



First United Methodist Church Graham, NC

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Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

World Communion Sunday

October 5, 2025



Our Mission

To make disciples for Jesus Christ through love and service

Our Vision

A loving and diverse community meeting the real needs of our neighbors through spirit-filled worship, intergenerational discipleship, and caring service

Come, Let Us Worship the Lord

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Gathering

CHIMING OF THE HOUR

WELCOME

PRELUDE

Invocation in A Minor

Guilmant

†CALL TO WORSHIP

This is the table where memory is honored, where story is sacred, where strangers
become siblings.

**We come to taste and see that the Lord is good, to feast on grace, to believe again
in belonging.**

Around the world, across languages and landscapes, a holy table is set.

We come not because we are worthy, but because Christ calls us in love.

**Come, let us worship the One who welcomes, the One who remembers, the One
who feeds the whole world with hope.**

†OPENING HYMN

I Come with Joy

(UMH #617)*

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord,
forgiven, loved and free,
in awe and wonder to recall
his life laid down for me,
his life laid down for me.

2. I come with Christians far and near
to find as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread,
in Christ's communion bread.

3. As Christ breaks bread and bids us share
each proud division ends.
The love that made us makes us one,
and strangers now are friends,
and strangers now are friends.

4. And thus with joy we meet our Lord.
His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known;
we see and praise him here,
we see and praise him here.

5. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise,
we'll live and speak his praise.

†SHARING THE PEACE

Please greet your neighbor and pass the Connect pads to register your attendance.

Proclamation

MISSION MOMENT

“Generosity Sunday”

Diana Cummings

SHARING FAITH WITH ALL GOD’S CHILDREN

Chris Fulkerson

Childcare is available for children ages 5 and under in Room 121. Red drawstring “Worship Kid Kits” with children’s bulletins are available in the entrance area each week for children to use throughout worship.

ANTHEM

I Choose Love

Miller

Sandra Yarborough, soloist

(Written in response to 2015 tragic events at Emmanuel AME Church in Charleston, SC)

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, I choose peace.
In the midst of war, hate and anger keeping score,
I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.
I choose peace.

When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, I will rise.
When my world falls down, explanations can't be found,
I will climb to holy ground, I will rise. I will rise.

In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, I choose love.
In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love. I choose love.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord Jesus Christ, peoples of every tribe and tongue will gather to worship before your throne: send your Holy Spirit to illuminate your word to us today; in your holy name. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

[Luke 10:25-37](#)

²⁵ Just then a lawyer stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he said, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” ²⁶ He said to him, “What is written in the law? What do you read there?” ²⁷ He answered, “You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your strength, and with all your mind; and your neighbor as yourself.” ²⁸ And he said to him, “You have given the right answer; do this, and you will live.”

²⁹ But wanting to justify himself, he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” ³⁰ Jesus replied, “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell into the hands of robbers, who stripped him, beat him, and went away, leaving him half dead. ³¹ Now by chance a priest was going down that road; and when he saw him, he passed by on the other side. ³² So likewise a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. ³³ But a Samaritan while traveling came near him; and when he saw him, he was moved with pity. ³⁴ He went to him and bandaged his wounds, having poured oil and wine on them. Then he put him on his own animal, brought him to an inn, and took care of him. ³⁵ The next day he took out two denarii, gave them to the innkeeper, and said, ‘Take care of him; and when I come back, I will repay you whatever more you spend.’ ³⁶ Which of these three, do you think, was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of the robbers?” ³⁷ He said, “The one who showed him mercy.” Jesus said to him, “Go and do likewise.”

SERMON

“Why We Need Our Enemies”

Pastor Duane

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Holy Communion

INVITATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of mercy, we confess that we have not loved you with all our being. We have done things which we ought not to have done, and we have left undone things which we ought to have done. We have built walls between neighbors and nations, and we have ignored the cries of those in need. Forgive us and set us free, that we may live into the hope of your calling, that your reign may come on earth as it is in heaven. Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING WITH MUSICAL SETTINGS

(TFWS #2257a-d)*

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord;

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Amen, amen, amen,

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

(UMH #895)*

Our Father, who art in heaven,

hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom com,

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. Amen.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Sending Forth

†CLOSING HYMN

In Christ There Is No East or West

(UMH #548)*

1. In Christ there is no east or west,
in him no south or north;
but one great fellowship of love
throughout the whole wide earth.
2. In Christ shall true hearts everywhere
their high communion find;
his service is the golden cord
close binding humankind.
3. In Christ is neither Jew nor Greek,
and neither slave nor free;
both male and female heirs are made,
and all are kin to me.
4. In Christ now meet both east and west,
in him meet south and north;
all Christly souls are one in him
throughout the whole wide earth.

†THE BLESSING

†CHORAL RESPONSE (Choir and Congregation)

(UMH #898)*

Amen, amen, amen.

†CHIMING OF THE TRINITY

†POSTLUDE

Chorale

Boellmann

†Please stand if you are able.
*Songbooks are located in pew rack