

The Worship of God
September 20, 11:00 a.m.
Seventeenth Sunday after Pentecost

GATHERING

Welcome to Pullen. Feel free to greet those around you before the service. Visitors are invited to complete a Welcome Guest card and place it in the offering plate later in the service. Please turn off cell phones and other electronic devices. Please refrain from flash photography.

Organ Prelude *Undulato* Richard Purvis

Bringing the Light

* **Call to Worship** *Karen Szani*

Leader: We come as seekers,

People: unsure of what we seek.

Leader: We come as followers,

People: not fully understanding the One we follow.

Leader: We come to worship,

People: even though we're not quite sure how.

Leader: Holy One, by your grace,

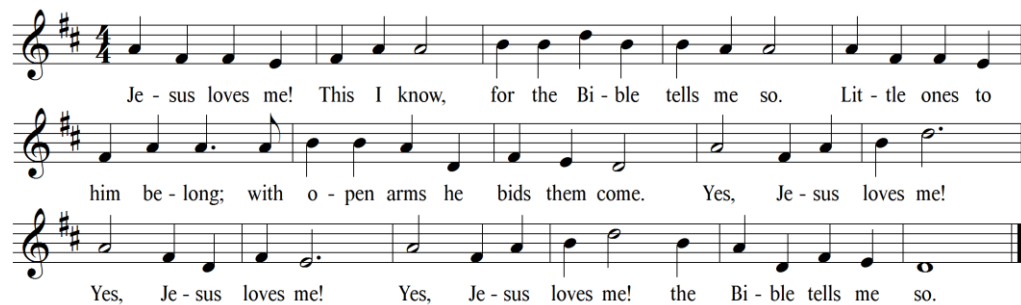
People: meet us where we are. Meet us here. Meet us now.

* **Hymn (insert)** *God Is Here!* HOLY MANNA

Blessing of the Children

Song of Blessing *Jesus Loves Me* Warner/alt. Linda Garrett

Children in kindergarten through 2nd Grade may follow the light to their service of worship.



Je - sus loves me! This I know, for the Bi - ble tells me so. Lit - tle ones to
him be - long; with o - pen arms he bids them come. Yes, Je - sus loves me!
Yes, Je - sus loves me! Yes, Je - sus loves me! the Bi - ble tells me so.

* worshipers are invited to stand

Greetings from one of our Mission Partners – BPFNA

LeDayne Polaski

PRAYERS

Nathan Powers

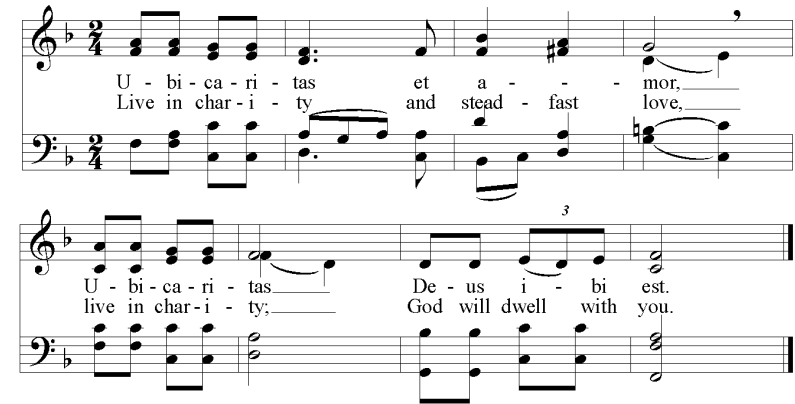
Joys and Concerns of the Congregation

Call to Prayer

Ubi Caritas (Live in Charity)

Jacques Berthier

First Time: Latin; **Second Time:** English; **Third Time:** simultaneous languages



U - bi - ca - ri - tas et a - - mor.
Live in char - i - ty and stead - fast love,
U - bi - ca - ri - tas De - us i - bi est.
live in char - i - ty; God will dwell with you.

Prayers of the People

SHARING THE WORD

Gospel

“Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all.”

Mark 9:33-37

* **Hymn 133**

Like a Child

LIKE A CHILD

Sermon

Blessing our Unholy Arguments

Nancy E. Petty

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Statement

Choral Offertory

Cantate Domino

Nancy Hill Cobb

Sing to God a new song, sing to God all the earth.
Sing to God and bless God's name.
Declare God's glory among the nations,
God's wonders among all people.
For God is great and greatly to be praised.

—from Psalm 95

* **Doxology**

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, the Source of every gift,
with gratitude our voices lift: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the Source of life and love
in whom we live and breathe and move.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

RESPONDING

* **Invitation**

Pullen welcomes you to join our faith community by coming forward during the final hymn. If you would like more information about Pullen before joining, please contact the church office to arrange a meeting with our pastor.

* **Hymn 431**

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

AR HYD Y NOS

Stanza 3 revision: "Here my Spirit's power filled you, here *my* tender comfort stilled you..."

* **Benediction**

* **Choral Response**

Cantate Domino

Cobb

* **Organ Postlude**

In Thee is Gladness

J.S. Bach

Following the worship service simple refreshments are served in the parlor to welcome visitors. Church members are invited to attend, to visit with each other, and to assist in welcoming our guests. The hosts this morning are Deb Norton and Jonathan Sledge.

Our liturgist this morning is Karen Sazani. Karen grew up in Pullen church and was active in the youth programs. She and her daughter Megan recently moved back to Raleigh, and we are grateful to have them back at Pullen. Bringing greetings from our partner BPFNA is LeDayne Polaski. LeDayne is the Executive Director of BPFNA. Offering prayers today is Nathan Powers. Nathan is one of five teachers in the Exploring the Bible Sunday school class. Offering music for worship are The Chancel Choir with Carol Hodge, conductor; and Janice Hocutt, organist/pianist.

Worship Assistants: Lori Jordan, Karen Garr, Jim Epps, Rozanne Reynolds, Hye Rahlan, Carolyn Sexton, LeighAnna Matthews, Chandra Matthews, Brenda Compton, Kathie Barnett, Pat Kincheloe, Jamie Palmer and Walter Tenney.

Pullen Memorial Baptist Church

Raleigh, North Carolina



Life's most persistent and urgent question is,
"What are you doing for others?"

-Martin Luther King, Jr.

God Is Here!

1. God is here! As we your peo - ple meet to of - fer praise and prayer,
2. Here are sym - bols to re - mind us of the Love that fills this space.
3. Here our chil - dren find a wel - come in the Shep - herd's flock and fold;

may we find in full - er meas - ure what it is in Christ we share.
Here are ta - ble, can - dle, pul - pit, here bright win - dows shine with grace.
here as bread and wine are tak - en, Christ sus - tains us, as of old.

Here as in the world a - round us all our var - ied skills and arts
Here in hon - es - ty of preach - ing, here in si - lence, as in speech,
Here the ser - vants of the Ser - vant seek in wor - ship to ex - plore

wait the com - ing of the Spir - it in - to o - pen minds and hearts.
here, in new - ness and re - new - al, God the Spir - it comes to each.
what it means in dai - ly liv - ing to be - lieve and to a - dore.

Words: Fred Pratt Green, alt.
Music: William Moore

HOLY MANNA