



GATHERING

Invitation **“Wild Geese”** **poem by Mary Oliver**

***Hymn 14** **For the Beauty of the Earth** **DIX**

**¹ For the beauty of the earth, for the glory of the
skies, for the love which from our birth over and
around us lies:**

Refrain:

**Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our hymn of grateful praise.**

**² For the wonder of each hour of the day and of the
night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and
moon, and stars of light: (Refrain)**

**³ For the joy of ear and eye, for the heart and mind's
delight, for the mystic harmony linking sense to
sound and sight: (Refrain)**

**⁴ For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent,
child, friends on earth, and friends above, for all
gentle thoughts and mild: (Refrain)**

**⁵ For thyself, best gift divine to the world so freely
given; for that great, great love of thine, peace on
earth and joy in heaven: (Refrain)**

***Confession and Pardon (responsive)**

“Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
Chosen and beloved, you are my own.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you:
by your name I called you for my own.”

God, by your grace,
forgive us.

silent prayer

For all we should be and all we can amend:
God, in your love,
renew us.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us:
God, in your love,
prepare us.

For the life of the world and the love of its people:
God, in your love,
commit us.

Hymn 76 Do Not Be Afraid DO NOT BE AFRAID *all singing refrain*

¹ Look up, a new thing I am doing; it springs forth; look and see it grow. Through wilderness I'll make a level highway; through deserts, make streams and rivers flow.

Refrain:

**Do not be afraid, for I am with you.
Chosen and beloved, you are my own.
Do not be afraid, for I have redeemed you:
by your name I called you for my own.**

² I am God, who blots out your transgressions;

for my own sake I do not chide or blame.
Only this much I ask, that you love me
and seek me and honor my name.

(Refrain)

- ³ The Lord, the Holy One of Israel has promised to lead us on our way, and we who love and worship God our Maker will listen to hear the Spirit say:

(Refrain)

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

***Hymn 582**

GLORY TO GOD

Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me

- ¹ **Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,
and to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,
and to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**
- ² **World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
World without end, without end. Amen.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be.
Amen.**

***Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

WORD

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture

Deuteronomy 7:6-8

⁶ For you are a people holy to the LORD your God; the LORD your God has chosen you out of all the peoples on earth to be his people, his treasured possession.

⁷ “It was not because you were more numerous than any other people that the LORD set his heart on you and chose you, for you were the fewest of all peoples.

⁸ It was because the LORD loved you and kept the oath that he swore to your ancestors that the LORD has brought you out with a mighty hand and redeemed you from the house of slavery, from the hand of Pharaoh king of Egypt.

Luke 3:21-22, 4:1-13

²¹ Now when all the people were baptized and when Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, the heaven was opened,

²² and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.”

¹ Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit in the wilderness,

- 2 where for forty days he was tested by the devil. He ate nothing at all during those days, and when they were over he was famished.**
- 3 The devil said to him, “If you are the Son of God, command this stone to become a loaf of bread.”**
- 4 Jesus answered him, “It is written, ‘One does not live by bread alone.’ ”**
- 5 Then the devil led him up and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world.**
- 6 And the devil said to him, “To you I will give all this authority and their glory, for it has been given over to me, and I give it to anyone I please.**
- 7 If you, then, will worship me, it will all be yours.”**
- 8 Jesus answered him, “It is written,
 ‘Worship the Lord your God,
 and serve only him.’ ”**
- 9 Then the devil led him to Jerusalem and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple and said to him, “If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down from here,**
- 10 for it is written,
 ‘He will command his angels concerning you,
 to protect you,’**
- 11 and
 ‘On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.’ ”**

¹² Jesus answered him, “It is said, ‘Do not put the Lord your God to the test.’ ”

¹³ When the devil had finished every test, he departed from him until an opportune time.

Holy wisdom, holy word.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

**The Reverend David Renwick
“ID Theft Protection”**

RESPONDING

***Affirmation of Faith (unison)**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God’s image of every race and people, to live as one community. In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.

Hearing their cry, God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage. Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.

Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child, like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home, God is faithful still.

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

***Hymn 740**

Lead Me, Guide Me

LEAD ME, GUIDE ME

Refrain:

**Lead me, guide me, along the way,
for if you lead me, I cannot stray.
Lord, let me walk each day with thee.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me.**

**I am weak and I need your strength and power
to help me over my weakest hour.
Help me through the darkness your face to see.
Lead me, O Lord, lead me. (Refrain)**

Prayers of the People and The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.**

**Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread,
and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.**

**And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.**

**For Thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory forever, Amen.**

Offerings

Three Songs of Faith

What Was I Made For?

Akanamandla, Haleluya (He has no power!)

Akanamandla, uSathane (Satan's had it!)

***Hymn 831 I Depend Upon Your Faithfulness**

I depend upon your faithfulness.

I can journey on, for you are always there.

None compares with you, O blessed One;

O how great your faithfulness.

***Prayer of Thanksgiving**

SENDING

***Hymn 450 Be Thou My Vision**

SLANE

**¹ Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that thou art;
thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.**

**² Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower;
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.**

**³ Riches I heed not, nor vain, empty praise;
thou, mine inheritance, now and always;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.**

**4 High King of Heaven, my victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.**

***Benediction and Charge**

***Voluntary**



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WELCOME TO SUMMER WORSHIP IN MONTREAT

All have a home here in the worship of the living God. In praise and prayer, joy and lament, scripture and preaching, arts and imagination, we come to be nourished by the sustaining grace and love of God offered to all people. Montreat welcomes the congregations of the Montreat Presbyterian Church and the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church on Sunday mornings this summer.

THIS MORNING'S OFFERING supports the worship ministry of Montreat Conference Center. Offerings may be placed in the basket or made online at www.montreat.org/SWO. Members of Montreat Presbyterian Church and Black Mountain Presbyterian Church may designate their regular contributions to those congregations by using the printed envelopes available in the lobby.

HEARING LOOP: Anderson Auditorium is equipped with a hearing loop. To use this technology, a hearing aid must be set to "T". For the best result, sit in sections closest to the walls.

AFTER WORSHIP: You are invited to greet our preacher, the Rev. Dr. David Renwick is retired pastor of National Presbyterian in Washington, DC. He is a graduate of St. Andrew's University in Scotland, holds an M.Div. from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, and a Ph.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, VA. Dr. Renwick has served congregations in Newfoundland, Canada, San Antonio, TX, Lexington, KY, and Spartanburg, SC.

SUNDAY LUNCH is served at 11:45 a.m. in the Galax Dining Room of Assembly Inn. Lunch is \$17.00 for adults (12+) and \$8.50 for children (5-11). Please purchase your ticket at the Front Desk of the Inn.

USHERS: We are grateful to this morning's ushers from Black Mountain Presbyterian Church.

HYMN SINGS are on Sunday evenings at 7 pm in the Assembly Inn Lobby. Tonight's leader is Susan Strickland. Susan is the recently retired organist at FPC Newton, NC, having served for over 17 years. She and her husband, who both love to travel, live in Conover, NC.

ARTS, MUSIC, and THEOLOGY Summer Lectures begin Tuesday, July 2, featuring Christopher Griffin, "Seamus Heaney: Making Hope and

History Rhyme.” Christopher comes to us from Ireland, currently lives in Washington DC, loves talking about Seamus Heaney and all things Irish! Everyone is welcome. Convocation Hall, 7-8:15pm.

SUMMER WORSHIP PLANNING TEAM meets each week to review and plan the Summer Worship services. The team includes Richard DuBose, Michaela English, Hannah Garrity, Lynn Gilliland, Keith Grogg, Ann Laird Jones, Alec Peters, Kathy Russ, Carol Steele, and Eric Wall.

ARTIST’S STATEMENT

“...and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, ‘You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.’” (Luke 3:22, NRSVUE) Using the paper lace process, this art piece represents the descending dove; the Holy Spirit at Jesus’ baptism. When I began work on this design the prevailing images of doves descending in their mass-produced forms were prevalent in my visual mind. I have loved these and struggled with them over the years. For this image, I wanted to find one that was diving. My first sketch was too vertical. Terrible, particularly for this horizontal space. It took much research to discover a dove pose that truly represented the gravitas of this incredible scriptural moment. This moment when God’s voice names and claims Jesus as the Messiah. Unfathomable. Here the dove descends forward toward the people reminding us that it is not just Jesus who has been baptized; who has been claimed and named; who has been called. The other motifs in this piece are Celtic symbols representing the trinity and the verticality of a wall. The Holy Spirit, the voice of God, and Jesus in human form, all parts of the trinity are actively present here. The dove breaks through the wall, this barrier connecting those once divided. Beloved, who/what/how is God calling you to connect? What barriers must be traversed, broken, overcome?

–Artist, Hannah Garrity