You are the everlasting God
The everlasting God
You do not faint
You won't grow weary
You're the defender of the weak
You comfort those in need
You lift us up on wings like eagles
(Repeat All)

CALL TO CONFESSION

Alli Hartsell

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All: Almighty God, we acknowledge and confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; we have not loved you with all of our heart, soul, and mind, we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. Deepen within us our sorrow for the wrong we have done, and the good we have left udone. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

PASSING OF THE PEACE

Sarah Bryan

One: The peace of our Lord, Jesus Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

†Gloria Patri #579

Glory Be to the Father

THE WORD

YOUNG CHURCH Lawson Sherrill, Mary Ellen Thompkins

OLD TESTAMENT Isaiah 53:3-6 Lisa Murphy

New Testament 2 Timothy 4:5-8 Liberty Hartsell

SLIDE SHOW

SLIDE SHOW SONG The Blessing

GRADUATE TESTIMONIES

RECOGNITION OF COLLEGE GRADUATES

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostles' Creed

Brooks Barefoot

All: I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

RESPONSE

Invitation to the Offering

Kelsey McCarthy

Peterson/Shrive

Offering/Offering Song Is He Worthy

(Grace-Gardner Boliek, soloist) Congregation: Sing bold sections

Do you feel the world is broken

We do

Do you feel the shadows deepen

We do

But do you know that all the dark Won't stop the light from getting through

We do

Do you wish that you could see it all made new

We do

Is all creation groaning

It is

Is a new creation coming

It is

Is the glory of the Lord To be the light within our midst

It is

Is it good that we remind ourselves of this

It is

(Refrain): Is anyone worthy

Is anyone whole

Is anyone able to break the seal and open the scroll

The Lion of Judah who conquered the grave He is David's Root

And the Lamb who died to ransom the slave

Is He worthy

Is He worthy

Of all blessing and honor and glory
Is He worthy of this

He is

Does the Father truly love us

He does

Does the Spirit move among us

He does

And does Jesus our Messiah Hold forever those He loves

He does

Does our God intend to dwell again with us

He does

Refrain

He is worthy

He is worthy

He is worthy

He is worthy

He is worthy of this

He is

†Doxology #592

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow, Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him, above Ye heavenly host Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SENDING

†SENDING SONG God Really Loves Us Glover/Bowe (Kelsey McCarthy, Sarah Bryan, song leaders; Chase Barefoot, percussion)
Congregation: Sing bold sections

I've got a friend Closer than a brother There is no judgement Oh how he loves me I've got a friend And He is my strength He is my portion With me in the valley With me in the fire With me in the storm Let all my life testify

Hallelujah
We are not alone
God really loves us God really loves us
Hallelujah
Oh praise my soul
God really loves us God really loves us

His mercy's enough
His grace is sufficient
So come if you're needing
Forgiveness or healing
His mercy's enough
Oh and this is our hope
The cross it has spoken
Death is no more
Christ is the Lord
Oh this is our hope (*Refrain*)

What a Father What a Friend What a Savior He is What a Father What a Friend What a Savior He is

†Benediction

Jack Stapleton

†Postlude

Reprise: God Really Loves Us

†All who are able, please stand



The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary today to the Glory of God and in honor of

our High School and College Graduates

Given by the Perko family

Military Appreciation - May 24th

Join us for a special program and our last Wednesday meal of the season as we show appreciation for our military. Dinner is on us for all our veterans. When you make your reservations, (by emailing Kelli Lujan at kellilu@gmail.com), please indicate if you are Military (active, retired, veteran).

The menu for the evening will be: Fried Chicken, Mac & Cheese, Green Beans, Salad Bar, Dessert

Important News... Today is Jen Jammer's birthday!

2023 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES

Bryant Terry Birch, son of Beth & Wayne Birch Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending Cape Fear Community College to study exercise science and play soccer

Hugh McKay Cameron, son of Avery & Dr. Scott Cameron Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending UNC Chapel Hill

Thomas Wade Cash, grandson of Martha & PW Jessup Graduating from Northern Guilford High School Will be attending NC State to study Engineering

Kaleigh Guy, daughter of the late Deanna & Neill Guy

Liberty Hartsell, daughter of Melissa & Sid Hartsell Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending the University of Alabama

Leighton Jennings Hurley, son of Mr and Mrs Todd Huggins Hurley
Graduating from Terry Sanford
Will be attending East Carolina University to study Business

Anna Cecile Matlack, daughter of Karen & Kep Matlack Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending UNC Chapel Hill Lisa Grace Murphy, daughter of Kathy & Glenn Murphy Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending Western Carolina University

Richard Jacob Reames, son of Kelly & Greg Reames Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending East Carolina University

Holden Joseph Reaves, son of Maryt & Holden Reaves Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending East Carolina University

Charles Timothy Stapleton, son of Traci & Rev. Chip Stapleton Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending Westminster University (New Wilmington, PA) to study business and play soccer

Sarah Bayliss Stone, daughter of Laura & Heath Stone Graduating from Terry Sanford Will be attending the University of South Carolina



2023 COLLEGE GRADUATES

Chase Ammons, son of Lee & Tom Prewitt, and the late Gene Ammons, Jr.
Graduating from Wake Forest University
Bachelor of Science in Health and Exercise Science
Chase will be pursuing a Masters in Biomedical Sciences at
Wake Forest School of Medicine

Langdon Boliek, son of Haden & David Boliek
 Graduating from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill
 Majors in Economics and Sports Management
 Langdon plans to work in the Sports industry

Glenn Cameron, daughter of Avery & Dr. Scott Cameron
Graduating from Meredith College
BS in Biology, minors in Psychology and Chemistry
Glenn is applying to the Mizzou School of Veterinary Medicine

Kate Perko, daughter of Amy & Rick Perko
Graduating from Meredith College
BA in Communications, concentration in Public Relations,
Kate has been accepted to the Fourth Fellows Program in Washington DC
which emphasizes the intersection of faith, work, and service by
integrating professional work, graduate-level seminary classes,
and community service.

Kathryn Rebecca Reames, daughter of Kelly & Greg Reames
Graduating from North Carolina State University
Major in Education
Kate will be attending Graduate School at
North Carolina Central University



GATHERING

CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

Introit

By His Grace (Tinsley Olive, soloist)

arr. Tornquist

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

Tinsley Olive

One: The Lord our God gives to each one of us a sense of blessing, security, and confidence -

All: for God alone is our refuge, our place of safety.
One: Our life experiences reassure us that we can always trust in God's goodness and compassion -

All: for God alone is our refuge, our place of safety. One: God's presence is expressed to us in many ways which lead us into a closer relationship with God.

All: For God alone is our refuge, our place of safety. Let us worship this holy and glorious God. Amen.

OPENING PRAYER & LORD'S PRAYER

Grace-Gardner Boliek

OPENING SONG **Everlasting God** Brown/Riley (Kelsey McCarthy, Sarah Bryan, song leaders; Chase Barefoot, percussion)

Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
Strength will rise as we wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord
We will wait upon the Lord

Our God You reign forever Our Hope our strong Deliverer