

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

THE WESTMINSTER CHIMES

OPENING PRAYER

Eric Liddell, Scottish Olympic Runner & Christian Missionary (1902-1945)

PRELUDE

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Dillon J. Swanson, organ

Albin C. Whitworth

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leigh Sackett

Jurgen Moltmann in *The Crucified God*

God does not become a religion, so that humanity participates in him by corresponding religious thoughts and feelings.

God does not become a law, so that humanity participates in him through obedience to a law.

God does not become an ideal, so that humanity achieves community with him through constant striving.

God humbles himself and takes upon himself the eternal death of the godless and the godforsaken, so that all the godless and the godforsaken can experience communion with him.

*OPENING HYMN 240

ALLELUIA NO. 1

Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks

*CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O God, we confess before you and humble ourselves today to declare that we are masters of complaint and excuse. When we fail or fall short we blame the situation or the people around us. When we are irresponsible and untrustworthy, we look for a scapegoat who we can blame for our failure. Our pride prevents us from acknowledging our failures and admitting our faults. But you know the truth, so we do not have to hide from you. You do not demand our perfect performance, and so we admit our need for your forgiveness. Humble us to hear your voice of love and then live that love in all we do.

(Let us silently offer confessions that are individually ours to make.)

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORY TO GOD

Gloria Taizé

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest! Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

COMMISSIONING OF MONTREAT YOUTH CONFERENCE PARTICIPANTS

Kenzie Bowes

Hannah Hertz

Sam Dowdy

Maggie Jarrett

Arthur Downs

Amelia Martin

Anna Favor

Analise Martin

Sam Favor

Emma Martin

Lydia Goad

Daniel Owen-O'Quill

Adults: Isabella Fagiani, Emily Jarrett, Josh Williamson

Questions for the Congregation

Do you, the members of RCPC confirm the call of God to our siblings to grow in faith, learning, and fellowship by participating in the Montreat Youth Conference. **We do.**

Will you support them with your prayers while they're away, welcome them warmly when they return, and pester them enthusiastically for stories about their experience? **We will!**

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

The Rev. Isabella Fagiani

Children's Worship follows immediately after the children's sermon. Children ages 4 through 1st Grade may leave for Children's Worship, an age-appropriate service.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Philippians 3:4b-14

(p. 1070 in the pew Bible)

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Andrew C. Whaley

Opening Ceremonies

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,

begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,

who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

CALL FOR THE OFFERING

Gifts for the offering can be made by placing your offering in the plate as it is passed or by scanning the QR Code on the back of your bulletin with your smartphone. Visit rcpres.org and click "Give Now" to learn more.

OFFERTORY

Summer Pick-Up Choir

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

arr. David M. Cherwien

All who hunger, gather gladly; holy manna is our bread. Come from wilderness and wandering. Here, in truth, we will be fed. You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good. All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest. Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy, we keep the feast. We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good. All who hunger, sing together; Jesus Christ is living bread. Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been led. Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude. Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

*DOXOLOGY

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise him all creatures here below; praise him above ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Table

Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The Lord's Prayer

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 sins as we forgive those who sin 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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Today we will celebrate the Lord's Supper by Intinction. You are invited to come forward down the center aisle, take a piece of bread, dip it in the cup, and then return to your seat by the side aisles. There are wafers that are gluten, egg, dairy, and nut free for those who need it. (Ingredients: garbanzo bean flour, potato starch, tapioca flour, whole grain sweet white sorghum flour, fava bean flour, palm oil)

Music During Communion

Summer Pick-Up Choir

The Open Table

Mark A. Miller

Come, oh come, come to the table. Gather 'round, come without fear. Known by name, here at the table, this table; welcome here, to the table of love. Circle round, let's join together. Share your joys, and bring your tears. Strength and hope found at the table, this table; welcome here, to the table of love. God is love; Love is creating something new, right here, right now. We're children of God, here at the table, this table; welcome here, to the table of love.

Prayer After Communion

FOLLOWING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*CLOSING HYMN 223

HAMBURG

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE 741

GUIDE MY FEET

Guide My Feet (stanza 1)

*POSTLUDE

"La Rejouissance" from *Fireworks Music*

Dillon J. Swanson, organ

G. F. Handel

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERS:

Acolyte: Shaylee Marshall

Children's Worship: Lisa Goad & Finley Biddle

Summer Organ Sidekick: Easton Beckett

MINISTRY MESSAGES

PRAYER REQUESTS: Meggie Austin, Marvin & Roena Barbre, Dawn Blakeman, Jackie Blakeman, Brendan Brown (Kathy and Les Brown's grandson), Mayuen Chice, Beverly Day and family (friend of Camilla and Johnsey Cabaniss), Nancy Farthing, Betty Garner, Stephen Hampton (Mary Hampton's brother), Paul & Betsy Keister, Susan Lindstrom, Megan Mallare (friend of Kathy Grove), Melissa Martin (friend of Lisa Boylan), Jenny McKenzie, Billie Murphree (Dawn Long's mother), Garland Parry, Hugh Wellons, and all caregivers.

ONLINE GIVING If you prefer to give online you can either visit rcpres.org and press the "Give Now" button on the homepage or scan the QR code with your smartphone to go directly to the donation page. This can be done as a one-time or an ongoing way to support our mission and ministry.



GRANDIN ROAD HYMN FESTIVAL: *The Song Goes On...*

Sunday, July 14 | 4:00 PM – RCPC Sanctuary

In partnership with other congregations in the surrounding area we join together for the first "Grandin Road Summer Hymn Festival." Join us as we continue our centennial celebration with a hymn festival titled "The Song Goes On" led by a variety of local church musicians and a mass choir directed by a special guest conductor!

BIBLE & MUSIC CAMP - SHEPHERDS NEEDED: July 29 - August 1

Bible and Music Camp is just weeks away on July 29 – August 1! We are hard at work planning and we need more shepherds to hang out with our kids at Bible and Music Camp. A shepherd can be an adult or a youth. Each group of kids has at least two shepherds with them, so you are never alone in your shepherding. Shepherding is a fun and joyful job. As a shepherd you herd your little lambs, aka children, from place to place. You help them when they need help, and you are a friend and guide to them throughout the day. To be a shepherd, you just have to love kids and be able to count. We need shepherds mostly in the morning of Camp from 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Monday - Thursday, but we need some in the afternoons as well. You can shepherd one day, two days, or all 4 days. If you are interested in shepherding, call text, or email Leigh Sackett (leigh@rcpres.org).

CENTENNIAL CONVERSATIONS This summer's Centennial Conversations project has begun! 60 members of our church have stepped forward to be Listeners and are reaching out to have one-on-one conversations with everyone in our church family. Be watching for an email, call, or note from your Centennial Listener, and please respond to their invitation to meet. If you are new to our church, we would love to include you! Simply fill out the tear off sheet found in this Bulletin and drop it in the offering plate or give it to one of our Pastors after worship. Questions? Contact Paula Mitchell paula.mitchell19@gmail.com or Jennifer Owen-O'Quill jennifer.owenoquill@gmail.com.

MUSIC NOTE: For the *Olympians* sermon series, we have switched to a setting of the Gloria Patri composed by Jacques Berthier from Taizé. The community of Taizé is an ecumenical Christian monastery located in the Burgundy region of France.

If you would you like to be included in our Centennial Conversations, please complete the form below, tear off, and drop it in the offering plate.

FIRST & LAST NAME:

EMAIL ADDRESS:

PHONE NUMBER:

RCPC CALENDAR

Sunday, July 7

Montreat Youth Conference
9:00 AM Pick Up Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary

Monday, July 8

Montreat Youth Conference
9:00 AM Preschool Camp
10:00 AM Centering Prayer at St. Elizabeth's Episcopal Church
10:00 AM Monday Morning Prayer Group
6:00 PM Cub Scouts – Ice Cream Social

Tuesday, July 9

Montreat Youth Conference
9:00 AM Staff Meeting
9:00 AM Preschool Camp
10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
4:00 PM Small Group: Dixon
5:30 PM Tai Chi

Wednesday, July 10

Montreat Youth Conference
9:00 AM Preschool Camp
4:00 PM God Alive Gardening

Thursday, July 11

Montreat Youth Conference
9:00 AM Preschool Camp
10:30 AM Primary Purpose: AA
5:30 PM Tai Chi
5:30 PM Justice, Equity, & Belonging Committee
6:30 PM Hip Sober Chicks
6:45 PM Adult Scout Leadership Training
7:00 PM RCNA Board Meeting

Friday, July 12

Montreat Youth Conference
9:00 AM Preschool Camp
11:45 AM Al-Anon

Saturday, July 13

Montreat Youth Conference

Sunday, July 14

9:00 AM Centennial Conversation Listeners Check-In
9:00 AM Pick Up Choir Rehearsal
10:00 AM Worship – Sanctuary
2:00 PM Hymn Festival Choir Rehearsal
4:00 PM Grandin Road Hymn Festival

SERMON SERIES: OLYMPIANS

The Olympics is a great display of human discipline, effort, and talent. Athletes from all over the world compete not for money but for the honor of their land, their family, and themselves. Events, some of which go back hundreds of years, define the spectacle, and names of the greats are remembered for generations. The Olympic games, in fact, go back to the times in which the Bible was written, back to the eighth century BCE in Greece and lasted until the fourth century CE. Who knows if the biblical authors knew about the Olympics, but what scripture does reveal is that those who are in God's covenant often tell a different story than athletic glory. This summer we will explore just how we might endeavor in the Olympics of Faith.

July 14:	Psalm 77:11-20 & Exodus 2:1-10	4x100 Medley Relay
July 21:	1 Samuel 20:18-26 & 1 Samuel 20:27-42	Archery
July 28:	Judges 16:4-22 & Judges 16:23-31	Shot Put
August 4:	Romans 9:30 -10:4	The Hurdles
August 11:	Psalm 68:1-6 & Mark 9:33-37	The Gold Medal
August 18:	Psalm 108:1-6 & 2 Timothy 4:6-8	The Closing Ceremonies

RALEIGH COURT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH THE CHURCH OF THE OPEN DOOR

July 7, 2024
10:00 AM - Sanctuary

OLYMPIANS

July & August 2024



The Mission of RCPC is:
To Seek Christ
To Serve Christ
To Show Christ
To Know God through Christ

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Pastor & Head of Staff
Associate Pastor
Director of Christian Education
Minister of Care
Director of Music Ministries
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