



## Silent Meditation

**“Christians are usually sincere and well-intentioned people until you get to any real issues of ego, control power, money, pleasure, and security. Then they tend to be pretty much like everybody else. We often given a bogus version of the Gospel, some fast-food religion, without any deep transformation of the self; and the result has been the spiritual disaster of "Christian" countries that tend to be as consumer-oriented, proud, warlike, racist, class conscious, and addictive as everybody else-and often more so, I'm afraid.”**

**~ Richard Rohr**

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HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST  
SECOND SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

June 23, 2019

Prelude & Chiming of the Bell Dawn Robinson  
“Now Thank We All Our God”  
*Shaw, Rinkart & Cruieger*

Welcome and Announcements ✕ Fred Robinson  
One: May the peace of Christ be with you all.  
Many: **And also with you.**  
*(Please pass the information pads so that all worshippers  
might have the opportunity to sign them)*

Opening Voluntary “Glorify Thy Name” Dawn Robinson  
*by Donna Adkins*

\* Call to Worship Jeff Edwards-Knight  
One: In the abundance of God’s love, we gather here,  
Many: **not to establish our credentials but to learn our needs,  
not to justify ourselves but to admit our need for growth,  
not to cling to the familiar but to risk the adventure,  
not to seek respite from reality but to meet pure Reality,  
not to practice positive thinking but to be caught up in God’s  
joy.**  
One: In the abundance of God’s love, we enter this house of worship.  
Many: **In awe and reverence, we will worship in God’s presence.**

\* Passing of the Peace Jeff Edwards-Knight  
One: Let us now greet one another as a sign of 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*

1. O for a thou-sand tongues to sing  
My great Re-deem-er’s praise,  
The glo-ries ev-er ech-o-ing  
The tri-umphs of God’s grace!
  
2. My gra-cious Sav-ior and my God,  
As-sist me to pro-claim,  
To spread through all the earth a-broad  
The hon-ors of your name.
  
3. Je-sus! the name that clams our fears,  
That bids our sor-rows cease  
Is mu-sic in the sin-ner’s ears,  
Is life, and health, and peace!
  
4. Glo-ry to God, and love and praise  
Be ev-er, ev-er given  
By all the saints in ev-ery age,  
The church in earth and heaven.

Children’s Message

Fred Robinson

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

A Psalm of David

The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters;  
he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right paths  
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk through the darkest valley,  
I fear no evil;  
for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff—  
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord  
my whole life long.

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

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

1. All hail the power of Je-sus’ name!  
Let an-gels pros-trate fall;  
Bring forth the royal diadem  
and crown Christ servant of all.  
Attend the Savior’s sovereign claim,  
and crown Christ servant of all.
  
2. Adorn, O martyred saints of old,  
the coronation hall;  
Extol the wounded One foretold,  
and crown Christ bearer of all.  
Extol the wounded One foretold,  
and crown Christ bearer of all.
  
3. All heirs of Israel’s chosen race,  
now ransomed from the fall,  
Proclaim the wonders of God’s grace,  
and crown Christ healer of all.  
Proclaim the wonders of God’s grace,  
and crown Christ healer of all.
  
4. Before the cross, with heaven’s throng,  
we on our knees shall fall;  
We’ll join the everlasting song,  
and crown Christ savior all.  
Proclaim the wonders of God’s grace,  
and crown Christ healer of all.



1. Sav-ior, like a shep-herd lead us, much we need your ten-der care;  
in your pleas-ant pas-tures feed us, for our use your folds pre-pare.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are;  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have bought us, yours we are.
  
2. We are yours, in love be-friend us, be the guard-ian of our way;  
keep your flock, from sin de-fend us, seek us when we go a-stray.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray;  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, hear your chil-dren when we pray.
  
3. Let us al-ways seek your fa-vor; let us al-ways do your will;  
Je-sus Christ our on-ly Sav-ior, with your love our spir-its fill.  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still;  
Bless-ed Je-sus, bless-ed Je-sus, you have loved us, love us still.

\* Benediction

Fred Robinson

\* Benediction Response 581

WORLD PEACE PRAYER

☐ **Lead us from death to life, from falsehood to truth,  
From despair to hope, from fear to trust.  
Lead us from hate to love, from war to peace,  
Let peace fill our hearts, let peace fill our world,  
Let peace fill our universe.**

Postlude

“Amazing Grace”  
*arr. Mark Albrecht*

Dawn Robinson

## WHAT'S HAPPENING AT HOLY COVENANT

### PLEASE SIGN OUR ATTENDANCE REGISTER

**WELCOME** to all who worship today at Holy Covenant! Guests and members, please sign an attendance register and then pass it back to its starting point, taking note of who is worshipping near you and greet them.

### WELCOME DAWN ROBINSON

We are delighted to welcome Dawn Robinson as she leads us in worship today. A life-long educator, Dawn earned her D.Ed in Educational Leadership, from Nova Southeastern University in Florida where she served as a teacher, assistant principal and principal in Miami. After “retiring” to Charlotte, she worked in the CMS system as an Area Superintendent and Chief of School Performance. Dawn is married to Fred Robinson who owns and operates Robinson Funeral Service in Concord.

### NEW MEMBER/INQUIRER CLASSES

If you would like to learn more about our congregation or become a member at Holy Covenant, please join our Summer Inquirer's Class.

**9:30 AM June 30, Elders and Deacons Breakfast Ministry Organizational Structure & Opportunities for Involvement**

We will receive new members into the congregation on July 14. Email JoAnn Jellison at [JoAnnJellison@yahoo.com](mailto:JoAnnJellison@yahoo.com) to let her know if you plan to attend.

### VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES!

Are you looking for an opportunity to volunteer at Holy Covenant but don't have a lot of time to spare? The Usher and Greeter teams at Holy Covenant are looking for additional volunteers to support our ministries. All you have to do is arrive for our church service a little early on your assigned Sunday. For information about joining **the usher team**, please contact Barb Schneller at [bschneller@wcupa.edu](mailto:bschneller@wcupa.edu) and **the greeter team**, please reach out to Lisa Sherman at [jsherman007@carolina.rr.com](mailto:jsherman007@carolina.rr.com).



## **LET'S GET W.I.S.E. TOGETHER! TODAY FOLLOWING WORSHIP**

Join us in the conference room for an exploratory meeting to consider ways to better support those with mental health issues in our congregation and our community. The UCC has developed a program called **WISE (Welcoming, Inclusive, Supportive, Engaged)** that helps congregations identify and take practical steps to address these concerns. We hope to have a diversity of voices as we consider this important ministry need. Contact Meg Houlihan, 704-957-8738 or [megmhoulihan@gmail.com](mailto:megmhoulihan@gmail.com) for more information. All are welcome to attend these meetings.

## **PERSONALIZED BRICKS ORDER TO BE PLACED IN JUNE**

All friends and family of Holy Covenant UCC are invited to purchase personalized pavers to honor a loved one, commemorate a special date, or offer a memorial gift to the memory of someone important in your life. Bricks will be placed in the walkway leading to our labyrinth and will remind all who spend time here of your connection and support of Holy Covenant. Pick up and order form in the gathering room. We will place an order by the end of June and we request that a tax-deductible contribution of \$100 to Holy Covenant be made with each brick purchase. Net proceeds are used to defray costs of our memorial garden maintenance. Questions? Contact Debbie, [debbiekdavisnc@gmail.com](mailto:debbiekdavisnc@gmail.com).

## **MIGRANT BUS MINISTRY**

The Charlotte Greyhound Migrant Assistance Project has coordinated greeters for the buses in order to provide much needed travel essentials for the Central American Migrants. Fleece throw blankets, juice boxes and water, toiletries and little stuffed animals are in need. A collection box is available in the Gathering Room. Contact Suzanne Lamorey, [suzlam@yahoo.com](mailto:suzlam@yahoo.com), with questions or to participate in this welcoming.

## **SOJOURNERS CLASS - NOT YOUR TYPICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL**

The Sojourners will next meet on June 30 to continue discussing *That's How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. We'll be talking about pp. 198-246 ("Hedge Enemies" to "Exit Rows" for those online). Everyone is welcome, and no preparation is necessary.

## **REFRESHMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP - KEEP IT SIMPLE!**

You can use the link below to sign up, and you can still sign up on paper if you prefer. <https://tinyurl.com/hcuccsnacks2019>

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

Elder for June: Joy Decker, [joy@joydecker.com](mailto:joy@joydecker.com) or 704-579-1694

Deacons for June: Ed Vickery, Holly Middleton

Greeters: Deb Winston, Laura Hankins

Ushers: Shakti Subramanian, Mike Sladek, Eileen Howe

Media: Brian Hankins, Lisa Cloninger, Renee Brown

Tabulators: Terry Raley-Dennis, Terrance Hayes

Refreshments: Phyllis Johnson, Carl Johnson

Recyclers: Phil Kaveler

## **PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER**

### **Members**

Danny Bushman & family in the death of Gail Bushman.

Frank & Charlotte Carbone, Kevin Decker, Linn Finger, Julie Klever, Helen Lambert, Karen Long, Irene Mikkelson, Sue & Bill Pascucci, Isabelle Reedy Powell, Mamie Stokes

### **Friends & Family Members**

Ray Adams (Linda Burby), Ann Ebright (Julie Klever), Mary Ruth Edenfield (Donna Collins), Tammie & Charles Edenfield (Donna Collins), David & Cecelia Griffin (JP Griffin), Will & Addie May Hong (Jim Hong), Marilyn Lafferty (Kim Tyler), Bob Lyons (Melissa Noll), Amy Madden (Robert Shepherd), Ron Mann (Robert Shepherd), David Owens (Donna Collins), Roshani Parikh (Nishi Griffin), Joe Robinson (Bill & Kim Tyler), Ken & Evelyn Sell (Robert Shepherd), Jessie Sharp (Terry Raley-Dennis), Chris Shepherd (Robert Shepherd), Sue Smith, Luz Soto (Aida Marcial), John Teague (Donna Collins), Kathryn Vickery (Ed Vickery), Gary West (John Rapp), Wanda Williams (John Rapp)

No matter who you are  
or where you are on your journey,  
you are welcome here!

#### **OUR MINISTRY TEAM**

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