

The Congregational Church of Pinehurst, UCC

March 3, 2019



*The Congregational Church of Pinehurst, UCC, is called to follow
Jesus' way of love, justice and inclusion by recognizing and celebrating the
diversity of God's people.*

GATHERING AS THE CHURCH

*Welcome. We gather together from many directions and traditions.
As we share in worship, please use the language that is most comfortable for you
while welcoming language that is meaningful to others.*

Preparation for Worship

Alleluia

Greetings

Chiming the Hour

Robert Wicker

***Call to Worship**

One: Something drew us together this morning:

**Many: Something we can't name but which we experience in
 worship;**

One: Some holy mystery we call God;

Many: Some sacred calling we hear in the life of Jesus;

One: Some indescribable hope we feel when we gather in the Spirit.

**Many: May our experience of the Divine transform our doubts and
 fears and prepare us to love the world.**

***Invocation**

O God, you are beyond words and description,
your love is beyond knowledge and explanation.

Make our hearts ready to receive you.

Change us, we pray, that our lives may reflect the glory of your transfiguration.

We rejoice in the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Opening Hymn **#469**

I Am the Light of the World

Confession

One: Peter, James, and John went up on the side of a mountain with Jesus and experienced glory.

But then Peter wanted to stay.

“It’s good for us to be here. Let’s get comfortable.”

We are also often tempted to keep the experience of the Divine to ourselves, to enjoy the company of the saints instead of going back down the mountain, to continue the work of the Kingdom of God. God knows this temptation of our hearts, so let us confess and pray for forgiveness.

**All: God of glory and light,
forgive us when we are complacent and comfortable
with keeping the riches of your love to ourselves.
Keep calling us down from our mountains of privilege.
Keep expecting more of us as your disciples.
Keep reminding us to listen to your Son,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

Assurance of Grace

One: Whether we hear a voice from the heavens
or a still small voice in our hearts,
listen carefully for the love of God.
Believe and accept God’s love and live in God’s freedom.

Many: We believe! Thanks be to God!

Anthem

In Remembrance

Courtney/Red
arr. Larson

PROCLAIMING THE GOOD NEWS

Children's Time

John Arnold

Hebrew Bible Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

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#41

Halle-Halle-Halleluja

***Gospel Reading**

Luke 9:28-36

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Pastor: God is still speaking

People: We are listening with our lives.

Sermon

Shine On

Rev. Terry Yasuko Ogawa

—a brief period of silent reflection—

RESPONDING TO THE GOOD NEWS

***Hymn of Response #182**

Transform Us

The Prayers of the People

Prayers of the People

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

Our Father and Mother who art in heaven...

—Silent prayer—

Prayer Response **#306**

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Invitation to Give

Offertory

***Doxology #47 Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly hosts;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

One: Beloved in Christ, the Gospel tells us that on the first day of the week

Jesus Christ was raised from death, appeared to Mary Magdalene,
On that same day sat at the table with two disciples,
and was made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

**Many: This is the joyful feast of the people of God. All genders,
young and**

**old, come from the east and the west, from the north and the
south,**

and gather about Christ's table.

One: In the taking of bread and cup we join all who have come before,
are present now, and will follow. The bread we break is connected to
scarcity, abundance, production, and jubilee, and in its consecration all
that divides us falls away in a communal remembrance of Christ. This
table is open to all who wish to know the presence of Christ and to
share in the community of God's people.

Communion Hymn **#403** *In Remembrance of Me*

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Communion Prayer, Breaking of the Bread, and Sharing of the Cup

One: God be with you in your joy and your sorrow.

Many: And also with you.

One: Whether they be heavy or light, lift up your hearts to God.

Many: We lift them to God.

One: Let us give thanks to God, ever with us.

Many: It is right to give God thanks and praise!

One: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, to give thanks to you, oh God.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**Many: Holy, Holy, Holy God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosannah in the
highest!**

**Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosannah in the highest!**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ who came and offered the world a new way to live in love with one another. He ate with those others considered unworthy, he challenged the rich to share their banquets, he called ordinary people to extraordinary acts of mercy. By his life, death, and resurrection the church was birthed as his living Body in the world.

And every time this Body gathers at tables, whether it is here or in our homes, Jesus is present just as he was that last time with his disciples.

Jesus takes the bread and breaks it and says, “We love because to love is to bring the kin-dom of God right here. Whenever you break bread, remember me, remember each other, remember love.”

Jesus takes the cup and offers it and says, “We pour a cup to quench each other’s thirst for justice. For all need love, all need to know they are God’s own. So whenever you lift a cup, remember me, remember each other, and remember the forgotten ones.”

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer

ourselves in praise and thanksgiving; we offer ourselves in service and love; laying a banquet for all because of this mystery of faith:

Many: Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit upon this congregation at this table and all the tables we represent. Make this bread and cup extend beyond these walls to the grace broken and poured for the world through us. The gifts of God for the people of God. Come, for all things are ready.

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Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Many: Bountiful God, we give you thanks that you have refreshed us at your table through the presence of Christ. Strengthen our faith, increase our love for one another, and send us forth into the world in courage and peace, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

GOING OUT TO LOVE AND SERVE

Closing Hymn (**see last pages**)

For Everyone Born (verses 1-3)

Sending Out Disciples

Announcements

*Benediction

*Congregational Response (**see last pages**) *For Everyone Born (verses 4-5)*

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Worship Notes:

-The **Call to Worship, Invocation, Confession, and Assurance of Grace** are from ***The Indescribable Radiance of Love: Service Prayers for Transfiguration Sunday***, written by the Rev. Dr. David Bahr, pastor of Park Hill Congregational United Church of Christ (UCC) in Denver, Colorado,

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- **Communion liturgy** in parts original writing and from UCC Book of
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and Marcia McFee.

Our thanks for today's Liturgist—**Don Harnum**; Greeter—**Roger
Nekton**; Coffee Hour Hosts—**Jane and Don Harnum**; Sound System
Technician—**Rita Finner**;
Music Director—**Robert Cox**; Pianist—**Robert Wicker**.

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Announcements:

**Next Sunday! Covenanting Service with Martha Nilsen and
Associate Conference Minister Eddie Weathers Preaching**

Pastor Terry, Martha, the Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, and the
Conference have been hard at work crafting a meaningful service of welcome
and covenant for our former Interim Pastor and church member, Martha
Nilsen, and her husband Bob. We will welcome to our pulpit Eastern North
Carolina Association of the Southern Conference of the UCC Rev. Eddie
Weathers. We look forward to this joyous occasion and hope you'll join us!

Prospective member dinner tonight.

Several folks who are considering joining or interested in learning more about
CCP will be meeting this evening at the home of Mary Scott and John Arnold,
who have graciously offered to host this small group. If you want to come
and haven't RSVPed, please see Pastor Terry after Church.

Farmworker Justice Tour and Vigil to stop in Carrboro March 5

**The Coalition of Immokalee Workers is on a Fair Food Tour for
Farmworker Justice where they will march at 2 PM on March 5** in
Carrboro and hold a vigil at the local Wendy's. The United Church of Christ
has long supported the farmworkers' efforts to see fair wages for the

tomatoes they pick by supporting boycotts of fast food companies like the current one of Wendy's.

Please lend your support if you can, and **contact the church if you'd like to donate to a lunch that Community United Church of Christ is hosting on March 2 for the 55 farmworkers** who have traveled from Florida to share their stories.

When: March 5th, 2:00 PM

Where: 101 Weaver St, Carrboro, NC

Contact: Alex Schelle, alex@allianceforfairfood.org

NC's Role in Torture: A Faith Response, March 9, Raleigh

The **NC Council of Churches** is sponsoring a virtual reality experience of solitary confinement by Rev. Ron Stief, Executive Director of the **National Religious Campaign Against Torture** (and one of Pastor Terry's mentors) on **March, from 9 AM-12PM**, Western Boulevard Presbyterian Church, 4900 Kaplan Dr, Raleigh. Please consider going and educating yourselves about this important issue.

NC Council of Churches 2019 Legislative Seminar, March 28, 9:30-

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Whether you are new to grassroots advocacy or have been engaged in this critical work for some time, the **NC Council of Churches' Legislative Seminar offers the opportunity to hear updates on issues being discussed at the General Assembly, network with others who share your concerns, and learn how you can make a difference.** This seminar is unique in North Carolina in bringing together people of faith to learn ways we can impact legislation in our state.

The cost, which includes lunch, is \$25 and current students may purchase a discounted ticket of \$15. For more info, including a schedule of events, and to register, please go to ncchurches.org or look on the church's Facebook page for a link. **North Raleigh United Methodist Church, 8501 Honeycutt Road, Raleigh.**

This Afternoon! Empty Bowls Lunch to benefit the Sandhills Coalition

Empty Bowls 2019 is a fundraising event to benefit Sandhills/Moore Coalition for Human Care. Enjoy live music while sampling soups and desserts from area Chefs on Sunday, March 3, 2019 from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm at the Country Club of Whispering Pines, 2 Clubhouse Blvd, Whispering Pines.

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The cost is \$40/person with choice of pottery soup bowl to keep; \$20/person admission only-for those reusing bowl from previous year (Limited number available); \$8/child admission only for children 10-15 years old; and Free admission only for children 9 & under.

For Everyone Born A Place at the Table

Unison

1 For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble,
2 For wo - man and man, a place at the ta - ble,
3 For young and for old, a place at the ta - ble,
4 For just and un - just, a place at the ta - ble,
5 For ev - ery-one born, a place at the ta - ble,

for ev - ery-one born, clean wa - ter and bread,
re - vis - ing the roles, de - cid - ing the share,
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,
a - bus - er, a - bused, with need to for - give,
to live with - out fear, and sim - ply to be,

a shel - ter, a space, a safe place for grow - ing,
with wis - dom and grace, di - vid - ing the pow - er,
the hands of a child in hands that are wrin - kled,
in an - ger, in hurt, a mind - set of mer - cy,
to work, to speak out, to wit - ness and wor - ship,

for ev - ery - one born, a star o - ver - head,
 for wo - man and man, a sys - tem that's fair,
 for young and for old, the right to be - long,
 for just and un - just, a new way to live,
 for ev - ery - one born, the right to be free,

and God will de - light when we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice and

joy, com - pas - sion and peace: yes, God will de - light when

we are cre - a - tors of jus - tice, jus - tice and joy.