Welcome!

We are grateful that you joined us today. Please join us downstairs after worship for refreshments hosted our Kindness Hospitality Group.

If you have children with you, we have options! Our nursery is open throughout the service; Children's Church is for 3-5 year olds, and up to 3rd grade. Children leave during Passing of the Peace and return during the Communion Hymn.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

REFRESHMENTS NEXT SUNDAY: Goodness Hospitality Group. Contact Karen Rominger 828-963-3115.

CONGREGATIONAL CARE UPDATES: Margaret Smith appreciates your continued prayers and loves to hear from you (5869 Hickory Nut Gap Rd, Banner Elk, NC 28604). **Teresa Taylor** is in her cardiac rehabilitation program near Wilmington and she is pleased with her progress. (4147 Spirea Drive, Apt. C, 28403, Wilmington, NC).

NEWSPAPERS NEEDED for the Humane Society. If you have any, there is a box at the front of the church.

BIBLE STUDIES: Women's 8:15 a.m. on Wednesdays and Men's 8:15 a.m. on Thursdays. Enter the back of the church. Email the church at arbordalechurch @gmail. com to be added to the Bible Study list for info about the upcoming study and you can also indicate if you'd like to receive our weekly email.

OFFERINGS: The offering is not taken up during the service. There are offering plates in the Narthex, on the lower shelf of the Altar and as you exit the Sanctuary to go downstairs, and a link on the website to donate on-line.

ELDER ON CALL FOR NOVEMBER

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"What If"

by Malcolm Guite

What if every word we say
Never ends or fades away,
Gathers volume gathers weigh,
Drums and dins us with dismay
Surges on some dreadful day
When we cannot get away
Whelms us till we drown?
What if not a word is lost,
What if every word we cast
Cruel, cunning, cold, accurst,
Every word we cut and paste
Echoes to us from the past
Fares and finds us first and last
Haunts and hunts us down?
...
Better that some words be lost,
Better that they should not last,
Tongues of fire and violence.
O Word through whom the world is blessed,
Word in whom all words are graced,
Do not bring us to the test,
Give our clamant voices rest,
And the rest is silence.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

"Lord, the gift of your Word is a light for our path.
Help us to study your way and follow your teaching
until we know the true Light who has come into the world
and will come again in glory:
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen."

~ St. Jerome

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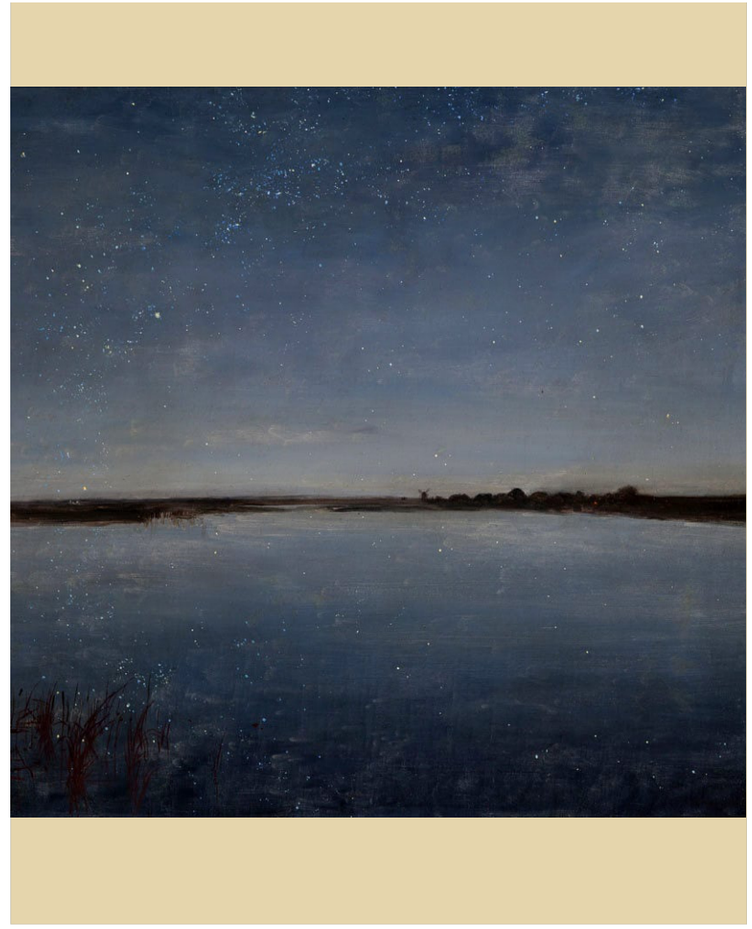

"Starry Night"
Józef Chełmoński

** Congregation Stands*

GREETING

Leader: The Lord be with you

All: And also with you

PRELUDE *Purify My Heart*
(See insert to follow along)

* **CALL TO WORSHIP** *Psalm 19*

* **HYMN of PRAISE** *The Goodness of Jesus*
(See insert)

CALL TO CONFESSION

While I kept silence, my body wasted away through my groaning all day long. For day and night your hand was heavy upon me; my strength was dried up as by the heat of summer. Then I acknowledged my sin to you, and I did not hide my iniquity; I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the LORD," and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Therefore let all who are faithful offer prayer to you. ~ from Psalm 32:2-6, NRSV

* **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

* **Assurance of Pardon:**

This saying is sure and worthy of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, that we might be dead to sin, and alive to all that is good. I declare to you in the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven. ***Thanks be to God****. ~based on 1 Timothy 1:15; 1 Peter 2:24*

* **PASSING THE PEACE**

* **DOXOLOGY**

* **CONFESSION OF FAITH** *Nicene Creed*

We believe in one God, the Father almighty maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, begotten from the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made; of the same essence as the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven; he became incarnate by the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary, and was made human. He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried. The third day he rose again, according to the Scriptures. He ascended to heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again with glory to judge the living and the dead. His kingdom will never end. And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life. He proceeds from the Father and the Son, and with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified. He spoke through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We affirm one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and to life in the world to come. Amen.

* **PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE**

Leader: Lord in your Mercy
People: Hear our prayers

* **HYMN OF PREPARATION** *#406 Wonderful Words of life*

SCRIPTURE AND SERMON James 1:26, 3:1-12, 4:13-17, 5:12,
"Watch Your Mouth" Rick Breusch

* **COMMUNION HYMN** *Take Eat (See insert)*

* **CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Leader: Therefore, we join our voices with all the saints and angels and the whole creation to claim the glory of your name.

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes In the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

* **HYMN OF SENDING** *Is He Worthy*
(See insert)

* **BENEDICTION**