

Traditional Worship Service

Sunday, September 18, 2022 • 9:40 a.m.

Welcome! David Benjamin

Quietly Preparing to Worship God Everyone

It is easy for us to look down on someone else; to be a little “judge-y” towards them. Maybe they express some immaturity in what they say or do. Maybe they don’t know the Bible very well and their opinions are off base. Maybe they just have something about them that irritates us.

Jesus collected a bunch of smelly fishermen, and a greedy tax collector, and a doubt-filled Thomas, and a fiery zealot; in all, not the most promising group. But Jesus took them where they were, hung in there with them despite their flaws, and molded them into extraordinary people. Just like He is trying to do with us.

So how should we respond to others who seem to be very much in the category of “raw material?”

Prelude *Father, We Thank You* Greek;2nd Century/
Bourgeois

Hymn 25 *There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy* Faber/Tourjee
all stanzas

Reading from Luke 9 Rick Blocker

Reading from Romans 14 Aggie Blocker

Hymn 297 *Search Me, O God* Hudson/Dunbar
stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Responsive Reading Rick Kaerwer and Everyone

O Lord, if you kept a record of sins, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness. (Psalm 130)

Thank you, God, for your patience, compassion and forgiveness. Help us to show those same traits to others. Don’t let us keep a perpetual, mental list of other’s failings. Let us show them grace also.

Blessed is the one who has regard for the weak, for the Lord will deliver that person in times of trouble. (Psalm 41)

Father, let me remember those times when I was weak, when I was lacking, when my hands went slack, and yet You and others showed me grace. May I remember that when others seem weak, seem to stumble and are in need of grace.

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not just please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbors for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself. (Romans 15)

Forgive us when we are too focused on ourselves, our own preferences, our personal desires. Guide us to work for the good of those around us.

When I am tired and short and easily irritated, when I have trouble seeing the other person’s perspective, when I think the other person needs to do much better,

Lord, help me to remember that we are all in a growth process, that we are all under construction and the work of Your Spirit. Grant me patience, insight and understanding. In Jesus’ name I pray.

Hymn 382 *God, the Father of Your People* collected, 1725-1807
stanzas 1, 2, and 3

Offertory Prayer Dr. Benjamin

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings Everyone

Choral Anthem *Lord, I Stretch My Hands to You* Jay Althouse

Message *Bear with One Another* Dr. Benjamin

Hymn 498 *O God, We Ask for Strength* Schultz/Dykes
all stanzas

Closing Words

Benediction *The Lord’s Prayer* Everyone

Please fill out this information form and place it in the offering plate or give it to a greeter.

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Name(s) _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Questions or Comments

Decisions Made Today

- Today I gave my life to God.
- I would like for a minister to contact me.
- I would like to be baptized.
- I would like to join Winfree.

Prayer Requests

Yes, include this prayer request in the weekly *Here's What's Happening*



Message Notes

How to Join — During the Response Hymn, you are invited to join our congregation. You may become a member by one of the following methods, whichever is most applicable to you.

1. You may share with the congregation that you have committed your life to Jesus & desire to be baptized.
2. You have already made a commitment to Jesus, been baptized and now desire to transfer your membership from another church to Winfree, or join based on your statement of faith in Christ and not by transferring membership from another church. All new members agree to attend a New Member Orientation class.



Open the camera on your phone and hold it up to the QR code to go directly to our church website!

Hearing aid headphones are available for the hearing impaired.
 Please let one of our greeters know you'd like to use a pair, and we will be happy to assist you!

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