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SUNDAY, JULY 6, 2025

9:00am PRE-SERVICE MUSIC: None of Self and All of Thee #695; I Stand in Awe #96; Had It Not Been the Lord; All to Jesus I Surrender #662, Christ Above Me

9:30am WORSHIP

AWAKEN US

Welcome & Invitation to Worship (Psalm 146) – Ben Fike

Come Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy

Is He Worthy?

Shine On Us

Prayer – Mark Matson

SPEAK, LORD

Be Thou My Vision
Children's Moment – Sharon Hilliard
1 John 4:13-21 & Luke 6:20-26 – Colin Bingham
Sermon – Ben Fike
"When Pride Comes Before the Fall" (Amos 6:1-14)
Instruments of Your Peace #828

HELD IN LOVE

Family Prayer – Neil Clay

What the Lord Has Done In Me

Communion Meditation – Gail McCormick

WALK IN MERCY

Behold Our God Benediction – Ben Fike

Song Leader – Rebecca Klingaman

Psalm 146 – Responsive Reading (NIRV)

All: Praise the Lord.

One: I will praise the Lord.

I will praise the Lord all my life.

I will sing praise to my God as long as I live.

All: Don't put your trust in human leaders.

Don't trust in people who can't save you.

When they die, they return to the ground.

On that day their plans come to nothing.

One: Blessed are those who depend on the God of Jacob for help.

Blessed are those who put their hope in the Lord their God.

All: He is the Maker of heaven and earth and the ocean.

He made everything in them.

He remains faithful forever.

One: He stands up for those who are treated badly.

He gives food to hungry people.

All: The Lord sets prisoners free.

The Lord gives sight to those who are blind.

One: The Lord lifts up those who feel helpless.

The Lord loves those who do what is right.

All: The Lord watches over the outsiders who live in our land.

He takes good care of children whose fathers have died.

He also takes good care of widows.

One: But he causes evil people to fail

in everything they do.

All: The Lord rules forever.

The God of Zion will rule for all time to come.

Praise the Lord.

SUNDAY

9:30 Nursery During Worship Care for children under age 3 is available in the Nursery/Tot Room in the Worship Center

11:00 Classes

Children Current series is Ripples: Meeting Jesus by the Water

Age 3 and Under - Nursery/Tot Room in Worship Center

Age 4 through rising 6th grade – Kids Praise Classroom (downstairs)

*Children and volunteers will leave worship following communion

Teens Current series is Bible Geography

Rising 7th-12th grade in the Teen Room

COMING UP / SAVE THE DATE

July 13 MCC Meeting

July 26 Senior Saints

August 3 Brad Carter (ACC) Preaching

August 10 Back-to-School Sunday, MCC

August 23 Senior Saints

September 7 Life Group Kick-Off

September 13 Women's Retreat

EVENTS AND GATHERINGS

Summer Classes

*Children Ripples: Meeting Jesus by the Water We'll discover how Jesus brings peace, power, and love into ordinary (and some not-so-ordinary) moments. Through storytelling, play, and prayer, children age 4 through rising 6th graders will learn to see the presence of Jesus flowing in their own lives and to create "ripple effects" of his love and teaching everywhere they go. Contact Laura Fike for more information.

- *Youth Bible Geography
- *Adults Ask Away: Big Questions and Shared Wisdom We're in a series exploring questions from our own congregation. In July, we will discuss questions on the Holy Spirit and its role in our lives today, Atonement, and the New Heaven and the New Earth.

Summer Prayer Group: Listening to Luke 10 Join a Zoom prayer group on Tuesdays at 12pm as we pray through Luke 10 using the *Dwelling in the Word* practice. This is a space for spiritual listening, community, and shaping our August sermon series. Come once or every week—all are welcome. Interested? <u>Contact Ben</u> to receive the Zoom link and prayer guide. Our next Zoom is July 8.

Wednesday Nights Join us on Wednesday evenings at 6pm for BYO dinner and fellowship, followed by a devotional.

Thursday Bible Study All are invited to a Bible study held every Thursday at 7am in the church library. Questions? Contact Tim Wood.

FAMILY NEWS

Jesus Sightings Wall As part of our Ripples series this summer, our children are inviting the whole congregation to join them in creating a wall of "Jesus Sightings". Whether you see Jesus in a child offering to help a friend or sibling, experience Jesus in a quiet moment of peace after a storm, notice Jesus in a neighbor showing kindness or hospitality, are left in awe when

ordinary act of service becomes holy, hear Jesus in the words of a prayer, or something else entirely, please write or draw your "sightings" on one of the droplets found on the foyer round table or the tables with communion supplies. You can write a paragraph, a sentence, or just one word. Droplets can be left on the tables, pews, or given to Laura Fike. We can't wait to see our wall filled with sightings of Jesus' welcoming, healing, calming, loving work! And if you're having trouble finding Jesus, look for water. Because when we see water, we remember Jesus is near!

Prayer Concerns Paul Watson, Joel Keel, Donna Holladay, Sara Meadows, Wilton DuBois, Branson Brown, Judy Cuffee, Reverdy Ransom, Tim Russell, and those who provide care for them.

Elder-on-Call (Sunday-Saturday) Contact Neil Clay with any concerns, need for prayer, or other ways the elders can provide support and care.

Birthdays and Anniversaries (through next Saturday)

Wednesday 7/9: Neil & Lisa Clay Thursday 7/10: Emma Rash

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Learning Forums Aldersgate UMC in Durham is hosting a series of free Sunday evening Learning Forums in July focused on "Innovating Disciplemaking," featuring Duke professors and church leaders from across the country. All are welcome—visit <u>aldersgate.org/becoming-bright</u> for details and to register. July 6, 4-6pm: Dr. Laceye Warner and Kelly Rismiller from West Lawn UMC in Pennsylvania.



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- Rely on God's Spirit
- Join Christ's Global Church in the Ministry of Reconciliation

