right to vote. We hope you will join us for this very important discussion.



Standing in Solidarity for Immigrant Justice A 3-Part Virtual Learning & Action Program

*Presented by Judea Reform's Social Action and Adult Education committees
with a grant awarded by the Gilbert and Eleanor Kraus Initiative for Refugee and
Immigrant Justice at the Union for Reform Judaism's Religious Action Center*

Panel 2. Why We Say "Never Again"

Tuesday, August 4 at 8:00pm

Panel 3. Organizing for Dignity and a Fair Wage

Wednesday, August 26 at 8:00pm

For more information email: socialaction@judeareform.org

This virtual programming is free and open to all. Registration is required for each panel.

Join us by clicking on the panels above to complete a short registration form and get more details. After you register you will receive a confirmation email with Zoom meeting details and links.

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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Tom Bloom, Business Administrator
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