





# Isaiah 58 • Joel 2:25-29 "Favor the Lowly"

Living like God means confronting the abuses of class.

# **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

# **PREPARATION FOR THE WORD**

CEL=Celebration Hymnal GTG=Glory to God Hymnal

# **CHORAL INTROIT**

"We've Gathered Here Today" by Noah Melton **PRELUDE** "Breathe On Me, Breath of God" arr.Victor Labenske

# **OPENING SENTENCE**

Proverbs 16:19 (CEB)

Better to be humble with the needy than to divide plunder with the proud.

# **WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### SONG OF GATHERING

"Somebody's Knocking at Your Door" GTG #728

Somebody's knocking at your door. Somebody's knocking at your door. O sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knocking at your door.

Knocks like Jesus. Somebody's knocking at your door. Knocks like Jesus. Somebody's knocking at your door. O Sinner, why don't you answer? Somebody's knocking at your door.

# **CALL TO WORSHIP**

God breathed into us And we came to life God breathed into us And we learned who we are God breathed into us and God's grace should come out of us We belong to God We belong to God

SING

"There's A Sweet, Sweet Spirit" GTG #408

# PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Let us begin with silent prayer...

Holy God, Forgive us for getting things backwards. For hoarding love when we should be sharing it. For collecting blessings instead of being blessings. For claiming poverty when we're actually rich. For being jealous of others' fortunes and possessions instead of having satisfaction with our own. Thank you for giving us life itself. Help us say thanks by really living. May we come to reflect your generosity as enthusiastically as we receive it. Thank you for listening, God. Amen.

# **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

God's love can change everything, even the power of our sins over us. And it is God's will that we have this power:

**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.** The Peace of Christ be with you

And also with you.

SING

"Gloria Patri"

Glory be to the Father and to the Son And to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning. It is now and ever shall be world without end: Amen, amen.

# **PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD**

The Word of God doesn't just inform: it reveals. The Word of God doesn't just tell us the truth, it empowers us to live our true path. The Word of God, by God's own Spirit, teaches us to live. Let us be open to this gift of God and ask for help to understand. Let us pray...

### PRAY/SING

"Spirit Fall on Us Like the Rain" arr. J. Banasiak

Spirit, fall on Us Like the rain. Spirit, blow on us like the wind. Spirit, shine on us like the sun. Sanctify and heal us, and make us one. (2X)

Listen closely to the Word of God to us all and our ongoing place in God's story...

# **READ:** Isaiah 58 (CEB)

The fast God chooses.

<sup>1</sup> Shout loudly; don't hold back; raise your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their crime, to the house of Jacob their sins. <sup>2</sup> They seek me day after day, desiring knowledge of my ways like a nation that acted righteously, that didn't abandon their God. They ask me for righteous judgments, wanting to be close to God. <sup>3</sup> "Why do we fast and you don't see; why afflict ourselves and you don't notice?" Yet on your fast day you do whatever you want, and oppress all your workers. <sup>4</sup> You quarrel and brawl, and then you fast; you hit each other violently with your fists. You shouldn't

fast as you are doing today if you want to make your voice heard on high. 5 Is this the kind of fast I choose, a day of self-affliction, of bending one's head like a reed and of lying down in mourning clothing and ashes? Is this what you call a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD? 6 Isn't this the fast I choose: releasing wicked restraints, untying the ropes of a yoke, setting free the mistreated, and breaking every yoke? <sup>7</sup> lsn't it sharing your bread with the hungry and bringing the homeless poor into your house, covering the naked when you see them, and not hiding from your own family? <sup>8</sup>Then your light will break out like the dawn, and you will be healed quickly. Your own righteousness will walk before you, and the LORD's glory will be your rear guard. <sup>9</sup>Then you will call, and the LORD will answer; you will cry for help, and God will say, "I'm here." If you remove the yoke from among you, the finger-pointing, the wicked speech; <sup>10</sup> if you open your heart to the hungry, and provide abundantly for those who are afflicted, your light will shine in the darkness, and your gloom will be like the noon. 11 The LORD will guide you continually and provide for you, even in parched places. He will rescue your bones. You will be like a watered garden, like a spring of water that won't run dry. <sup>12</sup> They will rebuild ancient ruins on your account; the foundations of generations past you will restore. You will be called Mender of Broken Walls, Restorer of Livable Streets. 13 If you stop trampling the Sabbath, stop doing whatever you want on my holy day, and consider the Sabbath a delight, sacred to the LORD, honored, and honor it instead of doing things your way, seeking what you want and doing business as usual, 14 then you will take delight in the LORD. I will let you ride on the heights of the earth; I will sustain you with the heritage of your ancestor Jacob. The mouth of the LORD has spoken.

# **READ:** Joel 2:25-29 (CEB)

#### Vision of the end.

<sup>25</sup> I will repay you for the years that the cutting locust, the swarming locust, the hopping locust, and the devouring locust have eaten—my great army, which I sent against you. <sup>26</sup> You will eat abundantly and be satisfied, and you will praise the name of the LORD your God, who has done wonders for you; and my people will never again be put to shame. <sup>27</sup> You will know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the LORD your God—no other exists; never again will my people be put to shame. <sup>28</sup> After that I will pour out my spirit upon everyone; your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, and your young men will see visions. <sup>29</sup> In those days, I will also pour out my spirit on the male and female slaves.

One: For the Word of God in Scripture, for the Word of God among us, for the Word of God within us...

### All: Thanks be to God!

# CHILDREN'S SERMON "Be Curious"

ANTHEM "In the Sanctuary" arr.Victor Johnson; Soloist: David Ealy; Percussionist: Chason Alligood

SERMON

SING

"Favor the Lowly" Rev. David Ealy

# **RESPONSE TO THE WORD**

"Gift of the Holy Spirit Medley"

## GTG 283 Come, O Holy, Spirit Come

Come, O Holy Spirit, come; Come, O Holy Spirit, come; Come, come, come. (4X)

### GTG 286 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

Breath on me breath of God; Fill me with life anew; That I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.

Breathe on me breath of God, Till I am wholly thine, Until this earthly part of me Glows with the fire divine.

Breathe on me, breath of God, So I shall never die, But live with thee the perfect life Of thine eternity.

# GTG 288 Spirit of the Living God

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Spirit of the Living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me; mold me, fill me; use me. Spirit of the Living God Fall afresh on me.

#### **OFFERING & OFFERTORY**

"Singin' In the Spirit! (I'm Gonna Sing/Ev'ry Time I Feel the Spirit)" arr. Sally Albrecht; Soloist: Dylan Quick

#### DOXOLOGY

Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise God all creatures here below. Alleluia, Alleluia! Praise God above ye heavenly hosts; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, Alleluia! Alleluia, Alleluia!

#### BLESSING

### PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

One: The Lord be with you. **All: and also with you.** 

Let us pray...

"Kumbaya"

GTG #472

Hear us praying, Lord, kumbaya! Hear us praying, Lord, kumbaya! Hear us praying, Lord, kumbaya! O Lord, hear us now. (IX)

...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. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

#### SONG OF SENDING

"Every Time I Feel the Spirit"

GTG #66

#### **SENDING & BENEDICTION**

Let us say together the Benediction...

Let us remember: We were made with the best, but we were made.

#### SING

"Share the Joy!"

by Noah Melton

I'm gonna sing with the joy down in my heart.

I'm gonna love with the joy down in my soul.

I'm gonna share my song, serve Him all day long!

I'm gonna live with the joy down in my heart! (2X)

POSTLUDE

"Ain-a That Good News!" arr. John Carter

# PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

The following are prayer concerns & celebrations given to us through email, Prayer Notebook at the entrance, by phone or word of mouth. Please use this list in your prayers through the week.

- Staff of the month: Danny Yancey
- Alamance Burlington School System budget proposal
- Hawfields Child Care Center—direction
- Emily Johnson—cancer diagnosis
- Blake Jolly—recovering from surgery
- McKenzie Kenyon—upcoming surgery
- Paul Patridge—heart trouble
- Carol Ray—recent fall/cancer treatments
- Bill Thomas—for strength as he continues through chemo for pancreatic cancer (Tammy Karnes' brother)
- Ira Trollinger—recovering from COVID
- The Family of Thomas Vinson
- Erin Westbrook—requires a bone marrow transplant (Nanette's nephew's wife)
- The Family of Jimmy White

### Our prayers continue for:

Cindy Atkins, Ron & Pat Baugus, Rose Boderck (Liberty Commons, Rm #103), Harriett Covington (under hospice care), Susan Loy (Alamance House), Joe McAdams, Josephine Minor, Kevin Monroe (White Oak Manor), Betty Sykes & Carol Thompson (Compass Health Room, #A-9), and Pat Webster





9AM to 11AM MONDAYS June 16, 23, 30 & July 7 Vacation Bible School

This year we will be hosting some of the children from the Hawfields Child Care Center for VBS! For four Monday mornings, **June 16th, 23rd, 30th & July 7th**, from 9AM to 11AM, we will be holding a Vacation Bible School experience that is open to all kids aged 4 and up! Feel free to bring along any grandchildren or friends who want to join in on the fun. The deadline to register is June 2nd using the link below. There is no cost for this event.

https://forms.gle/TGcVwLcqNFR124hL6

If you would like to be part of the VBS team of leaders, please contact Mandy Ealy at mandy@hawfieldschurch.org or Caroline Massey.

# THE 2025 SESSION



# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### LIFE GRANTED

We take a lot of things for granted. And, sure, how helpful is it really to make obvious statements about plain facts? But seriously, stop and make a list of all the things in your life that you take for granted, in one way or another, at one time or another. Does the Spirit of God make your list? The power of God for the breath of life, for inspiration, for forming us in faith. The same Spirit that lets us know when we should do something differently. The gift of God's presence that lets us know we are not alone. When's the last time you thanked God for the gift of the Spirit? How do you make the most of the fact that you bear the Spirit of God? As you move through the week and celebrate in real ways the birthday of the Church, find ways to demonstrate that having God's Spirit in your life matters to you.

#### QUESTIONS AS YOU WORSHIP THIS WEEK

- What makes someone poor?
- Are you rich or poor? Is this true for you only compared to certain others?
- How do you imagine God would describe your economic class?
- What do you think you deserve to have in your possession?

#### WALK HUMBLY

In a world that values, admires, even holds as virtuous bombast and unapologetic swagger, the idea of humility can seem quaint, if not naive. And yet the key to pleasing God, to living our best life, centers around the ways in which we choose humility: in our responses, in our reflections, in ourselves before a God who humbles before us. How can this *possibly* be? We will enter the summer digging into Scripture's take on this and the ways in which we are called to *Walk Humbly*. Be looking for the study materials on our website and Facebook page.

#### **PENTECOST IS HERE!**

This weekend, **June 8th**, we celebrate the birthday of the Church! The Day of Pentecost is the fulfilled promise of God to pour God's Spirit on God's people and to send us out.

#### CONGREGATIONAL MEETING NOTICE

This Sunday, **June 8th**, the Session is calling for a Congregational Meeting immediately following the morning worship service in the Sanctuary. There are two purposes for the meeting. One is to hear and act on the proposal from the Childcare Center for the purchase of land from the church. The second is to choose two folks from the congregation to serve with one of the active Elders on Session as our Nominating Committee for the Class of 2027 Elders. Information about the proposal is available from the church office or, of course, will be presented the day of the meeting. As for the Nominating Committee, folks you suggest to serve must be members of the congregation and prayerfully considered.

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ k90k79tf3xkc54uu1qb9n/6-8-2025-Congregational-Meeting-Notes.pdf? rlkey=85c9dbzwk6a7gpu7tqjx1gi6i&dl=0

#### **CIRCLE #2 AND CIRCLE #3**

- Circle #2 will meet this Monday, June 9th at 2:00 PM at the home of Harriett Covington.
- Circle #3 will meet this Tuesday, **June 10th** at 7:00 PM in the parlor.
- All women are invited to join us!

### THE TRINITY

So, it may go without saying that God is bigger than even our ideas, much less our language. But in our efforts to explain who God is we've historically landed on the idea of the Trinity. It's both explanation and realization that God is accessible to us and yet beyond us. Part of celebrating this idea **next weekend will be an outdoor service** next Sunday morning. So come with your favorite outdoor chair (we'll have a few in case you forget). Also, **wear white** to help symbolize the brightness of God's presence. The rain plan will, of course, move us indoors.

#### **SUMMER READING PLAN**

The Summer Bible Reading plan link is listed below and covers the scriptures we use in worship each Sunday, June 1st through-August 31st. The plan can also be found on our website home page or in the church office.

https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/ 6821fpg3apsth91jh9ttr/Summer-Sermon-Plan-2025-24.pdf? rlkey=osm6cukpsfhng6ipdiy9iyph1&dl=0

## **BURLINGTON SOCK PUPPETS**

Everyone is invited to see the Burlington Sock Puppets play on **Friday, July 11th**. The game starts at 7PM, but the gates open at 5:30PM. Tickets are \$16 per person and include all you can eat burgers, hot dogs and drinks. You can sign up for this event below. The deadline to sign up is July 1st. Friends and family are welcome!

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 20F0D49AEA82EABFA7-56992027burlington

### TAI CHI AT HAWFIELDS

Join Elder, Kim Ragland, for a 6 week tai chi Basic Moves course. The "Basic Moves" are a set of movement patterns based on the ancient art of tai chi that focus on mindfulness, relaxation, balance and coordination. The class will be held in the Fellowship Hall on Thursdays at 1 p.m. beginning on **June 19th**. The cost of the 6 week course is \$20. All proceeds go to Hawfields Church. To register, email Kim at I kimter I @gmail.com or call 336-578-9671 (leave a message).

#### MANNA MARKET NEEDS

The following are the non-perishable items needed for Manna Market: mixed veggies, canned potatoes, canned corn, pork & beans, diced tomatoes, canned tomato sauce, pasta noodles, jar spaghetti sauce, canned kidney beans, canned black beans, peanut butter, oatmeal, grits, mac and cheese, jam/jellies, canned tuna, canned chicken, Jiffy corn bread, pancake mix and syrup, Raman noodles, pop tarts, and saltines. Your donations are greatly appreciated!

#### YOUTH GROUP LUNCH

If you can help provide lunch for the youth group meetings, please sign up using the link below for available dates. Your contributions are appreciated! Favorite menus include: chicken nuggets, pizza, Bojangles, taco bar, & subs.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/ 20F0D49AEA82EABFA7-56894443-summer



# Saturday, June 28th 9AM to I PM

Join us for Mission Possible Saturday, **June 28th** from 9AM to IPM. This will be a day of mission project fun as we explore what it means to serve our neighbors near and far! We will begin the day with singing and a Bible story then break into groups to create toys for the animal shelter; run, hop, and skip to gather items for hygiene kits; get a little dirty helping in the church gardens; and enjoy a snack and story. This experience is for children ages 3 and up. Families are welcome to stay for the fun! You may register for Mission Possible using the link below. There is no cost for this event. The deadline to register is **June 20th**. Lunch will be provided.

https://forms.gle/ CRdhHwyH4TNDWqAQ9

# THE WEEK AHEAD:

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 9:00 AM ......Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM ......Coffee & Treats (F. Hall) 10:00 AM ...... Traditional Worship Service II:00 AM ...... Youth—Lunch & Hangout 1:30 PM ......Communion @ Compass 6:00 PM ......Faith @ Night Service

# **MONDAY, JUNE 9**

2:00 PM ......Circle #2 (Harriet. Covington's home) 7:00 PM ...... "The Chosen" Bible Study

# **TUESDAY, JUNE 10**

11:00 AM ......Staff Meeting & Praver 6:30 PM ...... Choir Rehearsal 7:00 PM ......Boy Scout Meeting (F. Hall) 7:00 PM ......Circle #3 Meeting (Parlor)

# WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 AM ......Busy Bees Workshop 1:30 PM ...... Hawfields Dulcimers 6:30 PM ...... Narcotics Anonymous (Fleming)

# **THURSDAY, JUNE 12**

6:30 PM ......ÁA Meeting (Fleming Room) 7:00 PM ......Spiritual Life Committee

# **SATURDAY, JUNE 14**

9:00 AM.......Walking Group (church track)

- SUNDAY, JUNE 15 9:00 AM ......Youth Sunday School 9:15 AM ......Coffee & Treats (F. Hall) 10:00 AM ...... Traditional Worship Service 12:00 PM ......Derby Check-In 3:00 PM ......Girl Scout Meeting
  - 5:00 PM ...... Hawfields Community Meal
  - 6:00 PM ......Faith @ Night Service

BY THE NUMBERS	6/01/25
Giving Budget 2025	\$346,202.00
Gen. Fund YTD	\$100,482.05
Needed monthly	\$28,850.17
G.F. Month to date	
Needed weekly	\$6,657.73
Last week	
Building Fund	\$170.00
Youth	
Helping Hands Balance	\$75.01

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