

(UN) REST

2 CHRONICLES 15:5



SPARK 'DWELL

July 20, 2025 • 10:15 am • Family Contemporary Worship
6th Sunday After Pentecost



Come & See

WELCOME

Welcome to worship! We are so glad that you've chosen to worship here! Cross & Crown is a community of Christ-followers from all walks of life. We hope that you will feel a warm welcome from the congregation and will worship with us again!

ADDITIONAL SUNDAY INFORMATION

Sunday school classes are offered for adults located in the Multipurpose space. Our adult class, Books of Faith, meets in room 206.

Communion is offered each week. Everyone is invited to the Lord's Table!

Our church has something for everyone, and not just on Sundays. During the week, we have activities such as Bible studies and small groups. On Wednesday evenings we share a fellowship dinner at 6 pm. We hope you'll come try it out! See the back of the bulletin for more details about how to sign up.

Now that you know a little about us, help us get to know you better by completing the Connection Card handed to you by one of our greeters when you entered. You can hand it to one of the pastors or drop it in the offering plate.

PARENTS

We love the sound of kids in our service! Here are some ideas to keep them engaged.

Relax! It's ok to let kids be kids!

Sit close: Consider sitting up front where it's easier for kids to see and hear.

Explain: Kids are curious! Explain what's happening in the service.

Participate: Sing hymns loudly, pray, respond, etc. Children learn by following your lead.

Activities: If you would like a bag of quiet activities for your little ones, ask an usher and they will provide one for you.

Wander: It's ok to move around. Sometimes it's easier to let fidgety kids move a bit.

Need to Leave? No problem, but please come back! Sometimes kids just need a break. There are speakers in the narthex & lounge so you can hear. The narthex is a great place to get the wiggles out, and the lounge is nice if you need privacy.

Ask: Questions or just need help? Just ask one of our ushers.

Childcare: The nursery is down the hall in the Multipurpose Space for infants to age 4 and is available during both worship services. If you need assistance, an usher can help you. C&C Kids is offered to kids pre-K through 3rd grade. Kids depart the sanctuary during the Passing of the Peace and return to worship before communion.

GATHERING

Prelude
Softly and Tenderly

Wood

Please Note: All congregational responses are printed in bold type. We invite you to join us in reading these parts aloud during the service.

Worship Song

Raise a Hallelujah!

Helser, Skaggs, Stevens

Verse 1

I raise a hallelujah in the presence of my
enemies
I raise a hallelujah louder than the unbelief
I raise a hallelujah my weapon is a melody
I raise a hallelujah Heaven comes to fight for me

Chorus

I'm gonna sing in the middle of the storm
Louder and louder you're gonna hear my praises
roar

Up from the ashes hope will arise
Death is defeated the King is alive

Verse 2

I raise a hallelujah with everything inside of me
I raise a hallelujah I will watch the darkness flee
I raise a hallelujah in the middle of the mystery
I raise a hallelujah fear you lost your hold on me

Bridge 1

Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)
Sing a little louder (Sing a little louder)

Bridge 2

Sing a little louder in the presence of my enemies
Sing a little louder louder than the unbelief
Sing a little louder my weapon is a melody
Sing a little louder Heaven comes to fight for me
(REPEAT)

Sing a little louder

Ending

I raise a hallelujah

Confession (*Stand as you are able*)

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ☩ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Baptized into Christ, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Merciful God, you free us to love others,

C: but we neglect our neighbors and follow our own way.

P: You lead us by the Spirit of joy and peace,

C: but we turn away from the abundant life you offer.

P: You surround us with patience, kindness, and generosity,

C: but we grow weary in doing what is right. In your mercy, forgive us. Do not give up on us. Heal us, break our bonds, and show us the path of life. Amen.

P: You belong to Christ Jesus and you are God's children through faith. In the cross of ✠ Christ, and through the power of the Holy Spirit, your sins are forgiven. Clothed with Christ, you are a new creation.

C: Amen.

Prayers of the Church

Refrain



Ho ly Spir - it, You are



wel-come here; Come flood this place and fill the at - mos-phe; Your glo - ry, God, is what our



hearts long for, to be o - ver - come _ by Your Pres - ence, Lord. _____

Let us pray for our neighbors in need, the world that God loves, and the church in action, kneeling, sitting, or standing as you feel called.

Grace-filled God, inspire your church with your Holy Spirit to listen with eager longing to your words of life. Equip pastors, ministers, and teachers with faithful discernment of scripture, that your word may be more fully known and therefore you will be fully known and loved. Enliven and uphold all siblings in Christ who strive to provide hospitality and safe spaces where everyone, without exception, can receive and be transformed by your word of life.

Instill in leaders of the world a strong love for their neighbors. Compel them to govern with equity and to give aid and protection to people who are vulnerable, especially strangers, migrants, and asylum seekers. Draw near to people in need of help, comfort, and healing (*especially*). Provide protection and aid to children who are unsafe and undernourished while on summer break. Bring your presence to the places of war, especially Israel, Palestine, Iran, Russia, and Ukraine.

(Refrain)

Holy Lord, as we try to comprehend the destruction that flooding causes to people's lives, our hearts grieve. We ask for you to be with all who have suffered loss in floods. For those who have lost homes, we pray for shelter and community. For those who have lost their livelihoods, we ask for financial security. For those who have lost loved ones, we pray that they know comfort in their mourning.

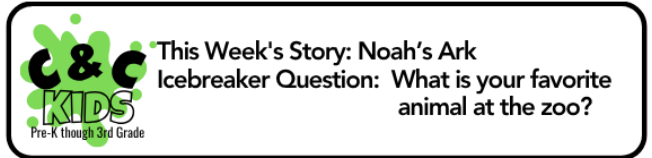
We remember all whose prayers are cries for help, give your good gifts, and satisfy their deepest needs. We lift up to you those with cancer, pain, mental illness, hospitalization, and all who need healing. We lift up to you all on our congregational prayer list and all that we name aloud or in our hearts at this time...

Shelter all who hurt, bring peace to all who are anxious, and walk with those who feel alone.

We lift up all these prayers to you in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We sing our AMEN.

(Refrain)

(Children may head out for C&C Kids)



Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Welcome Home and Announcements *(See back page for additional announcements.)*

THE WORD

2 Chronicles 15:5

⁵ In those times it was not safe for anyone to go or come, for great disturbances afflicted all the inhabitants of the lands.

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

Mark 4:30-32

³⁰ He also said, "With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it? ³¹ It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth, ³² yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade."

P: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Youth Mission Trip Reflections

THANKSGIVING

Anthem

Come, Let Us Worship God

Makeever, Houts

Come, let us worship God. Come, let us worship God. Welcome everyone to the love of God.
Come, let us worship God. Come let us worship God. Welcome everyone to the love of God.
Food for the hungry. Food for the hungry. Welcome everyone to the love of God.
Rest for the weary. Rest for the weary. Welcome everyone to the love of God.
Hope for the children. Hope for the children. Welcome everyone to the love of God.
Come and worship. Come, let us worship God! Come, let us worship God! Welcome everyone
to the love of God. Joyful, joyful we adore thee!

(Please stand)

Offertory Response

As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were
gath-ered in - to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.

Statement of Belief

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living 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.

Come To The Table—Everyone's Invited!

Holy Communion is a celebration of Christ's love, shared through His body and blood. If you're hungry for His presence, this meal is for you! We commune by taking a piece of bread and dipping it into wine or grape juice. Need grape juice or gluten-free options? No problem—the Communion Assistant will gladly help you out. Kids are welcome, too! Just let the Communion Assistant know if your child will be receiving Communion or would prefer a special blessing. We're so glad you're here—let's share this joyful moment together!

Communion

Words of Institution

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 trespasses,
As we forgive those who
trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

OR

Our Father, who is of heaven,
Holy is your name
Your kingdom come
Your will be done
On earth as it is in heaven
Give us today our daily bread
And forgive us our trespasses
As we forgive those who trespass
against us
And lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil
For yours is the kingdom
And the power, and the glory
now and forever, Amen.

Welcome to the Table

P: Come now and feast on the gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

(Please be seated)

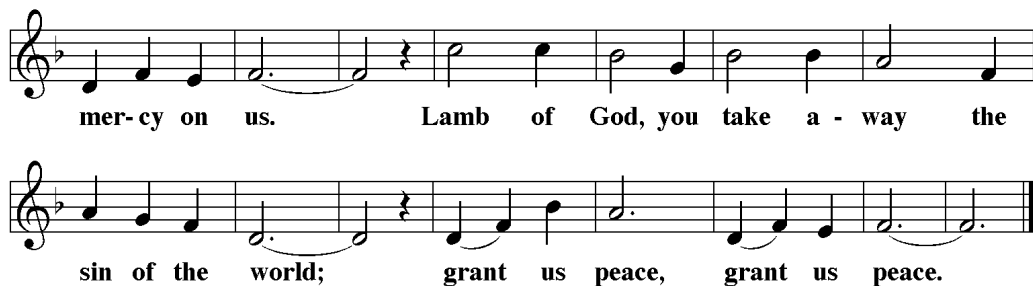
Lamb of God



☛ Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



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Distribution of Holy Communion

Communion Song

Oceans (Where Feet May Fail)

Crocker, Houston, Ligthelm

Verse 1

You call me out upon the waters
The great unknown where feet may fail
And there I find You in the mystery
In oceans deep my faith will stand

Chorus 1

And I will call upon Your name
And keep my eyes above the waves
When oceans rise

My soul will rest in Your embrace
For I am Yours and You are mine

Verse 2

Your grace abounds in deepest waters
Your sov'reign hand will be my guide
Where feet may fail and fear surrounds me
You've never failed and You won't start now

Interlude 1

Oh and You are mine oh

Bridge

Spirit lead me where my trust is
without borders

Let me walk upon the waters
Wherever You would call me
Take me deeper than my feet could
ever wander

And my faith will be made stronger
In the presence of my Saviour

Interlude 2

Yeah yeah yeah yeah
Oh Jesus yeah my God

Chorus 2

I will call upon Your name
Keep my eyes above the waves
My soul will rest in Your embrace
I am Yours and You are mine

The Blessing

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen us and keep us in God's grace.

C: Amen.

Benediction

P: The love of God abound in you; the grace of our Savior Jesus Christ fill your hearts;
and the life of the Spirit ✠ bless you and give you peace.

C: Amen.

Sending Song

Graves Into Gardens

Lake, Brown, Furtick, Hammer

Verse 1

I searched the world but it couldn't fill me
Man's empty praise and treasures that fade
Are never enough
Then You came along and put me back
together
And every desire is now satisfied here in Your
love

Chorus

Oh there's nothing better than You
There's nothing better than You
Lord there's nothing
Nothing is better than You

Verse 2

I'm not afraid to show You my weakness
My failures and flaws
Lord You've seen them all
And You still call me friend

'Cause the God of the mountain

Is the God of the valley

There's not a place

Your mercy and grace won't find me again

Bridge 1

You turn mourning to dancing

You give beauty for ashes

You turn shame into glory

You're the only one who can

Bridge 2

You turn graves into gardens

You turn bones into armies

You turn seas into highways

You're the only one who can

The Doxology (sung a capella)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Sending

P: Go in peace in Holy discomfort.

C: Thanks be to God.

Following worship, children are invited to the Choir Room for music with Mr. Larry!



A wrap up to the week...

If you've been following us on social media this week, you've seen daily video updates from our youth sharing their powerful "God Moments" from the mission trip. It's been an eye-opening, spiritually enriching experience for them!

Throughout the week, they learned about an organization called Deep Time—a specialty coffee roasting company in Asheville, NC. Not only did they enjoy incredible coffee and meaningful work, but they also learned about community, purpose, and service in a new way.

Here's a glimpse into their story...

Deep Time is a specialty coffee roaster with a powerful mission: to foster a faith community for individuals who have been incarcerated. They provide meaningful employment and workforce development through coffee roasting—with dreams of expanding into cafés, food trucks, publishing, media, and more. Their work is rooted in the belief that everyone carries God-given dignity and potential. Born out of the stories of their West Asheville neighbors, Deep Time responds to the real barriers faced by those re-entering society: being turned away from churches, denied housing and jobs, or left without shelter.

Their message is clear and full of hope:

God offers deep time, not hard time.



Here is what our leaders and youth have to say about what they've learned about this ministry...

"On Tuesday, we met with Dustin Mailman from Deep Time Ministries, and I haven't stopped thinking about it since. It started with coffee. What amazed me was how something so ordinary, brewing a cup of coffee, became the foundation for something extraordinary. Dustin shared how he's using coffee to create connection, community and opportunity for people who've been unhoused or incarcerated. Folks who've face some of the hardest roads. Through this ritual, he's giving them ore than just warmth in a mug—he's offering job skills, stability and a sense that they matter. His approach moved me deeply. It reminded me that healing starts with dignity. That something as simple as being seen can anchor someone back into the world. I left that meeting feeling inspired, more committed to the belief that compassionate action- no matter how small- can ripple outward in powerful ways.

It's not just what Dustin is doing, it's how he's doing it. With integrity, warmth, and an unwavering belief in people. It gave me hope. And it affirmed what I've always felt in my heart; love, when it shows up consistently and without an agenda, it changes everything!"

So today, while you're enjoying that cup of coffee in fellowship, think about how something so simple can change so many lives! If you'd like to support Deep Time Ministries, scan the QR code for their website or go to www.deeptimeavl.org.



GOD'S BIG BACKYARD



NEXT SUNDAY



God's Backyard is almost here!
This isn't just any summer gathering—it's fun with purpose

**Scan to
Register**

- Water slide for the kids
- Cornhole tournament for adults
- Burgers, hot dogs & more for everyone
- Sorting food donations for Common Heart (pickup at 1 PM!)

Bring your donations, your appetite, and your whole family.
Let's make some memories while serving our neighbors!

You've done an amazing job so far—let's keep the momentum going! Let's see just how much we can collect for Common Heart and make a big impact together!

No time to shop? No problem! If you'd prefer to give financially, we'll do the shopping for you.
Just be sure to mark your donation "Common Heart Food Drive."

Thanks for being part of this meaningful effort to care for our neighbors!

Item's we are looking for:

This food drive will focus on items that kids especially need during the summer, but we gladly welcome all donations—nothing will be turned away! The most needed items: peanut butter, jelly, canned meats, macaroni, canned fruit, healthy snacks, granola and cereal bars, instant oatmeal and grits, SpaghettiOs, canned ravioli, juice boxes, and other drinks. The healthier the items, the better!

FIRST ANNUAL CORN HOLE TOURNAMENT



**COMMON
HEART**
a small revolution of kindness

We need tents! If you have a 10x10 or larger tent we can borrow for the event, please see Laura or Pastor Melody!

**WHO
WILL BE
THE**

**BOSS
OF THE
TOSS**



Week at a Glance

Monday, July 21

7:30 pm- Women's Bible Study

Tuesday, July 22nd

12 pm- Staff Meeting
1 pm- Congregational Care Team Mtg
2 pm- Community Care Team Mtg
6:30 pm- Council Mtg
Table Talk

Friday, July 25th

9 am- Weight Watchers

Saturday, July 26th

8-10 am- Weight Watchers
4 pm- Family Meet Up @ the Simpkins' House

Sunday, July 27th

8:15 am Worship
9 am Coffee Hour
9:15 am- Adult Sunday School
10:15 am- Worship
11:30 am- Adult Bible Study with Pastor Matt
Children's Rotations
12:15 pm- Service Project for Common Heart
12:30 pm- Lunch
1 pm- Cornhole Tournament & Waterslide



Serving in Worship Today

Assisting Minister:	Mike Meath
Acolyte:	Rachel Phillips
Communion Assistants:	Terry McClure, Suzy Wleznia
Usher:	Brenda Wagner, Roger Black
Communion Set-up:	Hugh Kluttz
Greeters:	Brittany Wellborn
Nursery Assistant:	Ann Whitener
C&C Kids:	Nick & Allie Tischio
Contribution Counter:	Barbara Maillet, Cathy Kozlinks
Praying for Possibilities:	Mary Phelps

You can give to C&C by scanning the QR code below.

SCAN TO GIVE



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