

Laurinburg Presbyterian Church

600 West Church St. Laurinburg, NC 28352

Father's Day

June 17, 2018 - 11th Sunday In Ordinary Time

Our Vision Statement: The Word In Action



Founded 1859

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SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Father's Day

June 17, 2018

Eleven o'clock

Thoughts for Reflection

"I believe that what we become depends on what our fathers teach us at odd moments, when they aren't trying to teach us. We are formed by little scraps of wisdom."

—Umberto Eco, Foucault's Pendulum

"Blessed indeed is the man who hears many gentle voices call him father."

—Lydia Maria Francis, Child

*Passing the Peace of Christ

Please pass the Friendship Pad found at the end of the pew and return it to its starting place. If you are worshiping with us for the first time, we invite you to leave your address on the pad. This will give us the opportunity to share with you the work and witness of our community of faith—and to welcome you into our midst!

Welcome and Announcements

WE ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

The Prelude

"God of the Fertile Fields"

Wood

The Call to Worship

Craig Ellis

Drawn by God's presence. . .

. . .we gather

Inspired by God's spirit. . .

. . .we worship

Empowered by God's grace. . .

. . .we live

Opened by God's love. . .

. . .we share

Let us worship God

. . .with open minds, and hearts, and hands . .

The Prayer of Ingathering

***Congregational Hymn # 714** *God of the Fertile Fields*

***The Litany of Confession**

O God, who suffers at our spiritual and ethical failings and rejoices at the turning to virtue of our hearts and spirits, we confess that we have gone astray. We have been irresponsible by what we have done, as well as what we have left undone. We have diverted our attention away from your call to serve others as Christ served. We have ignored your encouragements to be more loving and forgiving. We have abandoned the way of peace when we are confronted with fears. We have placed prudence above integrity, and self-interest over honor. We have valued acknowledgment more than duty, and pride more than reverence. We have hypocritically judged others while maintaining that others should not judge us. We have been impatient when we were unwilling to be persistent. We have become voyeurs of the private lives of others and have emotionally applauded the downfalls of those we have come to despise. We have been credulous in assuming the worst about others rather than seeking to understand with the intent to encourage.

A Moment for Silent Confession

Forgive us for all our failings that we may be restored to the loving and compassionate beings that you created us to be. May the image we project in our lives be one and the same as that in which you developed in our souls at our birth — the image of goodness and loving-kindness. May it be so—this day and all days ahead! AMEN

The Musical Assurance of Grace

(Sung to the tune NATIONAL HYMN # 331)

**Refresh you people on their toilsome way;
Lead us from night to never-ending day;
With truth and love guide us through error's maze,
And we shall give you glory, laud, and praise.**

WE PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

The Time for The Child in Us All

After the time with the children, children age 4 through Grade 5 may follow their Sunday School teachers upstairs. Parents, please collect your children from Room 207 at the conclusion of worship today.

Special Music

Whole Again

Stuart Carmichael

The Prayer for Illumination

Craig Ellis

The Morning's Lessons

Psalm 20: 4-9

May God grant you your heart's desire and fulfill all your plans.

⁵May we shout for joy over your victory, and in the name of our God set up our banners. May the Lord fulfill all your petitions.

Now I know that the Lord will help his anointed; he will answer him from his holy heaven with mighty victories by his right hand. Some take pride in chariots, and some in horses, but our pride is in the name of the Lord our God. They will collapse and fall, but we shall rise and stand upright. Give victory to the king, O Lord; answer us when we call.

The Gospel of Mark 4: 26-34

Jesus also said, "The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come."

He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

The Prompting

The Rev. W. Robert Martin, III

"A SEEDY PARABLE"

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

***The Hymn of Response**

A Mustard Seed

(Sung to the tune ST. ANNE # 687)

Words by Martha K. Spong

**Oh, once there was a mustard seed
Almost too small to see.
I planted it and watched it grow
Into a spreading tree.**

**The tree became a home for birds;
The branches held their nests.
The birds they came from miles around
to find a place to rest.**

**Yet how can tiny seeds now grow
Into such spreading trees
We tell the tale so we will know
God's kingdom yet to be.**

**How can we live our lives today
to be the mustard seed?
We'll share God's love with all we meet
and help the ones in need.**

**Oh, once there was a mustard seed
Almost too small to see.
I planted it and watched it grow
Into a spreading tree.**

***An Affirmation of Our Faith**

**We are not alone
for we live in God's world.**

**We believe in God: who has created and is creating,
who works in others
and in us through the Spirit.**

**We trust in the Creator—
and through God we are called
into being.**

**We are called to be,
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and to resist injustice,
and to seek out models
for hope and peace.**

**In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us--
and we are not alone!**

The Invitation to Offering

***The Response to Our Offerings**

(Sung to the tune **REGENT SQUARE # 143**)

**These our gifts we bring, Most Holy.
God of glory, God of peace.
May they help the weak and lowly
find new life and fear's release.
And let us be gifts to others
as Christ-Jesus taught and lived!**

***The Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving**

Craig Ellis

**For the gifts we offer this day and every day we give thanks,
O God. Make us good stewards of all you have entrusted
to our care. May our gifts be used to serve your beloved
creation, to sustain this faith community in all that it says
and does, and to build up your just and equitable reality
throughout a world we inhabit and are called to help and
heal. AMEN.**

The Prayers of the People

*At the conclusion of the prayer, please join in the Lord's Prayer using
whatever words or language are most familiar to you.*

**Our Creator, who art in heaven,
hallowed be your name.
Your kingdom come, your 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.
And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for-
ever. Amen.**

WE DEPART IN GOD'S NAME

***The Hymn of Departure # 713** *Touch the Earth Lightly*

***The Benediction (The Good Word)**

***The Benediction Response**

God's Love is Spacious

(Sung to the tune CRUSADER'S HYMN # 630)

Words by W. Robert Martin, III

**God's love is spacious,
Wider than our measure,
Embracing all of the realms of life.
This love is gracious,
This love is tender, close--present in both joy and strife.**

**Vast is God's kingdom,
Vaster, still our calling,
To cherish all without rank or caste.
This call is vital.
This call is crucial.
Let us be worthy of the task**

***The Postlude** *Postlude on St. Anne*

Lay leader today is

Craig Ellis

Welcome to everyone in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

May each of us know the presence of the risen Christ as we worship and feel the warmth and love of the community of Christ here today. If you are searching for a church home, we invite you to join us in the worship and work of Jesus Christ through the ministries of this congregation. To receive information about the life of this faith community, please mark the Friendship Pad.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Jerry Peele by his family.

UPCOMING EVENTS

June 18

7:00 pm Session

June 19

Theology on Tap@ McDuff's

June 25 - July 3

VBS Prep

June 27

5:30 pm CNE

Red Cross / LPC Blood Drive: The Deacons have re-instated the LPC blood drive. The Red Cross will be in the Fellowship Hall on Saturday, June 23, from 10:00 until 2:30. If you are able to donate, please go to redcrossblood.org and click on "donating blood" to sign up for an appointment. Please share this information with others in the community so that this worthy cause can be supported.

Thank You

Bob Dyer

JUNE SANCTUARY COMMITTEE

***Betsy Massey, Co-chair, Chris Carmichael, Anne Miller, Sarah Williams, Ellen Harling, Carolyn Thompson**

JUNE USHER TEAM #1

***Richard Mabry-Lead, Earl Bowling, Danny Caddell, David Carmichael, David Harling, Bill Hill, Richard Massey, John McRae, Maggie Ratcliffe, Scott Sellers, Andy Womble**

NOTES AND THANKS

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Vacation Bible School will take place Monday, July 9 through Thursday, July 12, from 9 am-noon. This year, we will travel the world at the "Everywhere Fun Fair" while we encounter Bible stories about being good neighbors. Registration link for participants (PreK-Grade 5 completed) and youth helpers is available on the church website. Adult helpers are also needed--sign up for a single day or all four! If you're not available during VBS week but want to help, we will be in the Fellowship Hall June 25-July 3 for setup, prep, and decorating. Finally, we are seeking donations of key materials, including Countrytime lemonade mix, goldfish crackers, animal crackers, vanilla wafers, and satin or grosgrain ribbon (1/2 inch or wider). Talk to Jaime Martinez or Debi Hobbs for more information or to volunteer. Website link: <http://laurinburgpres.com/vacation-bible-school-2018>.

*HAPPY FATHER'S
DAY*

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