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“Worship God, Love One Another, Serve the World”



*The chancel flowers on the altar are
in memory of the birthday of Alice Witten,
our life long friend whose light is dearly missed
given by Sally Barnes & Susan Stuart.*



Art by Judy Munger



A Stephen Minister provides confidential support, encouragement, listening, and prayer to those going through a difficult time. Contact: SUMC office, website, or Laurie NardoKunst: 910-934-5457.

October 11, 2026
20th Sunday after Pentecost
8:25 a.m. Worship

665 W Corbett Avenue
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GATHERING

Welcome and Announcements



Prelude “Ever Faithful, Ever Near” Terri Boykin

*Call to Worship *from Psalm 106:1-6, 19-23* UMH 829

*Hymn “Great is Thy Faithfulness” UMH #140

*Opening Prayer

Holy God, You are light, and in You there is no darkness at all. Shift my focus today – from whatever is false to that which is true; from whatever is vulgar to that which is honorable; from whatever is corrupt to that which is just; from whatever is inauthentic to that which is pure; from whatever is detestable to that which is pleasing; from whatever is insignificant to that which is commendable; that I may live in the light. Through Jesus Christ we pray, Amen.

*Passing the Peace

Welcome! Please take the next 60 seconds and find someone you did not come to church with and greet them in Jesus' name!

PRAISE AND PROCLAMATION

*Gospel Lesson Matthew 22:1-14 Adele Hyla-Brewster

Reception of New Members

SwanKids Worship

All kids are welcome to follow our staff for SwanKids Worship during the sermon.

Anthem “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” Choir

Scripture Lesson Exodus 32:1-14

Sermon “A Stiff Necked People in the Hands of God” Rev. Laura Thompson

RESPONSE

*Hymn of Response “When God Restored Our Common Life” FWS #2182

Prayers of the People & The Lord’s Prayer

Giving of our Tithes, Offerings, and Connection Cards



Offertory Song

“Celtic Prayer”

Choir

*Doxology

UMH #94

*Prayer of Thanksgiving

SENDING

*Hymn “For the Healing of the Nations” UMH #428

*Benediction & Dismissal

Postlude “Guide My Feet” FWS #2208

“Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!) Guide my feet while I run this race. (Yes, my Lord!) Guide my feet while I run this race, for I don’t want to run this race in vain! (race in vain)”

** Please stand as you are able.*