



ORDER OF SERVICE

September 12, 2021 | Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost

8:45 and 11:00 AM In-Person Worship Service | 11:00 AM Facebook Live Worship Service

GATHERING

TRINITY CHIMES

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT OF CHRIST

PRELUDE

“Fugue”

Jean Dandrieu

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

INTROIT

Judith Hillman, vocalist

GREETING

(8:45) Charlie Hobgood, lay reader
(11:00) Anna Clark, lay reader

Jesus, our Savior, teach us your ways.
Our hope is in you all the day long.

OPENING HYMN

“Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty”

[UMH 64](#)

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity.

OPENING PRAYER

Night and day, all creation declares your glory, O God. Yet you call us into relationship and reveal your will for our lives. Your word brings life and can be trusted. In humility, may we walk with you, O Lord, our rock and our redeemer. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON

Psalm 19

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

James 3:1–12

SERMON

The Reverend Jeff Babajtis

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

“The Apostles’ Creed”

UMH 881

**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 Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth at 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 Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The Lord’s Prayer

THE PEACE

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OFFERING

Offertory

“Prelude”

Girolamo Frescobaldi

CLOSING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

[UMH 451](#)

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.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou and thou only, first in my heart,
great God of heaven, my treasure thou art.

Great God 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.

DISMISSAL WITH BLESSING

TRINITY CHIMES

POSTLUDE

“Trio en Chaconne”

André Raison

SYMPATHY

We offer prayers of sympathy to Debbie Brady and family in the death of Debbie’s brother, David Slocum (69), on September 5, 2021, after a long battle with cancer.

PRAYER CONCERNS

Gwen Baskett, Erma Bond, Lynne Brady, Edna Caliendo, Neal Caliendo, Jackie Caviness, Mozell Cunningham, Bill and June Davies, Leonard and Sarah Dean, Donnie Ducharme, Marie Edwards, Jimmy Ennis, Bruce Goodwin, Jim Guettler, Ken Guettler, Eric Hardee, Pat Held, Daryl Humphrey, Monique Martel, Barbara and George Matthews, Elaine Motley, Craig Potter, Peggy Reynolds, Anne Shoulars, Jean Stewart, Bob Sylvester, Anne Thompson, Holly and Scott Walter, Honore Webb, all service persons and healthcare workers, inmates and staff of the North Carolina Correctional Institution for Women

REQUEST FOR PRAYER

If you would like to submit an urgent request for prayer, please contact Terry Simpson at cterryz@bellsouth.net.

STAFF

[Kelly Lyn Logue](#), Senior Pastor | [Jeff Babajtis](#), Teaching Pastor | [Cortney Babajtis](#), Minister of Families and Outreach

[Martha Johnston](#), Director of Communications/Administration | [Elizabeth Moy](#), Business Manager

[Anthony Roncolato](#), Organist/Accompanist and Interim Director of Music Ministries

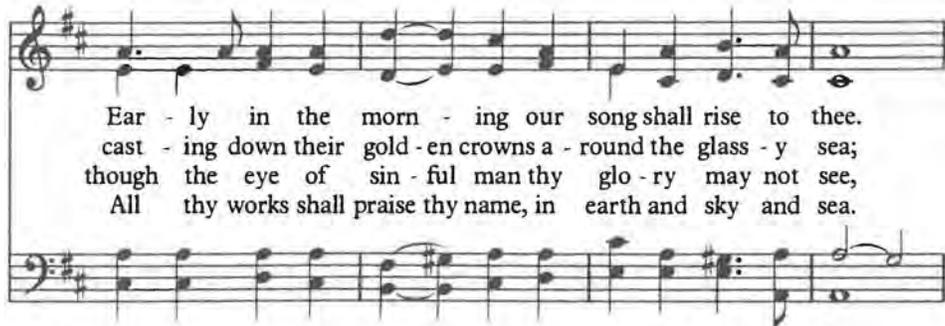
[Joe Spencer](#), AV and Streaming Coordinator | [Jennifer Riggert](#), Director of Chimes Choir/Instrumental Ensemble

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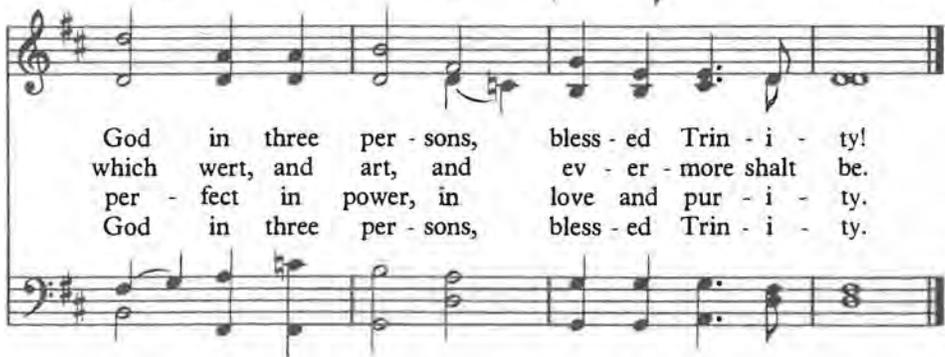
1. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,
3. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark-ness hide thee,
4. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee.
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see,
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Mer - ci - ful and might - y,



God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
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Be Thou My Vision

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Unison

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
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naught be all else to me, save that thou art.
I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord;
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LIVING OUR FAITH 2021

The Creation Care Committee of the North Carolina Conference is sponsoring a series of eight webinars in September called “The Season of Creation”. We are promoting these as part of our annual Living Our Faith lectures. Interfaith Creation Care of the Triangle (ICCT) is a co-sponsor.

SEASON OF CREATION WEBINAR SERIES

A series of free webinars will be held throughout the month. The webinars will cover a wide range of topics, including: the connections between environmental, racial and food justice; spirituality and healing in creation; how churches can be involved in regenerative agriculture; connecting faith and science in ministry; and Bible studies. A full list of webinars with registration links can be found here: nccumc.org/creation/events/.

All webinars are offered free of charge, and will be held via Zoom. Registration in advance is required; each webinar must be registered for independently. Recordings of the webinars will be made available to all at a later date.

Eating Together Faithfully

September 14, 7:00 p.m.

This webinar, led by Jimmy McKinnell of Life Around the Table, will introduce participants



INTERFAITH CREATION CARE OF THE TRIANGLE

to Eating Together Faithfully, a framework for conversation designed to walk church communities through various food and faith topics. The framework is aimed at motivating churches to participate in food justice both on the individual level and as communities of faith. [Click here to register.](#)

Faith, Science and Ministry

September 16, 7:00 p.m.

Jennifer Shecki-Shields of Discovery and Faith shares: “Today it is inevitable that developments in science will meet the practice of Christian faith if that faith is to have any cultural impact or relevance. Unfortunately, the church is not adequately meeting the challenges presented by the intersection of faith and science. The quality of the relationship between science and Christian faith is not just a matter of discipleship, but touches on many areas of outreach ministry and societal concern, including creation care. Having a role to play in all of these areas will require us to be scientifically informed and engaged so that we can proclaim Gospel

hope to a world in need.” You can learn more about Jennifer’s ministry at [Discovery and Faith](#). [Click here to register.](#)

ReGenesis2.15: Tools for Regenerating the Soil and the Soul of Your Community

September 28, 7:00 p.m.

Join Keith Sexton and Jacob Dye as we present the Creation Care team’s regenerative agriculture toolbox. Whether you’ve never heard of regenerative agriculture or you’re already engaged in the work, the toolbox will help you take the next step in restoring our planet’s health. [Click here to register.](#)

Living as Resident Aliens in God’s Land

September 30, 7:00 p.m.

Dr. Ellen Davis (Duke Divinity School) and Rev. Jarrod S. Davis guide a study on Leviticus 25, seeking to understand the importance of Sabbath and Jubilee for the land and the community alike. How have our understandings of land ownership, indebtedness, and slavery shaped our modern world? [Click here to register.](#)

Youth Sunday School



Starts Sunday, Sept. 12 - JOIN US!

Join our Youth Sunday School for an uplifting three-week lesson on our world today. (Please come prepared to wear your mask and practice social distancing.)

Week 1 • September 12

Treasured by God

When we're overwhelmed by the state of our world, what should we do?

Week 2 • September 19

Light of the World

What does it mean for Jesus to be the light of the world?

Week 3 • September 26

What Good News Looks Like

How is God at work in the world today?

UNITED METHODIST YOUTH FELLOWSHIP (UMYF)

UMYF (Youth Group) begins again on Sunday, September 19, at 4:00 p.m.! Join us on Zoom as we begin a study on spiritual beings in the Bible.

We'll talk about things like angels, cherubim, Satan, demons, and the Divine Council. We'll watch a short video, have a discussion, and then play one of Bob's entertaining games!

All middle schoolers and high schoolers are welcome! Invite your friends! Contact [Cortney Babajtis](#) for the Zoom link and schedule.

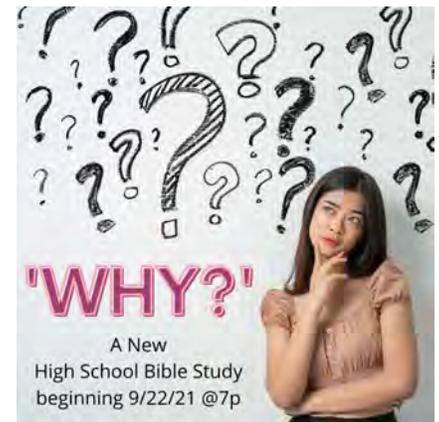
HIGH SCHOOL BIBLE STUDY

begins Wednesday, September 22 at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom

Join us every Wednesday night as we ask the question, *Why?*

- Why was Jesus baptized?
- Why does God give choice?
- Why does God rescue his people? (Over and over again? What's the point?)
- Why did God's people practice animal sacrifice?
- Why does God give his people so many rules?
- And so many more!

Contact [Cortney Babajtis](#) for the Zoom link. All high schoolers welcome! Invite your friends!



COFFEE AND MORNING PRAYER IS BACK!

Wednesday mornings at 7:15 a.m. via Zoom starting October 6

Join Pastor Kelly Lyn and others for a 30-minute gathering time of fellowship and morning prayer. Start your day in prayer with friends in Christ! All are welcome.

To participate, please sign up here: www.easyreg.org/cgi-bin/acct/DEHY9K13RK/signup.pl



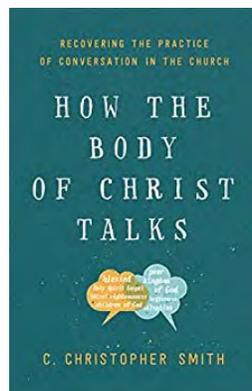
With the UMC General Conference approaching next year, having been postponed from 2020, and discomfort lingering from national and world events of late, tensions may be running high and divides more pronounced.

In an effort to promote unity and understanding, Benson Memorial UMC is sponsoring a **Love Our Neighbors Discussion Group**. The group will begin its book discussion on Wednesday, September 22, at 6:45 p.m. and will continue meeting weekly on Wednesdays at that time. **There is still time to join!**

Some of the books being considered to foster discussion are *How the Body of Christ Talks*, by C. Christopher Smith; *The Peacemaking Church: 8 Biblical Keys to Resolve Conflict and Preserve Unity*, by Curtis Hefflefinger; *Church/School/Community: Forging Partnerships to Change the World*, by Lia M. McIntosh; and *I'm Black. I'm Christian. I'm Methodist.*, by Lillian C. Smith, Erin Beasley. We will begin on Zoom but will look toward meeting in person when all are comfortable with that option.

This group is open, welcoming, and encouraging to all —no matter their point of view. Please join us as we journey ahead together.

[Click here to register](#), and for more information, contact Susan Brooks at sebrks@bellsouth.net or Allen Till at uncallen@aol.com.



This is the first book of our study. Read about it on [Amazon.com](https://www.amazon.com).

SOURCES FOR COVID-19 VACCINES

[Visit our website for a list of organizations](#) used by Benson Memorial members to get Covid-19 vaccinations. If you know of other vaccine providers, please call or email Dee Springsteen at (989) 287-3430 or dee.springsteen@gmail.com so we can update the list.

TEXT TO GIVE

Giving to Benson Memorial UMC has never been easier with our new **Text To Give** option. All you need to do is text the dollar amount you'd like to give to the number **(844) 770-0501**, enter your payment information, and confirm your payment. Try it today!



hear jeff talk

PRAY FOR REVENGE...



... LIKE JESUS

The Psalms are full of expressions of doubt, anger, and even revenge. How do we make sense of these Psalms and what do they mean for how we interact with God? Check out Pastor Jeff's new video to learn more at his ["Hear Jeff Talk" YouTube channel](#) today!

GET YOUR MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY COPY

At this time our online church directory is no longer available, but church members may always call the church office at (919) 787-0789 to ask for help contacting other members. Upon request by church members (send requests to office@bensonmemorial.org), we will email you a pdf copy of the church directory or provide a printed copy.

HOW TO ACCESS THE ONLINE BULLETIN-BEACON NEWSLETTER FOR SUNDAY MORNINGS

Whether you are joining us in-person for worship on Sunday mornings or online, you have several options for how to access our online *Bulletin-Beacon* newsletter. We want everyone to have ease of access so consider these opportunities:

- Friday's churchwide email each week includes the link to each coming Sunday's bulletin/worship order.
- Each Sunday's bulletin/worship order is also available from the front page of our website at bensonmemorial.org.
- During the live-stream or playback of our worship service, the link to the bulletin is in the description ('show notes') of the video at facebook.com/bensonmemorialumc.

For each of these above ways to access the *Bulletin-Beacon* newsletter you can:

- Click the link to view and read ahead of time.
- Print out to use if worshipping from home or to bring with you on Sunday morning.
- Download the document to your phone/iPad/tablet to view from home or bring with you.

Additionally, if you are worshipping with us in person, a simplified worship order with the prayers, hymn lyrics, and congregational responses are displayed on screen. You can also access our wifi in the sanctuary with the password **love@benson** and view the bulletin from our website at bensonmemorial.org.

UPPER ROOM BOOKLETS

The July/August issue of *The Upper Room* is available for in-person pickup inside the Little Free Library box just outside the Administration Building. We also have placed them in the narthex for easy availability at the in-person worship services on Sundays. If you want one mailed to you, please [contact us](#) and we will be happy to send it to you.

CHURCH CALENDAR

AT A GLANCE

Even though we may not be meeting on campus and in person with one another, many of our committees and ministry groups carry on through the use of Zoom video calls. Here is a list of *some* of our events coming up ([complete church calendar is here](#)):

Sunday, September 12

- 8:45 a.m., [In-Person Worship](#)
- 9:30 a.m., Pathfinders Class
- 11:00 a.m., [In-Person Worship](#)
- 11:00 a.m., [Online Worship](#)
- 12:00 p.m., Chimes Choir

Monday, September 13

- 6:30 p.m., Worship Committee

Wednesday, September 15

- 1:30 p.m., Preschool Board Meeting

Sunday, September 19

- 8:45 a.m., [In-Person Worship](#)
- 9:30 a.m., Pathfinders Class
- 11:00 a.m., [In-Person Worship](#)
- 11:00 a.m., [Online Worship](#)
- 12:00 p.m., Chimes Choir

Pastor Kelly Lyn will be out of the office September 8 through September 21. Pastor Jeff is on call for all pastoral and leadership needs. Our pastor-on-call number is (919) 342-8849.



Through any device, you now have 24/7 access to motivating stories, insightful teaching, and powerful resources. Visit our Amplify Media page at www.bensonmemorial.org/amplify-media/ for video instructions on how to access this amazing study tool.



COKESBURY KIDS ON AMPLIFY MEDIA

Hey Parents! Did you know that Benson Memorial's membership to the streaming service, [Amplify Media](#), offers the opportunity for your children to watch and take part in all sorts of Bible and faith-based videos created especially for their developmental needs? There are fun series with adorable characters, Bible studies, children's church, kid's worship song videos, VBS videos, and more. There's something for all ages! Signing up and logging in is EASY and FREE. Contact [Cortney Babajtis](#) for more information.