

THE CHURCH OF THE HOLY FAMILY
Mills River, North Carolina
The Nineteenth Sunday after Pentecost
October 4, 2026

Sacred Place +++ Sacred Space
Please observe silence after the altar candles are lit



PRELUDE *Great is Thy Faithfulness*

Matt Schinske

Hymns and service music are found in the blue 1982 Hymnals (H) and the purple Glory to God hymnals (GTG) They are in the racks under the chairs.

PRESENTATION OF THE WORD

ENTRANCE HYMN

H #493 O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing



1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos - ened tongues em - ploy;



1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
4 the mourn - ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!



6 Glory to God and praise and love
be now and ever given
by saints below and saints above,
the Church in earth and heayen.

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Celebrant Blessed be our God.
People Forever and ever. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

GTG #605 Praise to God the Father

Praise to God the Father; praise to God the Son;
praise to God the Spirit: praise to the Three -in-One.
Sing praise. sing praise to the Lord on high.
Praise to God Almighty; praise to the Holy One.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

A reading from the book of Exodus.

God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name. Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. ⁹Six days you shall labor and do all your work. Honor your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you. You shall not murder. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house; you shall not covet

your neighbor's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor. When all the people witnessed the thunder and lightning, the sound of the trumpet, and the mountain smoking, they were afraid and trembled and stood at a distance, and said to Moses, "You speak to us, and we will listen; but do not let God speak to us, or we will die." Moses said to the people, "Do not be afraid; for God has come only to test you and to put the fear of him upon you so that you do not sin."

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

PSALM: 19

- ¹The heavens declare the glory of God, *
and the firmament shows his handiwork.
- ²**One day tells its tale to another, ***
and one night imparts knowledge to another.
- ³Although they have no words or language, *
and their voices are not heard,
- ⁴**Their sound has gone out into all lands, ***
and their message to the ends of the world.
- ⁵In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun; *
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.
- ⁶**It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens**
and runs about to the end of it again; *
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.
- ⁷The law of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul; *
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom to the innocent.
- ⁸**The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart; ***
the commandment of the LORD is clear and gives light to the eyes.
- ⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures for ever; *
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.
- ¹⁰**More to be desired are they than gold, more than much fine gold, ***
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.
- ¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened, *
and in keeping them there is great reward.
- ¹²**Who can tell how often he offends? ***
cleanse me from my secret faults.

¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me; *
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be
acceptable in your sight, ***
O LORD, my strength and my redeemer.

SECOND READING: Philippians 3:4b-14

A reading from Paul's letter to the Philippians.

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless. Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

<i>Reader</i>	Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
<i>People</i>	Thanks be to God.

SEQUENCE HYMN

H #518 Christ is Made the Sure Foundation

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ the head and
 2 All that ded - i - cat - ed ci - ty, dear - ly loved of
 3 To this tem - ple, where we call thee, come, O Lord of
 4 Here vouch - safe to all thy serv - ants what they ask of

cor - ner - stone, cho - sen of the Lord, and pre - cious,
 God on high, in ex - ult - ant ju - bi - la - tion
 Hosts, to - day; with thy wont - ed lov - ing - kind - ness
 thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ev - er

bind - ing all the Church in one; ho - ly Zi - on's
 pours per - pet - ual mel - o - dy; God the One in
 hear thy serv - ants as they pray, and thy full - est
 with the bless - ed to re - tain, and here - af - ter

help for ev - er, and her con - fi - dence a - lone.
 Three a - dor - ing in glad hymns e - ter - nal - ly.
 ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in its walls al - way.
 in thy glo - ry ev - er - more with thee to reign.

GOSPEL: Matthew 21:33-46

Deacon

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
 according to Matthew.

People

Glory to you, Lord Christ.

[Jesus said,] “Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, ‘They will respect my son.’ But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, ‘This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.’ So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?” They said to him, “He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.” Jesus said to them, “Have you never read in the scriptures: ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord’s doing, and it is amazing in our eyes’? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.” When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them.⁴⁶ They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

<i>Deacon</i>	The Gospel of the Lord.
<i>People</i>	Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON The Rev. Tracey Kelly

THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of

the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Leader Sisters and brothers, we humbly bring our prayers before God saying, "We lift our hearts and voices to you; **hear us, good Lord.**"

Celebrant: Almighty God, giver of every good gift: send forth your light and your truth, that they may lead us in discerning who we are as Christ's church now, and who God is calling us to be in our next season of shared ministry; so guide the hearts and minds of those who shall choose a Bishop for this diocese, that we may receive a faithful shepherd, who will care for your people and equip us for our ministries through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen**

THE PEACE

Celebrant

The peace of Christ be always with you.

People

And also with you.

GATHERING

GTG #504 We Come as Guests Invited

We come as guests invited when Jesus bids us dine,
his friends on earth united to share the bread and wine;
the bread of life is broken; the wine is freely poured
for us, in solemn token of Christ our dying Lord.

We eat and drink, receiving from Christ the grace we need,
and in our hearts believing on him by faith we feed;
with wonder and thanksgiving for love that knows no end,
we find in Jesus living our ever present friend.

One bread is our for sharing, one single fruitful vine,
our fellowship declaring renewed in bread and wine.
renewed, sustained, and given by token, sign, and word,
the pledge and seal of heaven, the love of Christ our Lord.

THE HOLY COMMUNION

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Let us with gladness present the offerings and oblations of our life and labor to the Lord.

OFFERTORY *My Song is Love Unknown*

Brian Buda

PRESENTATION HYMN

WLP #763 As we gather at your table

1. As we gath - er at your
2. Turn our wor - ship in - to

Ta - ble, as we lis - ten to your Word, help us
wit - ness in the sac - ra - ment of life; send us

know, O God, your pres - ence; let our hearts and minds be
forth to love and serve you, bring - ing peace where there is
stirred. Nour - ish us with sa - cred sto - ry till we
strife. Give us, Christ, your great com - pas - sion to for -
claim it as our own; teach us through this ho - ly
give as you for - gave; may we still be - hold your
ban - quet how to make Love's vic - t'ry known.
im - age in the world you died to save. to verse 3
3. Gra - cious Spi - rit, help us
sum - mon oth - er guests to share that Feast where tri -
um - phant Love will wel - come those who had been last and
least. There no more will en - vy blind us nor will
pride our peace des - troy, as we join with saints and
an - gels to re - peat the sound - ing joy.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All thanks and praise are yours at all times and in all places, our true and loving God;

through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word, the Wisdom from on high by whom you created all things.

You laid the foundations of the world and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;

You brought forth all creatures of the earth and gave breath to humankind.

Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing, all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;

And so as the morning stars sing your praises we join the heavenly beings and all creation as we shout with joy:

SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all, your Word has never been silent; you called a people to yourself, as a light to the nations, you delivered them from bondage and led them to a land of promise.

Of your grace, you gave Jesus to be human, to share our life, to proclaim the coming of your holy reign and give himself for us, an offering.

Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, you have freed us from sin, brought us into your life, reconciled us to you, and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he died for us Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, gave it to his friends and said: "Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper Jesus took the cup of wine, said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said: "Drink this, all of you: this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood, poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

And so, remembering all that was done for us: the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension, longing for Christ's coming in glory, and presenting to you these gifts your earth has formed and human hands have made, we acclaim you, O Christ:

Dying, you destroyed our death.

Rising, you restored our life.

Christ Jesus, come in glory!

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us the Body and Blood of your Christ. Grant that we, burning with your Spirit's power, may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ, and in the fullness of time gather us with all your people into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we worship you our God and Creator in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. AMEN.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

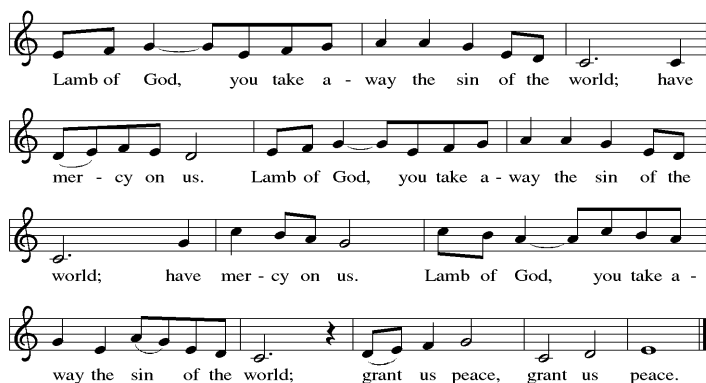
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

FRACTION ANTHEM

GTG # 604 *Jesus Lamb of God*



COMMUNION INVITATION

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

(The bread and wine are given to the people. Please indicate that you would prefer a gluten-free wafer by placing your hands with palms together when you come up to receive Communion.)

COMMUNION HYMN

GTG #498 *Loaves were Broken, Words Were Spoken*

Loaves were broken, words were spoken by the Galilean shore.

Jesus, Bread of Life from heaven, was their food forever more.

By your body broken for us, by your life outpoured for us,

Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves were broken, words were spoken in a quiet room one night.
In bread and wine you gave them, Christ, you came as Light from Light.
By your body broken for us, by your life outpoured for us,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

Loaves are broken, words are spoken, as in faith we gather here.
Jesus speaks across the ages: "I am with you; do not fear!"
By your body broken for us, by your life outpoured for us,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

By the loaves you break and give us, send us in your name to share
bread for which the millions hunger, words that tell your love and care.
By your body broken for us, by your life outpoured for us,
Jesus, feed again your people. Be our Host, our Life, our Lord.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of
salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have
made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.

Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your
redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of
Christ our Savior. Amen.

BLESSING

RECESSIONAL HYMN

H #400 All Creatures of Our God and King



- 1 All crea - tures of our God and King, lift up your voic - es, let us
- *2 Great rush - ing winds and breez - es soft, you clouds that ride the heavens a -
- *3 Swift flow - ing wa - ter, pure and clear, make mu - sic for your Lord to
- 4 Dear mo - ther earth, you day by day un - fold your bless - ings on our
- 5 All you with mer - cy in your heart, for - giv - ing o - thers, take your
- *6 And ev - en you, most gen - tle death, wait - ing to hush our fi - nal
- 7 Let all things their cre - a - tor bless, and wor - ship him in hum - ble -



- 1 sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bright burn - ing
- 2 loft, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Fair ris - ing
- 3 hear, Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Fire, so in -
- 4 way, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! All flowers and
- 5 part, O — sing now: Al - le - lu - ia! All you that
- 6 breath, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! You lead back
- 7 ness, O — praise him, Al - le - lu - ia! Praise God the



- 1 sun with gold - en beams, pale sil - ver moon that gen - tly gleams,
- 2 morn, with praise re - joice, stars night - ly shin - ing, find a voice,
- 3 tense and fierce - ly bright, you give to us both warmth and light,
- 4 fruits that in you grow, let them his glo - ry al - so show:
- 5 pain and sor - row bear, praise God, and cast on him your care:
- 6 home the child of God, for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
- 7 Fa - ther, praise the Son, and praise the Spi - rit, Three in One:



O praise him, O praise him, Al - le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

The refrain may be sung antiphonally, by phrase; all join in the final Alleluia.

DISMISSAL

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Bible Study Sundays, 9:15 am

Gentle Yoga with Kelly, Fridays, 9:00 am

Blessing of the Animals, Sun., Oct. 4. 4:00 pm at Bold Rock

Vestry Meeting, Sun. Oct. 11, 12:15 pm

Evening Book Club, Mon. Oct. 12, 6:00 pm, Michal Baird's house

Grill and Chill, Thurs. Oct. 15, 6:00 pm

Choir Practice, Sun. Oct.25, 9:30 am

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