



## Silent Meditation

Words can be twisted into any shape. Promises can be made to lull the heart and seduce the soul. In the final analysis, words mean nothing. They are labels we give things in an effort to wrap our puny little brains around their underlying natures, when ninety-nine percent of the time the totality of the reality is an entirely different beast. The wisest (wo)man is the silent one. Examine the actions. Judge by them.

~Karen Marie Moning

If you want that good feeling that comes from doing things for other folks then you have to pay for it in abuse and misunderstanding.

~ Zora Neal Thurston

**HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST**

October 30, 2016

10:55 AM

Gathering Music

Welcome and Announcements ✕

Nancy Ellett Allison

One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.

All: **And also with you.**

*(Please pass the friendship pads so that all worshippers  
have the opportunity to sign them)*

Opening Voluntary

\* Words of Preparation

Patti Key

One: O God of love and mystery, we gather as your people in this place.

Many: **We come to commune with you and with those around us.**

One: For all those who have paved the way for our freedom of worship, we give thanks, O Holy One.

Many: **For those who have taught us about witness and the power of love, we give thanks, O Gracious One.**

One: For those who work in our church that we may come to know what it means to serve, we give thanks, O Servant of All.

Many: **For all your saints, for people from every nation and tongue, we give thanks, O God Beyond all Limits.**

One: Praise be to God, for you are good and your mercy endures forever!

Many: **Praise be to God, for you are good and your mercy endures forever!**

\* Passing of the Peace

One: Let us now greet one another as a sign of God's peace, for the peace of Christ is here to stay.

Many: **Thanks be to God.**

\* *All rise in body or spirit* ☩ *Sing Response* ✕ *Hymnals located below pews*

\* Hymns

“O Happy Day”

Oh happy day (oh happy day)  
Oh happy day (oh happy day)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
When Jesus washed (when Jesus washed)  
He washed my sins away (oh happy day)  
Oh happy day (oh happy day)

He taught me how to watch, watch and pray, watch and pray  
And live rejoicing every, everyday

“You Are Good”

Lord, you are good and your mercy endureth forever! 2x  
People from every nation and tongue, from generation to generation,

We worship you, hallelujah, hallelujah,  
We worship you for who you are! 2x  
And you are good!

Children’s Offering & Message

Nancy Ellett Allison

*(Following the Children’s Message, pre-schoolers may go to extended care and those in kindergarten through fifth grade to Children’s Church.)*

\* Hymn

“Every Praise Is To Our God”

Every praise is to our God.  
Every word of worship with one accord  
Every praise every praise is to our God.  
Sing hallelujah to our God  
Glory hallelujah is due our God  
Every praise every praise is to our God.

God my Savior  
God my Healer  
God my Deliverer  
Yes He is, yes He is

Our Time of Prayer Together

Greg Walker

\* Gospel Lesson

Luke 17:11-19

Nancy Ellett Allison

On the way to Jerusalem Jesus was going through the region between Samaria and Galilee. As he entered a village, ten lepers approached him. Keeping their distance, they called out, saying, ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us!’ When he saw them, he said to them, ‘Go and show yourselves to the priests.’ And as they went, they were made clean. Then one of them, when he saw that he was healed, turned back, praising God with a loud voice. He prostrated himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him. And he was a Samaritan. Then Jesus asked, ‘Were not ten made clean? But the other nine, where are they? Was none of them found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?’ Then he said to him, ‘Get up and go on your way; your faith has made you well.’

One: May we hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Many: Thanks be to God. Open our ears, our hearts, our minds.

Gift of Music

“The Battle Is Not Yours, It’s the Lord’s”

Clifton Steele

Sermon

“Keep Pounding!”

Dian Griffin Jackson

Offertory Invitation

Nancy Ellett Allison

Offertory

Jared Fischer

\* Offering Response 38

WOODLANDS

Lift eve-ry gift that God to us has given;  
How lies the best 'til blessed by God in heav'n!  
With spi-rits one, with hearts inspired and awed,  
We lift them up, we lift them up to God!

\* Offertory Dedication

Nancy Ellett Allison

\* Hymn

“I'm So Glad, Jesus Lifted Me”

I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me.  
I'm so glad Jesus lifted me,  
Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me.  
When I was in trouble, Jesus lifted me,  
Singing glory, hallelujah! Jesus lifted me.

Satan had me bound; Jesus set me free.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus set me free.  
Satan had me bound; Jesus set me free.

\* Benediction

Dian Griffin Jackson

Postlude

Clifton Steele

*No matter who you are  
or where you are on life's journey,  
you are welcome here!*

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY COVENANT

### WELCOME TO HOLY COVENANT

We welcome all who worship with us at Holy Covenant. Guests and members, we invite you to sign our friendship pads so that we may have a record of your worshipping with us and be in touch with you during the week. Members, please indicate any changes in your contact information. We invite our visitors and members to linger following worship and join us in light refreshments and conversation.

### WELCOME TO OUR GUEST PREACHER, REV. DIAN GRIFFIN JACKSON

We are delighted to have Rev. Jackson returning to our pulpit this Sunday. She has celebrated 6 years of ministry with Mt. Zion United Church of Christ in Rockingham, NC. Dian has been a leader with the NC NAACP and within the UCC having served as a president of the South Conference of the United Church of Christ and as a board member of the UCC Justice and Witness ministries.

### CENTURY SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

#### Remembering our 100 year journey of FAITH

We will be decorating the sanctuary and gathering room with early 1900's artifacts - and by DRESSING in period clothing (any older style will be appropriate - and FUN!) This is your chance to show off those family treasures to the entire congregation! We will also create a photo spot where you can dress up to create an unforgettable image. Barry needs items like: a spinning wheel, a washboard, old men's and ladies' hats and glasses, armed services jackets, and more. On Nov 13, bring a treasured family photo to fill the buffet counter in the gathering room. Contact Barry Holcomb, 704-615-0418 or bholcomb002@gmail.com if you have questions or items to share.

### GENERATIONS OF GENEROSITY COMMITMENT CARD

Many thanks to all who have turned in their pledge cards for 2017. Through October, we have received 42 family pledges towards our General Fund 2017 ministries and 20 family pledges towards our Building Fund mortgage needs. Each pledge matters greatly for the missions and work of our church, and currently we are over 60% of our goal to meet next year's budget needs. Please turn in your family pledge card or email our church administrator, Dawn Simmons at office@holycovenantucc.org as soon as possible. We are grateful for the many new pledges, and the generosity of all at Holy Covenant.

### **3Q2016 GIVING STATEMENTS**

Third Quarter Year to Date Giving Statements have been distributed. Please check your email (or mail box) for your statement. Contact Dawn in the church office to opt out of emailed statements. (2016 Annual statements will be mailed to all contributors in January 2017).

### **HOLY COVENANT ANNUAL HOLIDAY BAZAAR**

Calling all Artists and Creative Saints! Our holiday bazaar will be Sunday, December 4 with a Wine and Cheese Preview Party on Saturday, December 3, 4pm-7pm. If you are interested in selling your creative gifts at our bazaar, please let Debbie Davis know **by November 20** at [debbiekdavisnc@gmail.com](mailto:debbiekdavisnc@gmail.com) so we can reserve a table for you. This event has been a successful activity during the holiday season for the past several years and we hope you can join us in selling your wares! Twenty percent of sales will benefit the Guatemala Missions Fund.

### **UNCC'S NEW FOOD PANTRY FOR STUDENTS**

Yes - even on a college campus - students can have a tough time making ends meet. UNCC has begun keeping a food pantry and you can read more about it at the website [uncc.edu/org/foodpantryprogram](http://uncc.edu/org/foodpantryprogram). Our very own Kim Buch is a co-founder of this beneficial outreach, last year serving over 1000 students. Contact her at [Kim.Buch@uncc.edu](mailto:Kim.Buch@uncc.edu).

### **EARLY VOTING DATES & DRIVING OPPORTUNITY**

Holy Covenant will serve as a volunteer site for offering rides to those without transportation to vote early. Contact Lynn Chavarria or Linn Finger if you are able to drive or go to [ncvoter.org/rides](http://ncvoter.org/rides) to sign up. Early voting dates and driving opportunities are Tues (Nov. 1st), Thurs (Nov. 3) & Sat (Nov. 5)

### **WONDERFUL CROP WALK!**

Thanks to Linda Carver, Shirley and Riley Moder, Susan Stiles, Darline Warren and Sarah Wilds for joining me in the CROP Hunger Walk on Oct. 16th. Terry Raley-Dennis, Sue Pascucci and Moses Taylor were not able to join us, but helped obtain donations. Thank you for making pledges to alleviate hunger in Charlotte and worldwide. Checks can be made payable to CROP and given to the person to whom you pledged to or Tina Dickens. If you need a receipt for tax purposes, please contact Tina Dickens, [taichitina@gmail.com](mailto:taichitina@gmail.com) or 704-965-7708.

**WE COULDN'T PROVIDE OUR WARM WELCOME WITHOUT THE HELP OF:**

Elder for October: Faye Humphrey; November: Phil Kaveler

Greeters: Bill Hildebrand, Connie Hildebrand

Media: Brian Hankins, Joe Craig

Ushers: Youth

Tabulators: Debbie Davis, Terry Raley-Dennis

Recyclers: Linn Finger

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

**Members**

Gail Bushman, Leanne Bushman, Charlotte Carbone, Ginny & Bob Fisher, Marianne Gannon, Diane Garvey, Helen Lambert, Karen Long, Irene Mikkelson, Yami Senturias, Sheryl Stogner, Kathleen Wagner

**Friends & Family Members**

Rose Bouchonville (John Maze), Matthew Christian, (Beth Sharp), CD & Alice Huskins (Jared Fischer), John Jacobsen (Holly Middleton), Aaron Johnson (Joy Johnson), Ashley Jones (Annette Shoop), Urban Linn (Julie McLelland), Carrie McLelland (Joe McLelland), Sarah Mitchell (Scottie Foster), Ron Parrish (Terry Parrish), Nancy Robbins (Robert Shepherd), Luz Soto (Aida Marcial), Tommy Simpson (Cynthia Simpson), Charles Weaver (Susan Rettberg)

*Candid photographs and/or video recording share our work and witness and invite others into the fellowship of our congregation. Some pictures/video may be published in church print publications, on our website or on our official social media sites. If you do not wish to have your image published, please contact the church office by phone or email.*

**Holy Covenant United Church of Christ**

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**Mr. Jared Fischer, Music Director**

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