

CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH OF LACONIA  
UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST

OCTOBER 27, 2024 9:30 A.M.

*AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING AND JUST PEACE CHURCH*



## Prelude

## Welcome and Greeting

## Introit

**Enter, Rejoice, and Come In**

## Lighting the Christ Candle

### Call to Worship\*\*

Holy God, our provider, we worship you as the one who meets our needs, who grants our daily bread, who restores our humanity.

**We worship you as the God who knows human need from experience, who knows want, and thirst and humiliation.**

And we worship you as your people, in a world where wealth is mixed with poverty; where we have all we need, but don't know how to share. Where want, and hunger, and thirst, and humiliation are too often ignored by those with the power to offer challenge and bring change.

**Help us to look to you, that we neither remain ignorant of the world, nor lose ourselves in despair at its brokenness. Show us how to worship you, the crucified God, the risen God, the God who provides. Help us to carry our cross, to accept your gift of new life, to bring that gift to others**

### \*Hymn 46

**Hope of the World**

### Prayer of Invocation\*\*\*

**O Jesus Christ, teacher and healer, you heard the cry of the blind beggar when others would have silenced him. Teach us to be persistent in prayer and give us courage to ask plainly what we need from you. Teach us to be attentive to the voices others ignore, and to respond when those around us are silenced. May we respond through the power of the Spirit to work for healing for the afflicted, and to ensure welcome for the abandoned, for your sake and the sake of the gospel. Amen.**

## Passing the Peace

## Sung Response

**Halle-halle-hallelujah**

## Anthem

**I Give You a New Commandment**

### Scripture Mark 10:46-52

“They came to Jericho. As he and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho, Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar, was sitting by the roadside. “When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth, he began to shout out and say, “Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!” “Many sternly ordered him to be quiet, but he cried out even more loudly, “Son of David, have mercy on me!” “Jesus stood still and said, “Call him here.” And they

called the blind man, saying to him, "Take heart; get up, he is calling you." So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus. Then Jesus said to him, "What do you want me to do for you?" The blind man said to him, "My teacher, let me see again." Jesus said to him, "Go; your faith has made you well." Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

## **Sermon**

## **Prayers of the People**

### **Prayer of our Savior**

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

## **Mission in Motion Moment**

**Diane Tinkham**

## **Offertory**

**I'm So Glad Trouble Don't Last Always**

**Spiritual arr. By Lena McLin**

## **Doxology**

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
Praise God all creatures here below,  
Praise God for all that love has done,  
Creator, Christ, and Spirit One. Amen*

## **Prayer of Dedication**

**God of mercy, your abundance surrounds us. Your grace accompanies us through all of our days, calling us to grow towards the life that you desire for us. And so we offer all that we have, sharing in the vision of that new life, and the promise of its existence among us. May our offerings be expressions of our faith in you, and responses to the glimpses of the kingdom throughout our lives. May all that we have, and all that we give, reflect your abiding presence that never leaves us.  
Amen.**

## **\*Closing Hymn 551**

**Pass Me Not, O Gentle Savior**

## **Benediction**

## **Choral Response**

**Hold Us In Your Grace**

## Postlude

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## Altar Flowers

In loving honor of her mother's birthday, Marjorie Goodnow Isham  
Given by Alida Millham

Women's Breakfast November 20th, 8:30am at the Water Street Cafe  
please RSVP to [bettobergstrom@gmail.com](mailto:bettobergstrom@gmail.com)

Men's Breakfast November 1<sup>st</sup>, 15<sup>th</sup>, and 29th at the Water Street Café

Book Club November 20th 10:00a.m. in the Library  
*Housekeeper & Professor* by *Yoko Ogawa*

## It's That Time Again...Christmas Fair – November 16th

In preparation for the upcoming Fair, we will be holding a series of "fun work sessions" in church hall to prepare some easy crafts together. These will be things ANYONE can make, no special crafty skills required. These sessions will be held on Wednesday's from 10 am until 1 pm on the following days:

**October 23, October 30, & November 6**

All supplies will be provided, bring your lunch and your enthusiasm. You do not have to attend for the entire time, drop ins are encouraged. Questions: contact Hollis 512-970-6592 or Nancy 603-534-6259

**Tuesday, October 29th:** Join the Mother's Day 5 at their trial at the Dover District Court as they speak in front of a judge about their act of nonviolent civil disobedience this past May. Timing of our afternoon together is dependent upon the variability of the courts, but our plan is:

12:00pm gathering outside Dover District Court (25 St Thomas Street, Dover)

1:00pm Trial, press conference to follow

5:00pm dinner at the Community Church of Durham

6:00pm Speakout at the Community Church of Durham