



Community Worship

Thursday, November 21, 2013

Davis Chapel



WAKE FOREST
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Today in Worship

GATHERING

- Song: "Nothing Can Trouble / Nada te turbe" [VU #290]
- Welcome and Introduction
- Call to Worship

Lisa Irwin (MDiv '14)
Caitie Smith (MDiv '14)

CENTERING

- * Hymn: "Eternal Christ, You Rule" [VU #212]
- Prayers of the People [see pg. 4]

Paula Wells (MDiv '14)

PROCLAIMING

- Bringing in the Light

Cameron Robinson (MDiv '15)

Thy Word is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path.

- Scripture Reading: Luke 23:33-43
- Sermon: *Reign from Below*

Helena Epstein (MDiv '16)
Crystal Rook (MDiv '15)
Ted Wilkinson (MDiv '15)
Daniel Potter (MDiv '16)
Rev. Craig Schaub

RESPONDING

- Communion

INVITATION

See the table before us. This board is spread for the beautifully imperfect, the ones who don't have it all quite together, the ones others might sometimes whisper about, those just trying to keep it together through the rest of the day. So if you are willing to dine elbow to elbow with Those kind of people, then you're more than welcome to come, to receive and be received, to build community, energized as essential participants in the body of Christ.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Leader: God be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift them to God.

Leader: Let us give thanks to God most high.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

We give thanks, Holy Love, for your steady creative pulse, triggering tides and quickening our bodies. We give thanks for all the common ways you give us life:
Sunlight and rain,
A touch on the shoulder or a smile from a stranger
A word of pleasant surprise or courage in the struggle
A taste of bread shared with others, and a cup passed.

We remember all those in the sacred stories and in the world today, who are ignored, labeled, shoved aside, who become your powerful messengers. So we thank you for the privilege and purpose of leaning into Good News.

We remember Jesus, who loved You and others no matter what. So today we trust your blessing with this bread and cup, to join in the Christ-hope of a day when all are fed, all know they are loved, all have dignity.

Holy Spirit, come and use these gifts and each of us to animate the body of Christ here and now. Amen.

Leader: (breaking bread) The bread of life.

All: Alleluia.

Leader: (pouring into cup) The cup of peace.

All: Alleluia.

Leader: These are the gifts of God for all God's people.

- Communion Song: "Jesus, Remember Me" [VU #148]

SENDING

- * Song: "Soon and Very Soon" [see pg. 5]
- * Benediction

Rev. Craig Schaub

As you leave the chapel, please be mindful of those who are working and learning in the building.

Prayers of the People

Lord of love and loveliness, whenever we come to say our prayers, our thoughts like to run down familiar paths, and reach out to the same familiar list of people and needs.

Today we pray for that same list, seeking your blessing on one and all. Please continue your redeeming work in their lives.

Yet we also want you to stretch our compassion to include many others who either deliberately or unintentionally neglect in our prayers.

We pray for our enemies, whether they be a bully at work or some huckster who tricked us financially, whether they be savage critics of the church or members of terrorist groups. God you are always just and merciful, not judging according to what the eye sees nor the ears hear. Look in mercy on our enemies and bless them according to their true needs this day.

We pray for the people who disgust us. Those who willfully litter our parks and beaches, scrawl graffiti on our buildings, get drunk and smash shop windows or beat up a lone pedestrian. Those who stir up racist hatred, or lust for cruel retribution rather than just punishment or rehabilitation, and the many who sit watching others suffer without lifting a hand to help them.

Lord in your mercy, bless these nasty people, and by your Holy Spirit, work in them, and through others who are not as intolerant as us, enable them to rise above the squalor or brutishness of their ways.

We pray for those people of within this congregation or other churches and denominations, who annoy or frustrate us. Those whose ultra conservative or radically liberal views seem to us to be an attack on the body of Christ.

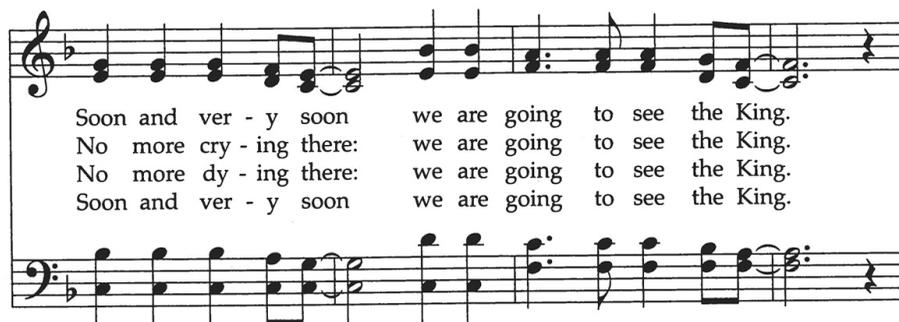
To you who first loved us, long before we ever thought of loving you, be all worship and honor, glory and praise, within this congregation and across all continents, seas and islands, to the far corners of the earth, now and forever.

Amen.

Soon and Very Soon



1 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.
2 No more cry - ing there: we are going to see the King.
3 No more dy - ing there: we are going to see the King.
4 Soon and ver - y soon we are going to see the King.



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Hal - le - lu - jah, hal - le - lu - jah, we're going to see the King!

This spirited African American gospel hymn draws on John's vision of the new heaven and the new earth in Revelation 21:3-4, with its wonderful promise that God will wipe away the tears from all eyes, that death will be no longer, and that there will be no more mourning or pain.

Notes for Today's Worship

ABOUT THE WORSHIP LEADER

The Rev. Craig Schaub serves as pastor with Parkway United Church of Christ in Winston-Salem.

COMMUNION

Communion will be done by intinction today. Each station will have both bread and gluten-free wafers. Wine will be in the chalice located closest to the piano and grape juice will be in the chalice located closest to the windows. All are welcome to partake.

MUSIC

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WORSHIP

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