

## 20<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014

10:00 a.m.

PRELUDE *God Will Take Care of You* *arr. Trivette*

### WORDS OF WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

INTROIT *We Bring Our Hearts To Thee*

+CALL TO WORSHIP *from Psalm 22*

One: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

One: O God, our God, we often feel you have forsaken us; that you are far from helping us in our time of trouble.

All: **We cry to you day and night, O God, but you do not answer.**

One: Yet you are the Holy One, enthroned on the praises of Israel.

All: **In you our fathers and mothers put their trust, and you delivered them. From our mother's womb you have been our God.**

+HYMN *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #263, vv. 1-3

### +PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Wonderful, Loving Creator, surely you do not expect us to accept suffering without complaining! We confess that we are frustrated with the unfairness of life that keeps us from living as we want to live. Too often we question why "bad things" should happen to *us*, thinking ourselves better than others and undeserving of suffering. We ignore the possibility of spiritual growth arising from our suffering – growth that will enable us to better empathize with and minister to others who suffer. Forgive us for forgetting that through your Son, Jesus Christ, you were exposed to the same fears and frailties from which we suffer. Forgive us for forgetting that in Christ you experienced true suffering, allowing you to understand and share in our suffering. Help us to find comfort and freedom in the knowledge that you understand our suffering so that might be open to the physical and spiritual healing you offer us through faith in Jesus. Amen.

### +ASSURANCE OF GOD'S LOVE

+RESPONSE *Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise* #263, v. 4

### +PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

### TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

All children are invited to come forward for the Time for Young Disciples. Afterward, children ages 5 thru 4<sup>th</sup> grade may go to Worship Our Way (W.O.W.) while children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and older are invited to worship with their families.

+HYMN *O Lord, Make Haste to Hear My Cry* #249

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

### PROCLAIMING THE WORD

EPISTLE READING Romans 12:9-15 p. 142 NT

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM *Amazing Grace* *arr. Stevenson*

HEBREW BIBLE READING Job 1-2 - Selections p. 416 OT

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THE WORD PROCLAIMED **Tim Reynolds**

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

+AFFIRMATION OF FAITH *from The Presbyterian Study Catechism*

**When I suffer from harm or adversity, my faith in God's providence upholds me against bitterness and despair. It reminds me when hope disappears that my heartache and pain are contained by a larger purpose and a higher power than I can presently discern. Even in grief, shame, and loss, I can still cry out to God in lament, waiting on God to supply my needs, and to bring me healing and comfort.**

### OFFERING OUR LIVES TO GOD

Offertory *There is a Balm in Gilead* *arr. Carter*

+Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

+HYMN *O Christ, the Healer* #380

+BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *Part In Peace*

+POSTLUDE *O God Our Help in Ages Past* *Trad.*

+THOSE WHO ARE ABLE PLEASE STAND

#### THIS MORNING...

- the liturgist is Richard Cano
- the acolytes are Seth Reynolds and Brice Crum
- the bell ringer is John Godfrey
- the W.O.W. leaders are Joey and Bridget Lamie
- the nursery volunteers are Georgia Crews, Sarah and Seth Land
- the sound board tech is Austin Patrick

### WORSHIP AND CELEBRATION Elders: Randa McCall & Danny Wilson

**VISITORS:** We are delighted to have you with us this morning and hope you feel at home. Please let us know a bit about you by filling in your information in the Friendship Register this morning. **A Nursery is available** for infants and children through age 4. If you need directions an usher can assist you.

**HEARING DEVICES** are available for the hearing impaired from an usher.

"I JUST WANTED TO SEND A SINCERE "THANK YOU" for allowing me the privilege to worship with you these past four weeks. I enjoyed being with the Sinking Spring family, and look forward to our paths crossing in the future.

**FOR THE REST OF AUGUST OUR SERMON SERIES** will be on the Hebrew Bible Book of *Job*. We will be looking at the topic of suffering and our response to it, as well as the question of what it means to be faithful. On September 7<sup>th</sup> we will begin a year-long sermon series on the Gospel of *Mark*.

**ONLY THREE MORE WEEKS** of our summer worship schedule. On September 7<sup>th</sup> we will return to our regular Sunday morning schedule with Sunday School at 10:00 a.m. and Worship at 11:00 a.m. Please make a note on your calendars!

**USHERS NEEDED!** We are asking you to join this team to serve The Lord by serving others. Please contact Danny Wilson or Randa McCall for more information.

### SERVICE AND OUTREACH Elders: Alicia Arney & Kay Bunn

**THANKS FOR HELPING OUR KIDS.....**The Service & Outreach Team wishes to thank all those who helped with the following projects for our neighborhood children:

- **Vacation Bible School** – Children collected approximately 28 boxes of diapers, 57 bags of wipes, 13 boxes of cereal and 17 jars of peanut butter for Faith in Action and the Kids' Backpack Program.
- **The Kids' Backpack Summer Feeding Program** – We packed and distributed 50 food boxes to Abingdon Elementary School families.
- **Back-to-School Supplies** – The Worship Our Way children assembled 37 school kits for Faith in Action families!

Many hands made the work lots of fun and rewarding! Thanks for your generous donation of supplies and time. Lots of young faces smiled because of you. Check out the missions' bulletin board for photos.

**SAMARITAN'S PURSE OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD** ~ Take advantage of back-to-school sales and stock up for the upcoming Operation Christmas Child project in November. Shoeboxes will be filled with lots of small items, including school supplies, e.g. crayons, pencils, pencil sharpeners, erasers, markers, paper, etc.

**CONGREGATIONAL MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Georgia Crews & Rachel Fowlkes**

**OUR SINCEREST THANKS TO ALL** who contributed so generously to our meals the end of July.

**SPIRITUAL FORMATION & DISCIPLESHIP**  
**Elders: Lucy Phillips & Baird Smith**

**SUMMER SUNDAY SCHOOL** ~ An Intergenerational Summer Sunday School Class for Middle School, High School and Adults meets in the Parlor at 9:00 am each Sunday. The class is studying the book *Engage: Mission*. Each week a member from the class will facilitate. Participant's books make it easy to follow along. Come support this exciting new class. Children K – 5 will meet upstairs in their Sunday School Room.

**LIVING PROOF LIVE SIMULCAST: BETH MOORE**, Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 am – 4:15 pm at Woodland Hills Christian Church. NO admission fee, but ticket is required to attend, please let Janet McGraw know as soon as possible if interested as tickets are limited.

**FIRST DAY OF AFTER SCHOOL IS SEPTEMBER 3, 2014.** Information was mailed out this week to parents. If you did not receive information and would like to know more about the Wednesday After School Program, please contact Janet McGraw, [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org).

**RALLY DAY IS SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER 7<sup>TH</sup>.** This is the time for everyone to come together after summer's activities. Watch for more details!

**SOMEBODY LOVES YOU!** Children need someone to love them. The perfect opportunity to share your love with someone is in the nursery during Sunday School and Worship. Stop by and see the sweet faces that you get to love. Turn left at the staircase and go straight back. Do you have arms that are willing to share that love with our little ones? Contact Janet McGraw today to begin a relationship with some of the sweetest smiling faces. Email: [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org) or by phone: 276-628-3361.

**VAN DRIVER NEEDED!** Are you free Wednesday afternoon from 2:30 to 3:00 P.M.? The After School children need someone to drive the van to Watauga Elementary School to pick them up and drive them back to the church. If this is something you can do on a rotating basis, contact Janet McGraw at 276-628-3361 or by email: [christianeducator@sinkingspring.org](mailto:christianeducator@sinkingspring.org).

**IN THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH**

**TODAY, Sunday, August 17th**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**Monday, August 16<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 p.m. Session Meeting

**Tuesday, August 19<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 p.m. AA & Al-Anon in the Fellowship Hall

**Wednesday, August 20<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 p.m. Choir

**Thursday, August 21<sup>st</sup>**

7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study at BabyCakes  
8:00 p.m. AA in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, August 24<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 a.m. Sunday School  
10:00 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

**STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY**  
**Elders: Fred Holt & John Legard**

**Stewardship & Attendance for August 3, 2014:**

Attendance: 117  
Offering: \$4,461.00

**CHURCH BULLETINS** are now available on our website! The link to view is <http://www.sinkingspring.org/worship.html#ws>.

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR OUR HOMEBOUND MEMBERS: Mazie Cook, Mary Everett, Helen Napps, and Reed Cooke (Grand Court), June Atkins (Abingdon Rehab) and Hazel Warden (Abingdon Rehab)

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE NEW CONCERNS: David Henninger and Mimi Hull

WE ASK FOR PRAYERS FOR THESE CONTINUED CONCERNS: June Atkins, Winkie Barton, Betty Jo Spurrier, Sandy Warden, Gladys Cornelius (Abingdon Rehab) Elaine Ratliffe, Duncan Parsons, Debbie Berryman, Glenn Hines and Gypsy Holt and family

AND FOR THESE MEN AND WOMEN IN THE MILITARY: Joseph McGraw,