

“I Want to Be a Follower of Christ”

I want to be a follower of Christ.
I want to be one of His disciples
I want to walk in the newness of life, so
Let me be a follower of Christ.

What do I have to do?
What do I have to say?
How do I have to talk each and ev’ry day?
What does it cost to carry the cross?
So Let me be a follower of Christ!

MISSION STATEMENT

Statesville Avenue Presbyterian Church (USA), guided by the Holy Spirit, is called by God to teach, and preach God’s word, to create a climate for spiritual growth, to engage in mission outreach, and to promote peace and justice in the world.

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SERMON NOTES:

SCRIPTURE: _____

SERMON OUTLINE: _____

CONCLUSION: _____

SERMON APPLICATION FOR MY LIFE: _____

ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE WEEK OF JULY 30TH -AUGUST 31ST 2023

- The Tiki Dance School* will perform **Saturday, August 5th at 4:00 p.m. here at SAPC.** Please come out to support, enjoy, and fellowship with this production.
- Don’t forget your Per Capita Tax, \$30.00 per year per member

Treasurer Offerings online.

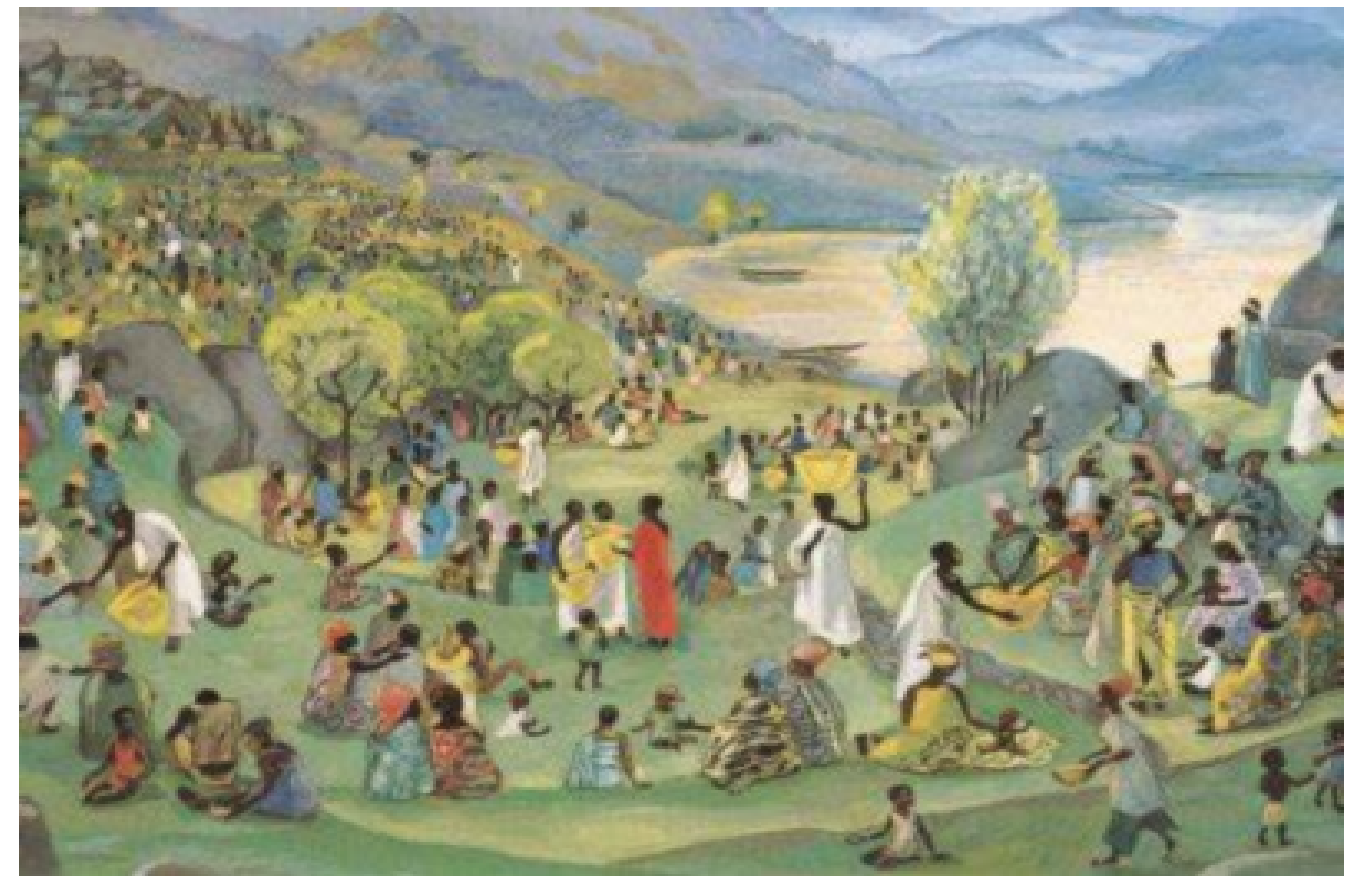
Family let’s not forget our tithes and offerings. Here’s another way to give:

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**STATESVILLE AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH (USA)
3435 NEVIN ROAD, CHARLOTTE, NC 28269**

**July 30, 2023
11:00 A.M.**

9th Sunday after Pentecost/Proper 12



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Barbara Carr, Liturgist
Mr. James Rogers, Jr., Director of Music
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We Gather

**** Prelude: "Breathe on Me, Breath of God"**

**** Announcements and Welcome:**

Lighting of Candles:

**** Introit: "The Lord Is in His Holy Temple"**

*** Call to Worship:** L: The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed.

P: It is a small seed, but has some surprises in store for us.

L: When it is grown, it is a very large shrub.

P: Even the birds can find places in its branches for their nests.

L: God's transforming love begins in small ways to enter our hearts.

P: Lord, plant those amazing seeds of transforming love in us that they may grow into deeds of service to others in your name. Amen.

*** Centering Prayer:**

**** Opening Hymn: "Be Thou My Vision"**

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Prayer of Confession: The diligent Lord, who always watches over us, be with us all these days. We confess that we have allowed a host of worries and frustrations to crowd out your word for us. As you give us peace and your transforming love, also forgive all those times when we have been less than faithful disciples. Gently visit us again with your healing powers. Restore our hope and courage and joy for all the times ahead. We ask this in the name of the Master Healer, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Assurance of Pardon: Here is some wonderful news! While we were worrying and fretting, God has been at work in our lives offering healing and peace. Receive these gifts in the name and love of the Lord our God. **Amen.**

Prayers for the People:

Choral Response: "Almighty Father, hear our prayer, and bless all souls that wait before Thee. Amen"

**** Special Selection: "I Love the Lord, Who Heard My Cry"**
Congregation and Clifton Connelin

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Overview of TiKi's Upcoming Summer Dance Recital

Tikelia Stennis

Prayer of Illumination: Lord of mustard seeds and yeast, we come to you this day, seeking your Word and will for us. Make us people who care deeply about the well-being of others. Give us the courage to be yeast for the rising of hope and peace throughout the world. Open our hearts to your redeeming love, for we ask this in Christ's Name. **Amen.**

The Word

Scripture Readings: OT: Joshua 24:15, 24:19-20 & NT: 1 Timothy 6:17
Grace Solomon

Sermon:

"Don't Worry"
(Matthew 6:24-34)
Pastor Gary S. Blackmon

We Respond

Invitation to Discipleship: "I Want to Be a Follower of Christ"

Affirmation Of Faith: Apostles Creed (Traditional): I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. **Amen.**

Tithes and Offerings: "You Can't Beat God Giving"

*** Doxology: "Glory Be to the Father" #579**

Prayer of Thanksgiving:

Celebration Song: "What a Friend We Have in Jesus" #403

*** Charge and Benediction:**

Extinguishing of the Candles:

*** Postlude: "God Be With You Till We Meet Again"/ *Passing the Peace***

*** Please stand if you are able.**
**** Worshippers may enter or exit**