



Silent Meditation

For years I have looked ahead, searching for holy places down the road and trying to reach them as soon as possible.

*Now I believe instead that this ground is sacred,
and wherever I stand at this moment is holy....*

We need to rest and allow our spirits to be healed
and made whole along the way,

not so that we can do better or travel farther

but so that we will make the journey in our own good time.

*And sometimes we ought to linger, perhaps for a long time,
until the beauty of that place has shaped us from the inside.*

~Judith Smith

HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
WORSHIP & ANNUAL MEETING SUNDAY

November 17, 2019

Prelude

Kathleen Smith

Welcome and Announcements ✕

Nancy Ellett Allison

One: May the peace of Christ be with you.

Many: And also with you.

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

Opening Voluntary

Kathleen Smith

Hospitality Report

Judi Lord

* Call to Worship

Judi Lord

One: Our journey begins with the call from God;

Many: A call to love God, neighbors, enemies, the last and the least.

One: Our journey begins with the guiding lamp of God's Word.

Many: Our journey begins in blessing:

One: "If God reveals anything to you by any other instrument of His,
be as ready to receive it as you were to receive any truth by my
ministry, for I am verily persuaded the Lord hath more truth yet
to break forth out of His Holy Word." *(The words of Pastor
John Robinson as the Pilgrims set sail for the New World)*

Many: Our journey begins with the call from God;

One: A call to do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with the
Living One.

Many: Our journey begins in the midst of new dimensions;

One: As we listen to hear the voice of God who is still speaking!

All: Our journey begins and we are not alone!

* Passing of the Peace

Judi Lord

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*

* Hymn 391

“In the Midst of New Dimensions”

NEW DIMENSIONS

1. In the midst of new di-men-sions
In the face of chang-ing ways,
Who will lead the pil-grim peo-ples
Wan-dering in their sep-arate ways?

Refrain:

God of rain-bow, fier-y pil-lar
Lead-ing where the ea-gles soar,
We your peo-ple, ours the jour-ney
Now and ev-er, now and ev-er, now and ev-er-more.

2. Through the flood of starv-ing peo-ple,
War-ring fac-tions and de-spair,
Who will lift the ol-ive branch-es?
Who will light the flame of care? (*refrain*)

3. As we stand a world di-vid-ed
By our own self-see-king schemes,
Grant that we, your glob-al vil-lage,
Might en-vi-sion wid-er dreams. (*refrain*)

4. We are man and we are wom-an,
All per-sua-sions, old and young
Each a gift in your cre-a-tion,
Each a love song to be sung. (*refrain*)

5. Should the threats of dire pre-dic-tions
Cause us to with-draw in pain,
May your blaz-ing phoe-nix spir-it
Res-ur-rect the church a-gain. (*refrain*)

**You are the salt for the earth, O people: salt for the reign of God!
Share the flavor of life, O people: life in the City of God! (*refrain*)**

**You are a light on the hill, O people: light for the City of God!
Shine so holy and bright, O people: shine for the City of God! (*refrain*)**

**You are a seed of the Word, O people: bring forth the reign of God!
Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, grow in the City of God! (*refrain*)**

**We are a blessed and a pilgrim people: bound for the reign of God!
Love our journey and love our homeland: love is the City of God! (*refrain*)**

Refrain:

**Bring forth the reign of mercy, bring forth the reign of peace;
Bring forth the reign of justice, bring forth the City of God!**

HOLY COVENANT UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST ANNUAL MEETING

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| Call to Order | Consistory President, Cheryl Milam |
| Establishment of Quorum | |
| Approval of Minutes | |
| President's Report | |
| Interim Pastoral Search Committee Report | |
| Nominations for Settled Pastoral Search Committee | |
| Nominations for Consistory Class of 2022 | |
| Proposed Budget for 2020 | |
| Endowment Fund and Grantee Report | |
| Strategic Planning Report | |
| Ministry Reports | |
| • Personnel - Jim Hong | |
| • WISE - Meg Houlihan | |
| • Worship - Kathi Smith | |
| • Strategic Planning - Melissa McQueen-Simmons | |
| New Business | |
| Acknowledgement of Committees | |
| Adjourn for Soup & Dessert! | Thank You, Hospitality Team! |
| * Benediction | Nancy Ellett Allison |
| Postlude | Kathleen Smith |

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

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.

WILL YOU WALK WITH US ON THE WAY?

We are grateful for all who have already generously pledged towards our 2020 Stewardship campaign. 2020 Pledges received are currently 81% of our General Fund (church ministries and operating expenses) pledge goal and 90% of our Building (Capital Fund towards paying our mortgage) pledge goal.

ANNUAL MEETING FOLLOWED BY POT LUCK TODAY

Our 2019 Annual Meeting is our opportunity to discuss and share the work of the church with the entire congregation. Thank you to all who make our ministries possible!

ROOM IN THE INN

December 8, January 19, February 9, March 29

HCUCC will again host our yet to be housed neighbors to keep them warm, give them a place to shower, and feed them hot meals. Can you help with this ministry? Check the signup sheets in the Gathering Room...there are many ways you can help to welcome our neighbors in need!

BACKPACK MINISTRY FOR LOCAL STUDENTS

Holy Covenant has committed to help provide specific food items for children of David Cox Elementary School who need our help. Each Friday the children receive a backpack filled with protein, vegetables, soup, starches, fruit, breakfast items, and a snack to take home with them. For these children this might be the best meal they get all weekend. Please see the **suggested donation** items listed on the shopping cart in the gathering area. Please put **ONLY** these items in this cart as we cannot deliver anything else.

HOLIDAY LOVE OFFERINGS

FOR HCUCC STAFF AND REV. FRED ROBINSON

During this joyful time of year, we ask those of you who are able to consider contributing to a Holiday Love Offering for our Associate Pastor Rev. Fred

Robinson and staff (*a separate love offering is listed below for Pastor Nancy*). Thank you for considering our church staff as you plan out your holiday giving plans. Love Offerings will be collected by December 15th in person to Tom Magraw, by mail (3238 Tatting Road Matthews, NC 28105) or at worship (payable to Tom, or in cash). In his absence, Cheryl Milam will receive the offerings on Tom's behalf.

TWO SEPARATE OFFERINGS WILL BE TAKEN FOR PASTOR NANCY

1. A Love Offering for Pastor Nancy will be collected by December 15th in person to Cheryl Milam, by mail (10004 Falmouth Lane, Charlotte, 28369), or at worship (checks payable to Cheryl, or in cash).
2. A Solar Panel Fund will be established so gifts can be made in honor of Pastor Nancy through the church and will be tax deductible - those can be made payable to Holy Covenant UCC.

TRAVELING? BRING YOUR UNUSED TOILETRY ITEMS

Don't toss out those unused soaps and shampoos. *Don't let housekeeping do it either!* Bring your unused items here and we'll make sure they get to someone in need. Look for the little blue box in the Gathering Room. *Gracias! Merci! Mahalo!*

SOJOURNERS CLASS - NOT YOUR TYPICAL SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sojourners continue their Bible study with a discussion of Exodus 16:1-21 using a guide from the UCC resources. It's part of a series entitled *LISTEN UP! Bible Study*, which is not simply learning information about the Bible. It is hearing God speak. We will be encouraged to listen to the Bible, listen to our own questions and responses, and listen to the honest sharing among those present. We pray that God's word may be heard, speaking words of challenge and words of comfort. Everyone is invited! Hope to see you there at 9:45 in the Conference Room.

REFRESHMENTS FOR FELLOWSHIP - KEEP IT SIMPLE!

To help keep us organized, we use an electronic signup for volunteers called SignUpGenius. 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 November: Tom Magraw, tmagraw@aol.com or 704-614-5405

Deacons for November: Cheryl Milam, Cheri Dennis

Greeters: Anne Hayes, Lisa Sherman

Ushers: Tom Magraw, Chris Edwards, Suzanne Lamorey, Kelly Gimlin

Media: Brian Hankins, Lisa Cloninger

Tabulators: Alice Phelan, Kelly Gimlin

Recyclers: Suzanne Lamorey

PLEASE REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Members

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

Friends & Family Members

Ray Adams (Linda Burby), Andrew Bomely (Martha Bomely), Ann Ebright (Julie Klever), Jennifer Edenfield (Donna Collins), Alma Gordon (Kevin & Joy Decker), David & Cecelia Griffin (JP Griffin), Faye Grumbles (Linda Clark), Henry Hildebrand (Bill & Connie Hildebrand), Will & Addie May Hong (Jim Hong), Marilyn Lafferty (Kim Tyler), Bob Lyon (Melissa Noll), Ron Mann (Robert Shepherd), Carolyn Marshall (Linda Clark), Thibault Ossenbühl (Melissa Noll), Roshani Parikh (Nishi Griffin), Joe Robinson (Bill & Kim Tyler), Jack Ross (Anne Findlay-Chamberlain), Rev. Jeanette Salley (JoAnn Jellison), Ken & Evelyn Sell (Robert Shepherd), Deborah Selma (Kathleen Wagner), Irene Sharpe (Robert Shepherd), Luz Soto (Aida Marcial), Gene Sullivan (Jason Sullivan), John Teague (Donna Collins), Dorothy Underwood (Keith & Cheri Dennis), Kathryn Vickery (Ed Vickery), Gary West (John Rapp), Wanda Williams (John Rapp)

OUR MINISTRY TEAM

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