

**WORSHIP CELEBRATION
SECOND DAY AFTER PENTECOST
HAPPY FATHER'S DAY
June 18, 2017**

Welcome! If you are a guest, we are pleased to have you and invite you to participate fully in the service. Children are welcome and encouraged to participate in worship; a nursery is provided for infants through 2-year olds. Restless children may be taken briefly to the library (across the hall from the rear sanctuary door).

****Attention Parents: To conform with our Safe Sanctuaries Policy, we ask that you accompany your children if they have to leave the Sanctuary for any reason. At the 11:00 service, children will be dismissed for Children's Church following the Children's Sermon.**

We have an assisted listening system. It is easy to use and of great value to those that need some help in hearing the worship service. Please see an usher for instructions and to get a receiver.

The front 5 rows on both sides of the sanctuary are designated as fragrance-free areas. This helps create a safe space for people with medical conditions that are triggered by perfumed products. Thank you for your support and cooperation.

“TFWS” are the black hymn books located behind the red hymnals.

*** Where indicated, stand if you are able**

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

**GATHERING MUSIC NO. 2031 (TFWS) “We Bring the Sacrifice of Praise”
2246 “Deep in the Shadows of the Past”**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

As announcements are being made, please sign and pass the attendance pad. If you are a guest, your name, address, and telephone number would be most helpful to us.

***LITANY FOR FATHER'S DAY**

Leader: For fathers everywhere, who have given us life and love, that we may show them respect and love.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers.

Leader: For fathers who have lost a child through death, that their faith may give them hope, and their family and friends support and console them.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our fathers that mourn.

Leader: For men who may or may not have children of their own, but act like a father to someone in need of advice, support, nurturing and love.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for our father figures.

Leader: For stepfathers who have assumed that role with love and joy, who have loved the children of another as their own, and created a new family.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for stepfathers.

Leader: For adoptive fathers, who have heard the call of God to lovingly step forward for those that need their care.

People: Holy God, hear this prayer for adoptive fathers.

Leader: For fathers who have been unable to be a source of strength, who have not responded to the needs of their children, and have not sustained their families.

People: Holy God, have mercy on absentee fathers.

Leader: For fathers who struggle with temptation, violence, or addiction. For those who do harm, and for those whom they have harmed.

People: Holy God, have mercy on fathers that struggle.

Leader: For new fathers, full of hope. For long-time fathers, full of wisdom. For the fathers yet to be and fathers soon to be.

People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of your Church.

Leader: For those that have shaped our lives without claim of family or kinship. For those who have taught us, guided us, shaped us and molded us into servants of Christ our Lord.

People: Holy God, hear our prayer for the fathers of our faith. Amen.

* HYMN OF PRAISE NO. 710 “Faith of Fathers”

OPENING PRAYER (In Unison)

Gracious and loving God, today we have much to celebrate. We are grateful for all those who have taught us and loved us; for fathers present and those who have entered your realm. Bless each one here with wisdom and patience. Get us ready for the journey of service, aware of the dangers, but steadfast in our faith, for we ask these things in Jesus’ name. AMEN.

ANTHEM (11:00)

“Father to the Fatherless”

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Andrea McCumber

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Hymnal No. 895

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

* HYMN OF PREPARATION “Give to us Laughter” (*See Opposite Page*)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Tim Kilmer (8:30); Linda Lankton (11:00)

OFFERTORY

“This is my Father’s World”

arr. Chris Rice

* DOXOLOGY

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Andrea McCumber

Following this time after the 11:00 service, children ages 3-6 may follow their leaders to Children’s Church.

SCRIPTURE READING

Genesis 18: 1-15

(Pew Bible Page OT 14)

SERMON

“When Faith Meets Doubt”

Gerald Davis

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH NO. 885

* HYMN OF DEDICATION NO. 2123 (TFWS) “Loving Spirit”

As we sing, you are invited to come to the altar rail for prayer and/or dedication.

BENEDICTION

CHIMES OF THE HOLY TRINITY

POSTLUDE

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Our service of worship has ended. Now our worship through service begins.

It is the desire of the ministers to call on members who are in the hospital or ill at home. Members and friends of Groce Church, knowing of such cases, are requested to call the church office (298-7647), or to notify one of the pastors.

The flowers on the altar are dedicated to the glory of God and are given by **Phil Kromer and Kathryn Morgan in memory of Ruth Kromer.**

Our volunteers this week, sharing the work of the church: **Ushers:** (8:30) Will & Michelle Troxell; (11:00) Mike & Mason Lamb; **Acolyte:** (11:00) Dylan Moore; **Children's Church:** Julie Voss; **11:00 Offering Steward:** Tom Travers; **Coffee Fellowship:** Adult Bible Class; **Visitation:** Mike Demos; **Altar Guild:** Dale Woods; **Narthex Decorated By:** Sharm Hess

Meeting Reminder: Ministry Meetings: This Thursday at 7:00pm

“Knit-A-Square” - The squares will be dedicated **next Sunday**, so please bring your completed squares to the church this week. There is a basket in the hall by the front office where you can put them.

Summer Breeze Choir has begun and continues through August. It is a drop-in choir for anyone interested. Come meet in the choir room at 10:30am to learn a simple anthem or hymn that will be sung during the 11am worship that day. You can sing as many or as few Sundays as you like. All are welcome!

The latest issue of the church newsletter is available to pick up on the counter in the front office. If you have email and aren't receiving the newsletter or calendar, please call the church office, 298-7647.

Join us for fun, fireworks and fundraising on the Fourth! ABCCM is sponsoring the Asheville Tourists game on Monday, July 4th. We have tickets available for \$12 a piece. All proceeds go to ABCCM programs for the homeless and hungry. Stop by the office, or call to reserve some. (They are available on a first-come, first-serve basis.)

Vacation Bible School is Sunday, July 30 - Thursday, August 3 from 6-8:30pm (optional dinner for children at 5:30). Age range is 4-year olds (**must** be potty trained) through 5th Grade. There is no cost. This year's theme is "Maker Fun Factory," and will help children discover that they're lovingly crafted by God. Registration forms will be available soon. **Help us get "GEARED UP" for this fun event!** Jackie Davis, our VBS coordinator, needs a lot of help to make this happen ... help with the preparations and also participating in Vacation Bible School. **There is a sign up board by the front office, or please give Jackie a call.**

**** As part of the decorations for VBS, we will be displaying homemade robots and rockets. So adults ... youth ... children we would love to show off your creations!** For ideas, Google "pinterest - VBS make a robot" (or "make a rocket") and you'll see many websites that give you ideas and easy instructions about how to make robots and rockets.

We need help in the front office for the summer on Thursday (not Wednesdays, as was noted in last Sunday's bulletin) afternoons from **1-3pm**. (Our regular volunteer will be unavailable this summer.) We will gladly accommodate you if you aren't able to come some weeks because of appointments, vacation, etc. Please call the church office if you are interested.

CALENDAR: June 18-24

Sunday, June 18.....

- 8:30 & 11:00AM Worship–Sanctuary
- 9:30AM Coffee Fellowship–Asbury Lobby
- 9:45AM Sunday School

Monday, June 19.....

–No Events Planned–

Tuesday, June 20.....

- 7:00PM NA Meeting–Charter Hall

Wednesday, June 21.....

- 6:00PM AA Meeting–Epworth Building
- 7:00PM Sarah Circle

Thursday, June 22.....

- 10:00AM Prayer Group–Library
- 5:00PM Welcome Table–Asbury Hall**
- 6:30PM Crafty Critters, Nifty Knitters & More–Asbury Hall
- 7:00PM Ministry Meetings**

Friday, June 23.....

- Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska -
- 2:00PM Parkway Pickers Group–Young Adults Classroom
- 3-6:00PM Tailgate Market–Front Parking Lot**
- 7:00PM ALANON Meeting–Epworth Building

Saturday, June 24

- Annual Conference at Lake Junaluska -