

* One asterisk means to stand, as you are able.

After worship, the minister stands at the side door, the closest exit for those with special needs.

Citations for references used during worship are available upon request, from the ministers.

The New Revised Standard Version of the Bible is used during worship, *unless otherwise noted*.

A lectionary is a selection of Bible readings to be used for worship and study. This congregation uses the Revised Common Lectionary, which follows the liturgical year in a three-year cycle. Its scriptural recommendations complement the current season of the liturgical year.

Lectionary Year C for the 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
**September 11: Jeremiah 4:11-12, 22-28; Psalm 14,
Psalm 51:1-10; Exodus 32:7-14; 1 Timothy 1:12-17;
Luke 15:1-10.**

Lectionary Year C for the 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time,
**September 18: Jeremiah 8:18-9:1; Psalm 79:1-9,
Psalm 113; Amos 8:1-7; 1 Timothy 2:1-7; Luke 16:1-13.**



We welcome all to the community of Jesus:
to connect, to learn, to worship, to serve.

Big Meeting, September 11, 2022 10 a.m.
Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

LARGE PRINT

Welcome and announcements

Centering Music *Take My Life and Let It Be*
- arr. Rebecca Oden

*Call to Worship

One Voice: We gather on this hill,
where the Spirit has long led hearts to revival.

**All Voices: We still gather on this hill,
where the Spirit is up to something new.**

One: We come together from near and far.

All: We come together with friends new and old.

One: We carry on traditions,
remembering where we have been.

**All: We carry on,
knowing God is not finished with us yet.**

One: As we gather together on this hill,
may our light shine brightly before others.

**All: As we gather again as the Body of Christ,
may our worship declare God's praise.**

***Opening Hymn** *Here I Am, Lord* Song sheet

Call to Confession

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We are an ecumenical congregation
in a Presbyterian Church, USA form.

We are a **Matthew 25** Church.

We are a Hunger Action Congregation.
We are a Stephen Ministry congregation.

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, sometimes we forget how amazing you are. You are bigger than infinity, more all-knowing than Google, and more powerful than we could possibly comprehend. Forgive us when we try to fit you into molds of our own devising. Forgive us for ever thinking we know your mind, or pretending that our own will is yours. Give us openness, humility, and courage: the tools we need for change. Show us, God, what it means to live your way — the path that leads to life. Amen.

A Promise of Forgiveness and Peace

We will not pass the peace during our worship today.
Children from age 4-5th grade are invited
to go to the Grace Space as we sing
Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me.

***Sung Response** *Glory to God,* Song sheet
Whose Goodness Shines on Me

First Scripture Reading *Isaiah 44:1-8*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem *This Is the Day* - Dan Forrest

Second Scripture Reading *Matthew 9:35-38*

One: This is the Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Message *Don't Be a Scaredy Cat!*
Rev. Dr. Byron Anthony Wade

Holy Communion

Invitation to the Table

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: The Lord be with you.
All: And also with you.
One: Lift up your hearts.
All: We lift them up to the Lord.
One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Communion Hymn *Loaves Were Broken,* Song sheet
Words Were Spoken

Communion Prayer

Thanksgiving & Offering

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

King James Version

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowéd be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done in 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.

Pray with the words that hold the most meaning for you, even if your words differ from your neighbor's.

Call to Offering

Sharing of Offering

We invite you to prayerfully make a donation to contribute to the continued life and work of our congregation. Please consider mailing contributions directly to the church, or using our online giving platform, available at <https://www.alamancechurch.org/online-giving>.

Offertory *Beach Spring* - arr. Rebecca Oden

*** Doxology** *Praise God,* Song sheet
from Whom All Blessings Flow

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, you heavenly host.
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

* Prayer of Thanksgiving

*** Sending Hymn** *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*
Song sheet

* Charge and Benediction

At the conclusion of worship,
we ask everyone to make your way
to the front steps of the church,
for our all-church photograph.

After the photo, we encourage you to pass the peace,
and greet one another, on the lawn.