



By the Rivers of Babylon by Saul Raskin

WORSHIP SERVICE AND COMMUNION
WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY
17TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
OCTOBER 5, 2025
614 Griffis Street, Cary, NC 27511
www.carypresbyterian.org

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering

(* Please stand as you are able.)

Gathering Chime

Prelude

One Bread, One Body

Foley

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

We Have Gathered

Pethel

Call to Worship

Destruction and violence are everywhere;
strife and contention are all around.

**The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

The law is slack,
and justice does not prevail.

**The needs of the world are so great;
O Lord, increase our faith.**

How many threats surround us:
warfare, homelessness, loneliness, loss.

**The needs of the world are so great,
but you, O God, are greater still—
the One in whom all things are possible.
O Lord, increase our faith in you!**

*Hymn

Here in This Place (vv. 1-3)

No. 401

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Merciful God, you have called us to live
in sincere faith
and to suffer for the gospel.**

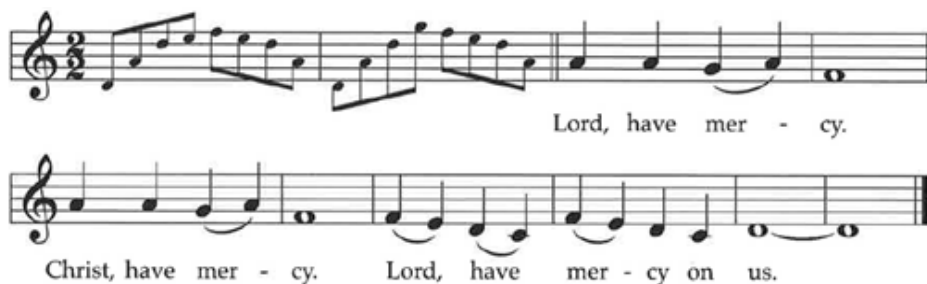
We confess that we do not come before you
 with a clear conscience.
 Our faith is clouded by sin and uncertainty.
 We shrink from your call to live sacrificially
 on behalf of others.
 Too quickly, we seek our own ease and comfort first.
 We confess that in our own lives, and in the church,
 we rely on our power rather than yours.
 Forgive us, we pray,
 for we are fractured and fearful disciples.
 Take away from us a spirit of cowardice,
 and restore to us the spirit of power rightly used,
 of love unconditionally offered,
 and of self-discipline gracefully lived.
 In new mercy, forgive us and increase our faith,
 that we may be faithful servants at your table.
 In Christ's name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Kyrie

Lord Have Mercy

No. 576



Assurance of Pardon

***Response**

Here in This Place (v. 4)
(Opening hymn)

No. 401

Word

Prayer for Illumination

Su Johnson

Scripture Reading

Psalm 137

One: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Scripture Reading

2 Timothy 1:1-14

Message

Guarding the Good Treasure Entrusted to Us

Paul Lang

***Hymn**

As the Wind Song

No. 292

***Affirmation of Faith** *The Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Time With Our Children

Jen Pierce

Responding

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

Offertory

Bread of the World
Chancel Choir

arr. McDonald

*Bread of the world in mercy broken,
cup of the world in mercy shed,
By him the words of life were spoken,
and in his death our sins are dead.
Look on the heart by sorrow broken,
look on the tears of sinners shed;
And be your feast for us a token
that by your grace our souls are fed.*

*Circle of hope, remain unbroken.
Circle of love, reach out and spread.
Then all the world will share the glory,
share in God's blessings and be fed.
Bread of the world.*

Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Lord in your goodness: Hear our praise; Lord in your mercy: Hear our prayer.

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.**

The Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

(All bread is gluten-free. The congregation is invited to come forward to receive the elements, returning to your seats to partake. The elements may be brought to any who choose to remain seated in the pews.)

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Praise to you, O God, for all your works.

You created the world and called it good

And made us in your image to live together in love.

You made a covenant with us,

and even when we turned from you,

you remained ever faithful.

Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (C) (D) (Em) (Am)
Gm F Eb F Gm Cm

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow - er, God of might, heav - en and earth are

(C) (D) (Em) (Am) (D)
 E^b F Gm Cm F
 full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
 (Em) (D) (Em) (D) (C)
 Gm F Gm F E^b
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the
 (D) (A) (Am) (D)
 F C Cm F
 name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the
 (Em) (Am) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm Cm F Dm7 G
 high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

You alone are holy, Steadfast God,
 and blessed is your Son,
 Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.
 God's true Light,
 He wandered the shadows of death
 To bring us out;
 God's own beloved,
 he endured our sin,
 to heal us forever;

God's own Glory,
 he went into the grave,
 that we might enter
 the gates of righteousness.

As we remember you raising
 him from the dead and giving us life.
 Great is the mystery of faith:

Capo 3: (Em) (D) (G) (Am)(Em) (B) (C) (D) (A)
 Gm F B^b Cm Cm D E^b F C

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

(Em) (D) (G) (Am)(Em) (B) (C) (D) (Bm7) (E)
 Gm F B^b Cm Cm D E^b F Dm7 G

Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ will come a - gain.

Gracious God,
 pour out your Holy Spirit upon us
 and upon these your gifts of bread and wine,
 that the bread we break
 and the cup we bless
 may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.
 By your Spirit make us one with Christ,
 that we may be one with all who share this feast,
 united in ministry in every place.
 As this bread is Christ's body for us,
 Send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Communion

Prayer after Communion

Sending

***Hymn** *When Peace like a River (vv. 1, 3, 4)* No. 840

***Blessing and Charge**

***Response** *We are Marching in the Light of God* No. 853
*Sung to the Glory of God in loving memory of Mitzi Lesher-Thomas
for her faithful ministry at Cary Presbyterian Church.*

***Sharing the Peace of Christ**

You are invited to share Christ's peace with those around you.

Today's Worship Service Participants

Ministers: Rev. Dr. Paul Lang, Rev. Paul Burgess

Music Director: Ed Yasick

Choir: Chancel Choir

Trumpet: Justin Dickson

Special Music: Members of the CPC Orchestra;

Justin Dickson, Director

Lay Reader: Su Johnson

Children's Time: Jen Pierce

Ushers: Russell Digs, Jane Dunbar,

Susan Bowdish, Tom Bolick

Tech: Alan Burton, Troy Burton

Slides: Karen McMenamin

*The Social Justice Ministry has postponed today's scheduled
Lunch and Learn: "Neurodiversity in Religious Settings,"
to Sun. Dec. 7 due to the conflict with the 2:00 p.m.
memorial service for Mitzi Lesher-Thomas
at First Presbyterian Church in Durham.*

Notes. Prayers. or Scribbles

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This Week at Cary Presbyterian Church

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Sunday Oct. 5	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 5:30 p.m.	Faith Formation / K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Faith Formation / Middle School (HS Room) CPC Reads Together (Fellowship Hall) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) POSTPONED: Neurodiversity Lunch & Learn (Dec. 7) Memorial Service for Mitzi-Lesher Thomas 1 st Presbyterian Church, 305 E. Main St., Durham Youth Group: Dinner at CPC Home
Monday Oct. 6	11:00 a.m. 6:15 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Staff Meeting (Parlor) GSA Troop 1951 (Youth Area) BSA Troop 232G (Fellowship Hall) Deacons Meeting (Library) Cub Scout Pack 232 Den Mtgs. (C. Ed. Bldg.)
Tuesday Oct. 7	10:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Triple F (100) Cool Books Club (Zoom) Session Meeting (Zoom) BSA Troop 232B (Youth Area) CPC Reads Together (Zoom)
Wednesday Oct. 8	7:00 p.m.	Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)
Thursday Oct. 9	5:15 p.m.	Caring Place Program (FH/Various Rooms)
Friday Oct. 10	7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Courage, Strength, & Hope / Alateens (Youth) Al-Anon / Courage, Strength, & Hope (101/102)
Saturday Oct. 11		
Sunday Oct. 12	9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 9:15 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 5:30 p.m.	Faith Formation / K-5 th Grade (C. Ed. Wing) Faith Formation / Middle School (HS Room) CPC Reads Together (Fellowship Hall) Sunday Worship Service (In Person & Online) Youth Group: Dinner at CPC Home



Ministry teams are a great way to participate in the life and work of the church and 'Find Your Place' at CPC! See the opportunities at: <https://carypresbyterian.org/teams>



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