

**HEALTH CONCERNS**

Donna Carmichael (Vertigo)  
Deryel Clark (heart issues—resident at Spring Arbor of Greensboro)  
Lucy Dillon (health issues)  
Faye Hodges (resident at Kerner Ridge, Phone No. 336-817-5989)  
Bernie Krecklow (resident at Brookdale Lawndale Park, 336-286-3432)  
**Judy Maxwell** (hospitalized with health issues)  
Fran McKinney (undergoing treatment for recurrence of cancer)  
Millie Vernon (back home at 714 Madison Place Circle, Kernersville)  
Rodgers White (health issues)  
Ellen Watts (home recuperating from knee surgery revision on June 2)

Bolen Steve Martin (recurrence of cancer); Ron Smith (cancer); Carmen Spoon (dementia); Lila Bolen (cancer); Amy Ikerd (health issues); Marie Tuttle (breast cancer); Cindy Strickland (diabetes & health issues); Carol Carroll (health issues)  
Budkey Dennis Perdue (ICU at Forsyth Medical Center in Winston-Salem); Heather Camp (health concerns); Deb McPherson (spots on lungs and liver); Richard Hedgecock (bone cancer)  
Butler Dan Barber (pancreatic cancer)  
Conrad Karen O'Dell (breast cancer)  
Downing Steve Miller (Shari's brother—cancer)  
Kerr Roger Kerr (Kerry's cousin—health issues); Kelly Kerr (Kerry's brother—Stage 4 prostate cancer); Marla Kerr-Lawson (Kerry's sister—dialysis)  
Mattingly Lisa Tuttle (stage 4 emphysema)  
Polinsky Chad Amond (nephew—primary progressive aphasia)  
Roudabush **Tim Roudabush** (Dottie's son—was hospitalized with seizures—now home but still being monitored for seizures); Dottie's daughter-in-law's mother (bladder cancer)  
G. Sharp James Swaim (Baptist hosp. with pneumonia)  
S. Sharp **Maria Gomes** (friend of Spence & Paulo)  
Tincher JoAngie Semonco (breast cancer—surg. 12/19)  
Unknown Kara S. (cancer treatment—healing)

**SPECIAL CONCERNS**

Bolen Catherine Bolen (diagnosed with ALS)  
S. Sharp Tyler Carter (nephew—safe travel home from Kosovo)  
Vernon Prayers for family members



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July 2, 2023—Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

### PRELUDE

### GATHERING

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Early in the morning, our thoughts turn toward God. We have been led to this mountain top of worship.

**All: We come, trusting in God's steadfast love. We gather, seeking the way of salvation and peace.**

One: God has made an everlasting covenant with us. Let us proclaim God's faithfulness to all generations.

**All: Sometimes we think God has forgotten us. Often we do not understand what God expects of us.**

One: God deals bountifully with us in much that we take for granted. God shows us the value of life and helps us celebrate it.

**All: We bring our sorrow and pain to this healing time. May God provide what we need to grow in Christ. Let us worship God!**

\*HYMN NO. 307

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

CWM RHONDDA

## CALL TO CONFESSION

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Free us, O God, from such absorption in our own concerns that we forget your loving intention for us. We find it hard to view what is happening around us through any eyes but our own. We obey our own passions rather than joining your intention for the good of all. It is hard for us, who so value our autonomy, to speak of obedience. Yet we are ashamed of things we have done and things we have failed to do. We want to claim your free gift of eternal life through Jesus Christ. We sense that you intend for us to accept and live within that gift here and now. Help us, loving God.

*(The prayer continues in a time of silent, personal confession.)*

Amen.

### RESPONSE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: We are not under law but under grace. We are being given God's great bounty as we receive the teaching of Jesus, the witness of our spiritual forebears, and the exultation of the psalmist. God comes to us, not only from the past, but in every moment when we welcome another with even a cup of water in Christ's name. Friends, believe the good news...

**All:** *In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.*

### \*GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

### \*PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All:** *And also with you.*

*(Please share a sign of peace with others.)*

## ANTHEM

### THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE READINGS

One: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** *Thanks be to God.*

Jeremiah 28:5-9

Matthew 10:40-42

### SERMON

*"A New Normal"*

Rev. John Pruitt

\*You may stand in body or spirit.

## SENDING

### \*HYMN NO. 720

*"Jesus Calls Us"*

GALILEE

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*"The Apostles' Creed"*

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; 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 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.

### PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

### OFFERTORY

### \*DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

### \*HYMN NO. 338

*"O Beautiful for Spacious Skies"*

MATERNA

### BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

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#### Serving Today (Jul 2)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

#### Serving Next Sunday (Jul 9)

Greeters/Ushers: Priscilla Henderson, Rusty Sudderth

Element Prep: Linda Volcek, Kae Mattingly

Assisting Elders: Linda Volcek, Nancy Sharp

Lynda Self, Skip Smith

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