

**Outdoor Worship**  
KERNERSVILLE MORAVIAN  
CHURCH

# Tenth Sunday After Pentecost

August 9, 2020



## KERNERSVILLE MORAVIAN CHURCH

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### 2020 Congregational Watchword:

*Those who have faith are children of Abraham.*

*Galatians 3:7*

*We may not touch his hands and side,  
nor follow where he trod; yet in his promise we  
rejoice, and cry, "My Lord and God!"*

**We are offering an Outdoor Worship Service on Sundays @ 9am (weather permitting) in the grassy area beyond the Family Shelter on our grounds.** This 45 minute long weekly worship service will be offered until further notice and we encourage casual, comfortable dress for these services.

We will continue to offer a full online worship service made available to you at 8:30am every Sunday morning. Those receiving a weekly mailed packet will also continue to have this shared each week.

In the event of rain, the outdoor service will be canceled, but the online service will be ready and available for all to participate in.

How to prepare for our Outdoor Worship:

1. Check the weather or the scrolling banner on our church website, if rain seems imminent, we will cancel.
2. Plan to wear a mask or a face covering. If you don't have one, we are prepared with masks to share with you.  
Exceptions: Children under age 2.  
Individuals medically advised not to wear a mask.
3. Bring a lawn chair, blanket, or towel to sit on. You will be seated in the grassy area beyond the family shelter, so prepare accordingly. We ask that you only use the marked squares to help observe appropriate distance.

What to do when you arrive for our Outdoor Worship:

*While you are on the grounds, we ask you to practice social distancing and maintain 6 ft between those who are from different households.*

1. Park and head toward the paved sidewalk that travels beside the Activity Building and between the Family Shelter and playground where you see greeters waiting for you.
2. Please check in with our Greeters, they will be prepared to answer any questions. They will also have masks if you didn't come with one. A basket for any offerings to be placed in will also be available here.
3. An Usher will then assist you in finding an open spot to sit in the marked seating beyond the Family Shelter in the grassy area. One household will be seated per marked square.

### **August 13th - Anniversary of the Renewal of the Unitas Fratrum**

We will be celebrating this special date in the life of our denomination through Holy Communion celebrated today (online and outdoors) and, though not in the typical way, a Lovefeast celebrated on August 16 (online and outdoor). For this celebration of Lovefeast, we invite you to bring your own favorite food and beverage to your spot for worshipping online or pack it in your own cooler or picnic basket and bring it with you to our outdoor service. We will plan for special music and offer the blessing together as we remember that first lovefeast - one that probably looked a lot more like the gathering we will hold this year as we honor that moment back in 1727.

### Prayer Concerns

Mike Gauldin	Harold Atkins
Linda Kirkman	David Teague
Hilda Richardson	Sandra Heist
Betty Hollifield	Jean Pierce
Dick and Jo Larrimore	
Linda Holder	
Pray for our Church and our Pastor	

### Our current active military

ND1 Mark Gignac - 1805 Warbler street, Panama City, FL 32405  
Ensign Thor D. Gignac - PO Box 12394, Annapolis, MD, 21412  
SPC Charlie Yates - Cmr 490 Box 2276, APO, AE09708

### COVID-19, Flu & Illness Prevention

We know that many are anxious about the spread of this new virus, but we want you to remember that this is a respiratory virus very similar in both transmission and symptoms to the Flu. We can prepare ourselves and protect others best by remembering the good practices that are true every year during Flu season. Here is what the Centers for Disease Control recommends:

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick.
- Stay home when you are sick, except to get medical care.
- Cover your coughs and sneezes with a tissue, then toss the tissue in trash.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer with at least 60% alcohol.
- Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth with unwashed hands.
- Clean frequently touched surfaces and objects daily.

### **\*Special Stewardship Info during Covid-19 Precautions:**

Please remember that even while we are unable to gather in person, there are many aspects of our congregational life that continue on and need the support of our financial tithes and offerings during this time. We give thanks for all who are contributing regularly and remind you that offerings can be mailed in to the church office or dropped off in the gold-painted wooden collection box that has been placed in the Church Street Entry.

We check both the postbox and this collection box daily and secure all contributions. If you bank online, most banks offer a bill pay option and you can request either a one-time check be paid to the church or set up recurring regular payments to be paid on a schedule.

We also have 2 online giving options, through the PayPal link at the bottom of our website [www.kernersvillemoravian.org](http://www.kernersvillemoravian.org) or through the Moravian Ministries Foundation Giving Portal (<https://mmfa.info/kernersville-moravian-church-donation-form/>).

# Order of Worship

**Welcome and Announcements:** Rev. Christy Clore

**Prelude:** "At the Lamb's Royal Feast" Marcel Dupre

## Call to Worship:

Today we sabbath, we take rest in the Lord our God.

**We put aside productivity to wonder and worship.**

Today we sabbath, to do a different kind of work.

**We have gathered to do liturgy, the work of the people.**

Today we sabbath, for the world does not revolve around us.

**We revolve around God and God's goodness and grace.**

Come, receive again the gift of grace!

**Not for owning, not for boasting, but for celebrating we come.**

Come, discover again the way that leads to life!

**Remembering who we are, seeking who we are yet to be we come.**

Come, children of God, and be fed at the Lord's Table.

**We come to receive what we need for the journey ahead.**

Come, children of God, and let us find the fuel for our faith.

**We come to the Table to receive God's blessing and share it with others.**

Come, let us worship God.

**Liturgy:** **August 13th**  
From *Singing from the Heart:*  
A Shorter Moravian Hymnal and Liturgies

**Scripture:** Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28  
*This is the word of the Lord.*  
**Thanks be to God.**

**Offertory:** "Allegretto" Gustav Merkel

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**Meditation:** "Influence and Inspiration"

**Celebration of Holy Communion for the August 13th Renewal,**  
pg. 27  
from the Communion Supplement Book

**Special Music:** "Praise to the Lord, the Almighty"  
arr. Ruth Coleman

## Benediction

**Postlude:** "All Creatures of Our God and King"  
arr. John Longhurst

# Scripture

## Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Jacob settled in the land where his father had lived as an alien, the land of Canaan. This is the story of the family of Jacob. Joseph, being seventeen years old, was shepherding the flock with his brothers; he was a helper to the sons of Bilhah and Zilpah, his father's wives; and Joseph brought a bad report of them to their father. Now Israel loved Joseph more than any other of his children, because he was the son of his old age; and he had made him a long robe with sleeves. But when his brothers saw that their father loved him more than all his brothers, they hated him, and could not speak peaceably to him.

Now his brothers went to pasture their father's flock near Shechem. And Israel said to Joseph, "Are not your brothers pasturing the flock at Shechem? Come, I will send you to them." He answered, "Here I am." So he said to him, "Go now, see if it is well with your brothers and with the flock; and bring word back to me." So he sent him from the valley of Hebron. He came to Shechem, and a man found him wandering in the fields; the man asked him, "What are you seeking?" "I am seeking my brothers," he said; "tell me, please, where they are pasturing the flock." The man said, "They have gone away, for I heard them say, 'Let us go to Dothan.'" So Joseph went after his brothers, and found them at Dothan. They saw him from a distance, and before he came near to them, they conspired to kill him. They said to one another, "Here comes this dreamer. Come now, let us kill him and throw him into one of the pits; then we shall say that a wild animal has devoured him, and we shall see what will become of his dreams." But when Reuben heard it, he delivered him out of their hands, saying, "Let us not take his life." Reuben said to them, "Shed no blood; throw him into this pit here in the wilderness, but lay no hand on him"—that he might rescue him out of their hand and restore him to his father. So when Joseph came to his brothers, they stripped him of his robe, the long robe with sleeves that he wore; and they took him and threw him into a pit. The pit was empty; there was no water in it. Then they sat down to eat; and looking up they saw a caravan of Ishmaelites coming from Gilead, with their camels carrying gum, balm, and resin, on their way to carry it down to Egypt. Then Judah said to his brothers, "What profit is it if we kill our brother and conceal his blood? Come, let us sell him to the Ishmaelites, and not lay our hands on him, for he is our brother, our own flesh." And his brothers agreed. When some Midianite traders passed by, they drew Joseph up, lifting him out of the pit, and sold him to the Ishmaelites for twenty pieces of silver. And they took Joseph to Egypt.

## Matthew 13:22-33

Immediately he made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead to the other side, while he dismissed the crowds. And after he had dismissed the crowds, he went up the mountain by himself to pray. When evening came, he was there alone, but by this time the boat, battered by the waves, was far from the land, for the wind was against them. And early in the morning he came walking toward them on the sea. But when the disciples saw him walking on the sea, they were terrified, saying, "It is a ghost!" And they cried out in fear. But immediately Jesus spoke to them and said, "Take heart, it is I; do not be afraid." Peter answered him, "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." He said, "Come." So Peter got out of the boat, started walking on the water, and came toward Jesus. But when he noticed the strong wind, he became frightened, and beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me!" Jesus immediately reached out his hand and caught him, saying to him, "You of little faith, why did you doubt?" When they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."

# Announcements

**Moravian Daily Texts-2021** are ready to pre-order. Please contact Jen in the office for information. Cut off date to order is August 12.

## Canned Goods Drive

Our collection time during August will be **on Sundays** as you participate in the Outdoor Worship service or **items can also be dropped off in the church office during the office hours of 8am-12noon.** Everyone is encouraged to bring in the featured item of cooking oil for Crisis Control; or the featured items for Sunnyside Ministry of toothbrushes, bar soap, laundry detergent and toilet tissue. Other shelf stable food items we receive will be divided between Crisis Control and Sunnyside.

## Small Group Gatherings

Small groups within the life of our congregation (committees, Sunday school groups, Women's Fellowship Circles, or other study groups) can now choose to hold a gathering, if they feel ready to do so, by reserving space on the church grounds (in the area used for Outdoor Worship) for up to 25 participants, the family shelter for up to 25 participants, or the front room of the Activity Building for up to 10 participants. Requests should be made in advance through the church office. Once reservations are made groups will be expected to follow all the guidelines in place during the Outdoor Worship Service - masks expected, 6ft. of social distancing, sanitizing of any high touch surfaces, and signing in that you attended. A checklist of expectations, clean up tasks, and a sign-in sheet will be provided to the group contact and should be turned in following any gathering that is held.

Please understand that if the guideline expectations for Outdoor Worship or these small group gatherings cannot be followed consistently the ability for groups to gather may be suspended.

## Upcoming Online Small Group Opportunities for the Southern Province of the Moravian Church

Our mission here at the Board of Cooperative Ministries (BCM) is to **build, connect, and mobilize** Moravians to live out their faith...B.C.M., get it?!? This summer, we're offering you a virtual place to connect with other Moravians. By spending time with a small group, you can build relationships, connect with others, and mobilize to grow in faith, love, and hope, following Jesus in serving the world. Not even a global pandemic can stop us! The BCM will offer a variety of online small group gatherings and/or study groups to examine various topics of interest to Moravian Christians during August. You can learn about the groups starting and sign up to participate via this website:

<https://www.moravian.org/bcm/2020/06/25/summer-connect-groups/>

Be sure to scroll down to find info on groups starting mid-August!

**Wednesday Ladies' Bible Study** will begin an expository study of the book of REVELATION, beginning September 9, at 9:30, in the Activity Building. Guidelines restrict us to 10 (ten) participants. Please contact Jo Levens, facilitator, at email: [jlevens37@triad.rr.com](mailto:jlevens37@triad.rr.com) - phone: 336-996-2989 - or text: 336-312-3793