Together We Worship

Gathering

Call to Worship & Welcome Sarah Ogletree (MDiv ‘19)

*Song “From Wisdom Emerging” MUO #66

Centering

Poetry Reading Ezra Collins (MDiv ‘20)

Scripture Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Curtis Adams (MDiv ‘20)

Amazing Grace

Proclaiming

Sermon Justin Cox (MDiv ‘19)

* Please stand in body and/or spirit.
Responding

Common Prayer

Celebrant: The table of bread is now to be made ready. It is the table of company with Jesus, And all who love him. It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world, With whom Jesus identified himself. It is the table of communion with the earth, In which Christ became incarnate. So come to this table, You who have much faith And you who would like to have more; You who have been here often And you who have not been for a long time; You who have tried to follow Jesus, And you who have failed; Come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

All: Loving God, through your goodness we have this bread and wine and grape juice to offer, which has come forth from the earth and human hands have made.

May we know your presence in the sharing, so that we may know your touch and presence in all things. We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared among his community through the centuries, and shares with us now. Made one in Christ and one with each other, we offer these gifts and with them ourselves, a single, living, act of praise.

Amen.

Communion                         Bill Leonard
                                       Justin Cox
                                       Joyce Brown (MDiv ‘20)

Song    “The Blood Will Never Lose Its Power”                          MUO #62
            Johanna Kelley (MDiv ‘20)

Sending

*Song   “The Lord Now Sends Us Forth”                               MUO #133

Benediction                         Justin Cox
About the Worship Leader:
Justin Cox writes, “I have spent my entire life in the South of these United States, particularly in North Carolina where I was born and bred. The land and region have played a huge part in my development in ways I am now just discovering. The Old North State was the source of my nature, while my family dealt with the nurturing aspects of my upbringing. Flannery O’Connors description of a “Christ-Haunted South” couldn’t be more spot on. I have found a home in the Baptist faith where I was ordained. I currently serve at a Cooperative Baptist Church in Statesville, NC. I’m married to a wonderful wife, Lauren. I have an adorable daughter, Violet. I’m constantly vacuuming up the hair of two cats and Fred our Golden Retriever.”

Worship Preparation:
Today’s worship service was planned by Johanna Kelley (MDiv ’20) and Jenny Mai (MDiv ’21).

The altar design was created by Taina Diaz-Reyes (MDiv/MA ’19).

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Notes:
MUO = Make Us One Songbook

Communion:
Communion today is celebrated by intinction. You will be given a piece of gluten-free bread that you are invited to dip into the wine or grape juice.

Wine and grape juice are present in both chalices. Wine is in the lesser-filled side of the chalice and inscribed with a “W.” Grape juice is in the greater-filled side of the chalice and is inscribed with a “J.”

The bread was baked by Carly Geis (MDiv ’19)

Worship Team Members:
For feedback, suggestions, or offers to participate in worship, please contact a member of the worship team:

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