

Forgive us and weave your Spirit anew within us.

When we believe that we have to gather up the loose ends and tangled threads of our lives and our families and communities on our own:

Forgive us and weave your Spirit anew within us.

Merciful God, take the frayed strands of our lives and weave them into something beautiful.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

Congregational Response (responsive)

We are washed in the waters of God's grace.

Thanks be to God.

The Peace (responsive)

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Life of the Church – Christian Education

PRESENTATION OF OFFERING

Anthem *I Sat Down Under His Shadow* Edward C. Bairstow

✦ Doxology (sung)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known; Creator, Word, and Spirit one. Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

✦ Prayer of Dedication

HEARING THE WORD

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

Congregational Hymn (sung seated) Hymn 353

Children's Message 4¢-A-Meal Offering

FIRST READINGS Ephesians 3:14-19 NT (p. 182)

SECOND READING 1 John 4:7-21 NT (p. 226)

SERMON *Unrequited* William M. Klein

A TIME OF SILENT REFLECTION [A time to reflect upon the implications of scripture and sermon for your life.]

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving (responsive)

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.

Loving God, you made this world.../...in this joyful hymn of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

For your kindness.../...and be his faithful followers, showing your love for the world.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor is yours, now and forever.

And now, rejoicing in the communion of the saints.../...who taught us to be bold to pray...

Lord's Prayer (unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Hymn 523 (remain seated) (vss. 4-5)

You Satisfy the Hungry Heart

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Anthem *Eternal Light, Shine in My Heart* Jane M. Marshall

Prayer after Communion

✦ HYMN 264 *At the Name of Jesus*

✦ BLESSING IN WORD [A departing blessing]

✦ CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *We Are One in the Spirit*

We are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; we are one in the Spirit; we are one in the Lord; and we pray that all unity may one day be restored; And they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

BLESSING IN MUSIC [As formal worship concludes, instrumental music is provided. During the playing of the music you are encouraged to greet one another, sharing the peace of Christ, or to remain seated and allow the music to aid you in fashioning some final prayers.]

Toccata-Prelude

Edward C. Bairstow

✦ Those who are able may stand.

Music Notes:

Choir Music: The **choral call to worship**, inspired by John 17:22-23, was written in 1991 by the contemporary church musician, Carol Cymbala. The text:

Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one. Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you.

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The offertory **anthem**, on a text from Song of Songs (2:3b-4), is one of the best-loved choral compositions of the English musician, Edward C. Bairstow (1874-1946), who for more than thirty years was organist at York Minster. The anthem text:

I sat down under his shadow with great delight and his fruit was sweet to my taste.

He brought me to the banqueting house and his banner over me was love.

The **anthem** during the Lord's Supper is a wonderful setting by the American musician, Jane Manton Marshall (b. 1924) of a wonderful text by the English hymn writer, Christopher Idle (b. 1938) paraphrasing a Latin hymn by the 8th-century Christian scholar, Alcuin (735-804). The text:

Eternal light, shine in my heart; Eternal hope, lift up my eyes;

Eternal power, be my support; Eternal wisdom, make me wise;

Eternal life, raise me from death; Eternal brightness, help me see;

Eternal Spirit, give me breath; Eternal Savior, come to me;

Until by your most costly grace, Invited by your holy word,

At last I come before your face To know you, my eternal God.

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Congregational Hymns: The original (Latin) text of "**Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts**" is attributed to the medieval abbot and scholar, Bernard de Clairvaux (1090-1153). Our English translation (of five out of the original forty-two stanzas) is by the Congregational minister/teacher/writer, Ray Palmer (1808-1887), who was the first American hymnist to introduce his translations of Latin hymns to this country. The tune ("Quebec") is by the English engineer-turned-musician, Henry Baker (1835-1910). The choir's descant is by William McCorkle. "**My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less**" is one of a number of hymns written by the English Baptist pastor, Edward Mote (1797-1874). The tune ("Solid Rock") was composed in 1863 for this text by William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868), American composer, teacher, and composer, and a musician active in Baptist churches in New England and New York. The hymn appeared in *The Devotional Hymn and Tune Book* (1864), the only Baptist hymnal published in the U.S. during the Civil War. "**You Satisfy the Hungry Heart**" was written for the 41st Eucharistic Congress (of the Roman Catholic Church) in 1976. The hymn, with music by the American composer, Robert E. Kreutz (1922-1996) and words by Omer Westendorf (1916-1997), the first great Catholic lyricist of hymns in English, was chosen from about two hundred entries as the official hymn of the 1976 congress. "**At the name of Jesus**," inspired by Philippians 2:5-11, was written around 1870 by the English poet, Caroline Marcia Noel 1817-1877). The tune ("King's Weston") was composed to this text for the hymnal *Songs of Praise* (1925) by the great British musician, Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958). As our closing congregational response, we sing from "**We Are One in the Spirit**," which was created (words and music) in 1966 by Peter Scholtes (1938-2009), a Roman Catholic parish priest in Chicago. It quickly spread to worldwide use.

Organ Music: The **prelude** and **postlude** are compositions of (Sir) Edward Cuthbert Bairstow (1874-1946), one of the great English organists/composers of the early twentieth century. The **prelude** is from a set of three short organ compositions published the year after the composer's death. The **postlude** is taken from an extended work (1911) inspired by a plainchant melody.

** If you are carrying a cell phone or some other electronic device, please turn it off before worship begins. **

Announcements & Opportunities

The **flowers** are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of DeWitt S. (De) Worrell by his family.

The **rosebud** is in celebration of the birth of Anabelle Josephine Hobbs, born Saturday, August 26th to Megan and Bobby Hobbs.

Calendar Notes: **Ruth Circle**, originally scheduled for Thursday, September 14th, has been cancelled for this month. The next meeting will be in October. **Youth Subcommittee** was scheduled incorrectly on the newsletter calendar - it will meet on Wednesday, Sept 13th, 4:30pm.

We have an **opening** on the flower calendar for **September 17th**. Please call the church office or email kkennedy@lexpres.org if you'd like to provide.

The Episcopal Diocese of Southwestern Virginia is convening three community conversations across Southwestern Virginia entitled *Pursuing the Beloved Community: A Continuing Conversation on Race*, featuring presentations by Dr. Wornie Reed, Director of the Race & Social Policy Research Center/Professor of Sociology & Africana Studies at Virginia Tech. There will also be question and answer time as well as informal discussion. The first event is scheduled as follows: **September 13th, 5:30-7:00pm, Lylburn Downing Middle School (LDMS) cafeteria.**

Community Table Volunteers: Volunteers are needed at the Community Table, Monday, September 11th. Servers (6), 5:30 -7:00 and clean-up crew (6) 7:00-8:30. Sign up on the sheet in Murray Hall, or call Becky Merchant at 463-4356 or email: beckymerchant96@gmail.com.

This evening you are invited to attend our monthly **Wholeness and Healing Service** at 5:00 pm. This 45 minute service is held each first Sunday evening of the month and is led by your pastor. Everyone is welcome to attend... spread the word.

We will receive our monthly **4¢-A-MEAL offering** this morning during the time for the children. This offering goes to combat hunger and poverty. Consider giving generously.

Bill McCorkle and others musicians will provide another "Twilight Concert In A Country Church" in the Oxford Presbyterian Church sanctuary on Friday, Sep 8 at 5pm.

Choirs will be starting soon! The ADULT SINGING CHOIR rehearses on Thursdays from 7:30 to 9:00PM and will be starting on Sept. 7th. The YOUTH SINGING CHOIR meets on Sunday mornings from 9:15 to 9:45AM and will be starting on Sept. 10th. LAM TEEN TINTINNABULATORS rehearses Sunday evenings from 5:00-6:00PM and will be starting on Sept. 17th. The LAM HANDBELL CHOIR rehearses Sunday evenings from 7:00-8:00PM and will also be starting on Sept. 17th.

Rally Day: Start the Christian Education year off right by attending Rally Day celebrations at **9:45 am on Sunday, September 10 in Dunlap Auditorium**. Come to Dunlap to greet and mingle with friends to find out what they have been up to this summer. We have several new

offerings for Adult Sunday School. In addition to finding new classes, we will have time to explore opportunities to serve throughout the community and beyond. Enjoy breakfast goodies, including fruit, pastries and beverages. Regular classes will begin the next Sunday, September 17.



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CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

SUN (9/3)		<i>4¢-A-Meal Offering Today</i>
	11:00	Regular Worship
	5:00	Wholeness and Healing
MON (9/4)		<i>Labor Day – Church Holiday</i>
TUES (9/5)	10:00	Lectio Divina
	7:00	Session Prayer
	7:30	Session Meeting
THURS (9/7)	5:00	Bible Study in Brady Chapel
	7:30	Adult Choir
SAT (9/9)	3:00	Memorial Service – Tommy Baker
SUN (9/10)		<i>Rally Day!</i>
	8:45	Informal Worship
	9:15	Youth Choir
	9:45	Rally Day Celebration in Dunlap
	11:00	Regular Worship
	2:00	Youth Group Pool Party

RARA Pantry Item of the month (Sept): Canned meat

Following Time with the Children, those in Kindergarten through third grade will be excused to Enrichment in Room WF 4 (Movie Room). For children ages 3-12, there are folders in the foyer near the elevator with color sheets, puzzles and related worship materials, as well as children's Bibles and books.

The nursery will be available from **8:30am** (for Early Worship attendees) until **12:15pm** - after the final worship service.

All are invited and encouraged to attend Lemonade Fellowship in Brady Chapel.

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& large print bulletins*



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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY
3 September 2017
11:00 AM

GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE

MUSIC OF PREPARATION *Andante* Edward C. Bairstow

CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

We come from scattered lives to this place, to seek our unity in the Spirit.

To seek our unity in the Spirit, to seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, to seek the peace of God the Father.

God's people have gathered;

Let us worship him together.

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP *Make Us One* Carol Cymbala

WELCOME

PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦ HYMN 494 *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

A TIME OF CONFESSION

Prayer of Confession (responsive)

We confess that there are times when our words and actions deny the existence of your love stitched deep within the fabric of our lives. When our behavior is patterned more on the values of the world than the values of Your Son:

Forgive us and weave your Spirit anew within us.

When we clothe ourselves with habits which reflect our own selfish desires rather than the selfless nature of Jesus:

Forgive us and weave your Spirit anew within us.

When the lives of neighbors are unraveling because of poverty, broken relationships, substance abuse, discrimination, and we fail to love them as Jesus loves us: