# THE WORSHIP OF GOD

## COLLEGE PARK BAPTIST CHURCH

12 August 2018 10:30 AM

## GATHER

#### Meditation of Preparation

Wonder is the beginning of wisdom

Socrates

Almost the entire world is asleep. Those who are awake live in constant amazement.

Tom Hanks, Joe vs. the Volcano

It is the heart that is not yet sure of its God that is afraid to laugh in God's presence.

George MacDonald

Lighting of the Candles

Welcome and Announcements

Lin Story-Bunce

## GRACE

Prelude Ave Maria Jacob Arcadelt

★ Call to Worship

O one who laughs at the incongruity of life and human nature, name us not Mara, which means Bitterness,

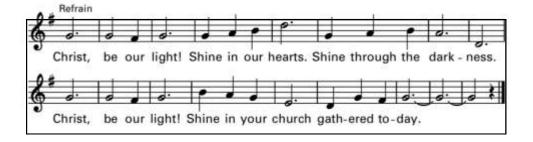
but name every one of us Laughter, for we laugh at the incongruity of our frail, fallible, gullible selves formed in the image of You.

Laugh us to light-hearted life in the Spirit so that we are able to face and endure times of sacrifice and doubt.

Sustain us in the tradition which our matriarchs have established. May we live by their vision and move with their strength, now and forever. Amen.

- ★ Prayers of Thanksgiving
- \* Response

Christ Be Our Light



⋆ Prayer for the World & Unison Response

We are not alone. We live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

United Church of Canada, New Creed

★ Hymn #435 When in Our Music God Is Glorified EN

**ENGLESBERG** 

## **GROW**

Hebrew Bible Reading

Genesis 18.1-15, The Schocken Bible

Now YHWH was seen by him by the oaks of Mamre as he was sitting at the entrance to his tent at the heat of the day. He lifted up his eyes and saw: here, three men standing over against him. When he saw them, he ran to meet them from the entrance to his tent and bowed to the earth and said: My lords, pray if I have found favor in your eyes, pray do not pass by your servant! Pray let a little water be fetched, then wash your feet and recline under the tree; let me fetch (you) a bit of bread, that you may refresh your hearts, then afterward you may pass on—for you have, after all, passed your servant's way! They said: Do thus, as you have spoken. Avraham hastened into his tent to Sara and said: Make haste! Three measures of choice flour! Knead it, make bread-cakes! Avraham ran to the oxen, he fetched a young ox, tender and fine, and gave it to a serving-lad, that he might hasten to make it ready; then he fetched cream and milk and the young ox that he had made ready, and placed it before them. Now he stood over against them under the tree while they ate. They said to him: Where is Sara your wife? He said: Here in the tent. Now he said: I will return, yes, return to you when time revives, and Sara your wife will have a son! Now Sara was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. And Avraham and Sara were old, advanced in days, the way of women had ceased for Sara. Sara laughed within herself, saying: After I have become worn, is there to be pleasure for me? And my lord is old! But YHWH said to Avraham: Now why does Sara laugh and say: Shall I really give birth, now that I am old? Is anything beyond YHWH? At that set-time I will return to you, when time revives, and Sara will have a son. Sara pretended (otherwise), saying: No, I did not laugh. For she was afraid. But he said: No, indeed you laughed.

For the word of God in scripture, for the word of God among us, for the word of God within us, Thanks be to God.

Children's Sermon Ann Usey

Children ages 3 through 4th grade are invited to come to the front for the children's sermon. Afterwards, children aged 3 may go to the toddlers' room, children ages 4 through 1st grade may leave for children's worship (room 110), 2nd graders and older may return to their seats.

Sermon A Bride Married to Amazement Michael Usey

Special Music He Who Began a Good Work in You Jan Efflandt

Steve Green

#### Moment of Silence

If you think about it, we get robbed of the mystery of being alive. I think we get robbed of the glory of it because we don't remember how we got here. When you get born, you wake up slowly to everything. From birth to 26, God is slowly turning on the lights, and you are groggy and pointing at things, and say "Circle," and, "Blue,", and, "Car," and, "Sex," and then, "Job," and, "Healthcare". The experience is so slow, you could easily come to believe life isn't that big of a deal, that life isn't staggering. Life IS staggering, and we are just too used to it.

Donald Miller

## GIVE



- ⋆ Offertory Prayer
- \* Offertory Prayerful Thoughts Terry Osman

  The miraculous wonder of this blessed day is beyond my comprehension.

  Lailah Gifty Akita
- ★ Response Doxology 27 LASST UNS ERFREUEN Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

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Praise God all creatures here below; O praise God! Alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.
O praise God, O praise God! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

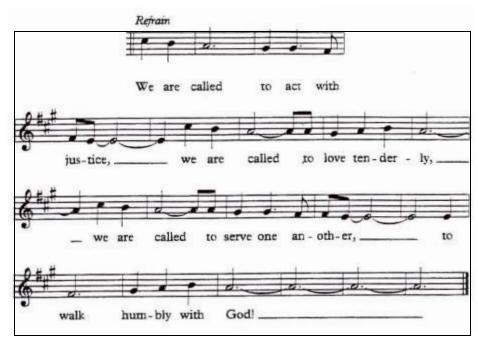
\* Recognition of New Members

In response to your decision, we pledge ourselves to be the family of God for you in this place. We offer you our love, our care, our kinship and our hopes. We hope to learn from you, give to you and receive from you, by God's grace.
Thank God you are here!

GO

\* Benediction Michael Usey

**★** Response We Are Called



⋆ Postlude

Festive Voluntary

Robert Lau

Depart in Peace

Be absolutely assured that we will die long before our own deaths if we ever allow the fear of adulthood to kill the wonder of childhood.

Craig D. Lounsbrough

College Park Baptist Church fully welcomes and affirms all persons without distinction regarding race, ethnicity, national origin, class, sexual orientation, gender identity, or any other human category.

The Liturgist today is Matt Cravey.
The Deacon Greeter today is Amy Lowrance.

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★ Please stand as you are able.

## Sunday Announcements

## Fall Worship Schedule Begins Sunday, August 19

8:30 am Tessera Service, 11 am Blended Worship (10 am Bible Study begins September 9th)

## Promotion Sunday Breakfast - August 19, 9:45 am

Each year we kick off the new year of Sunday School activities with a breakfast celebration prepared by some of our own College Park chefs. Everyone is invited to come and to enjoy this time of food and fellowship! During the breakfast we recognize the children and youth who are moving to the next class. We also offer a brief introduction to the adult Sunday School classes. If you have a child who is moving into Toddler Room (2-yrs), PreK (4-yrs), 1st grade, 3rd grade, 6th grade, or 9th grade, please contact the church office. If you are willing to help prepare breakfast, please contact Alison Schwartz arhschwartz@gmail.com

## Handbell Choir Workshop

Monica Citty Hix will be leading a handbell choir workshop on Saturday, August 18 from 10:30am-12pm (lunch from 12pm-12:45pm) and 12:45pm-2:30pm. We will prepare two pieces to play on Sunday, August 19 at the 11am service. If you're interested in participating, please speak to Christian McIvor after the service today!

#### Choir Picnic

The McIvors will be hosting a choir picnic at their house on Saturday, August 25, from 1-4pm. If you're at all interested in joining the choir and/or if you'd just like to come and enjoy some fellowship, please come - all are invited! Address: 5207 Carolwood Dr. in Greensboro.

## Youth Fun Returning Soon!

Fall youth activities will kick off on September 9th: 6:00 pm—Dinner 6:30 pm—Parent Meeting "Capture the Flag" 8:00 pm—Closing Prayer

## **UNCG Parking Permits**

Did you know that College Park rents parking spaces to UNCG students, faculty and staff? Annual Parking Permits are \$350 (including summer school) – valid August 1, 2018 - July 31, 2019. Semester Parking permits are \$200 per semester. Fall permits are valid Aug. 1 – Dec. 31. Call our church office at 336.273.1779 or email us at cpbcgbo@bellsouth.net for more information.

## Wednesday Nights in September

Wednesday Night Dinners at 5:30 pm beginning Sept. 5th. September 5—Youth Mission Trip Presentation September 12—Trivia with Matt Cravey September 19—Bible Study September 26—Bible Study

#### Tai Chi

Beginning Sept. 6th, Mark Fleming will be teaching Tai Chi, on Thursday nights, 6:30—7:30 pm in the Chapel.

When death comes

Like the hungry bear in autumn;

When death comes and takes all the bright coins from his purse

To buy me, and snaps the purse shut;

When death comes

Like the measle-pox

When death comes

Like an iceberg between the shoulder blades,

I want to step through the door full of curiosity, wondering: What is it going to be like, that cottage of darkness?

And therefore I look upon everything
As a brotherhood and a sisterhood,
And I look upon time as no more than an idea,
And I consider eternity as another possibility,

And I think of each life as a flower, as common As a field daisy, and as singular,

And each name a comfortable music in the mouth, Tending, as all music does, toward silence,

And each body a lion of courage, and something Precious to the earth.

### When it's over, I want to say all my life

I was a bride married to amazement.

I was the bridegroom, taking the world into my arms.

## When it's over, I don't want to wonder

If I have made of my life something particular, and real.

I don't want to find myself sighing and frightened, And full of argument.

I don't want to end up simply having visited this world.

Mary Oliver





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Tue.Aug.14 Noon 6:30 pm	Narcotics Anon, Chapel Combined Book Club Meeting Sticks & Stones	27 28			
Wed. Aug. 15 Noon	Narcotics Anon, Chapel	29 30 31	NA Noon, Chapel NA Noon, Chapel Al-Anon Noon, FH		
<u>Thur. Aug. 16</u> 11:30 am Noon	Forever 39, K&W Narcotics Anon, Chapel	Sept 2	8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10-10:45 am Sunday School; 11 am Blended Service, Sanctuary Labor Day—Church Offices Closed; NA Noon, Chapel; Ultimate Frisbee 6 pm, Lake Daniel Park; Zumba 6 pm, FH NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel NA Noon, Chapel; Zumba 6 pm, Chapel NA Noon, Chapel; Foster Care Chronicles 5:15-9:15 pm, FH; 6:30 pm Tai Chi, Chapel Al-Anon Noon, FH 8:30 am Tessera, Chapel; 10-10:45 am Sunday School; 11 am Blended Service, Sanctuary; Business Meeting Noon		
<u>Fri Aug. 17</u> Noon	Al-Anon Noon, FH	3			
Sun Aug. 19 8:30 am 9:45 am 11:00 am	PROMOTION SUNDAY Fall Worship Schedule Begins Tessera Service, Chapel Promotion Breakfast, FH Blended Worship, Sanctuary	4 5 6 7 9			