

The Coracle

St Davids Cullowhee



May 27, 2018

Called to embody God's love by welcoming everyone who enters
and by empowering all who stay to make a difference in the world.

Calendar

Sun	May 27	Pentecost 1 Trinity Sunday, Children's Sermon
Sat	Jun 2	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am Cancelled
Sun	Jun 3	Pentecost 2—1 st Sunday Collection for United Christian Ministries
Tue	Jun 5	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri-Sat	Jun 8-9	Cold Mountain Music Lake Logan
Fri-Sun	Jun 8-10	Yoga Retreat Valle Crusis, Chad Hallyburton
Sun	Jun 10	Pentecost 3 Beans & Rice Sunday
Tue	Jun 12	Vestry Meeting 5:30 pm
Sun	Jun 17	Pentecost 4
Tue	Jun 19	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jun 24	Pentecost 5 Children's Sermon
Sun	Jul 1	Pentecost 6—1 st Sunday Collection for Clean Slate
Tue	Jul 3	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Fri-Sat	Jul 6-7	Vestry Retreat
Sat	Jul 7	Monthly Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jul 8	Pentecost 7 Beans & Rice Sunday
Sun	Jul 15	Pentecost 8
Tue	July 17	Accessible Mindfulness 10 am
Sun	Jul 22	Pentecost 9 Children's Sermon
Sun	Jul 29	Pentecost 10

Childcare is available during the church service.

Serving this Sunday

Chalice:

Reader: Betty Lynn Kirwan

Music: Guest Organist

Coffee: Linda Kinnear &

Gerlinde Lindy

Readings: [Isaiah 6:1-8](#),

[Romans 8:12-17](#), [John 3:1-17](#),

[Psalm 29](#)

Serving during May

Bread: Wesley Satterwhite

Flowers: Rosa Reily

Linen: Gerlinde Lindy

Eucharist: Muff Lyons &

Laurie Hulbert

Greeters: George Rector &

Joan Byrd

Serving during June

Bread: John Slater

Flowers: Judy Annis

Linen: Faye Jacobson

Eucharist: Judy Annis &

Faye Jacobson

Greeters: Hank Sharp &

Lydia Aydlett

The Gospel

John 3:1-17

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, "Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God." Jesus answered him, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above." Nicodemus said to him, "How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?" Jesus answered, "Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, 'You must be born from above.' The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit." Nicodemus said to him, "How can these things be?" Jesus answered him, "Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?"

"Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from

heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Notes from the Interim Rector

By The Rev. Dr. Valori Mulvey Sherer

How we manifest #LoveIsTheWay

Last Sunday we joyfully celebrated the Feast of Pentecost when the Holy Spirit first descended upon the members of the body of Christ on earth, filling them – and now and us - with power and authority to proclaim to the whole world the Good News that in Jesus #LoveIsTheWay. To make manifest this divine commission, we remember and consider our Baptismal Covenant (BCP, 304)

In our Baptismal Covenant we affirm our righteousness, that is, who God is and who we are in relationship to God. We state our belief in God who is Trinity in Unity and commit to living deeply into that relationship by the means of fellowship, gathering for Holy Communion, and corporate prayer. We pledge to work to see, without defense or self-protection, the reality of sadness and harm that exists in the world, to own our contributions toward that worldly state, and to change our direction (or thoughts, or habits) in order to restore righteousness, that is, right relationship with God and one another.

Then come our “action” promises. We promise to proclaim by our words and our lives the Good News of God in Christ. To actively seek out persons to serve in Christ’s name, that is, in the way Christ did, being Christ to them. We promise to love and respect the dignity of all people, committing to follow the path that will inevitably lead us onto a path of sacrificial, justice-seeking, life-transforming love.

Our response to each of these vows affirms for us our righteousness (right relationship) once again: “I will, with God’s help.” God and us working as one until the whole world manifests the fullest expression of #LoveIsTheWay.

This was the ministry Jesus claimed and his ministry was characterized by humility and hospitality, mercy and forgiveness, and reconciliation of the least, the lost, the exiled, the reviled. Boldly proclaiming a new revelation that #LoveIsTheWay, Jesus (who is God, who is Love) set people free from the bondage of their sins and from the bondage of those who sinned against them and set the whole world free to love and respect each other in the unity and presence of God.

This is the ministry we are called to claim today, fully aware that living out this covenantal call will, at times, cause us discomfort, insecurity, even fear, about what we should do next. What ministry, what program, what way of worshipping does God seek from us now?

Remembering our faithfulness to our covenant with God, we resist the temptation to determine how things ought to go, and instead, make space in our own lives and in our life in community for the Spirit of God to descend upon us so that we can be transformed by God’s love and radiate that love into our world according to God’s will. We know that we discover God’s will for us by gathering together to pray and share the strengthening, holy food of Communion, then patiently and humbly listening as one body, one spirit for inspiration (the breath) from God which sends us into the world, to make manifest just a little bit more, in our time and place on God’s earth, the reality that #LoveIsTheWay.

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[Video and text of Bishop Michael Curry's Royal Wedding Address](#)

**“The Power of Love”—A Sermon
by the Most Rev. Michael B. Curry
for**

**The Marriage of
HRH Prince Henry of Wales & Ms. Meghan Markle
Saturday, May 19, 2018**

And now in the name of our loving, liberating, and life-giving God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

From the Song of Solomon, in the Bible: Set me as a seal upon your heart, as a seal upon your arm; for love is (*as*) strong as death, passion fierce as the grave. Its flashes are flashes of fire, a raging flame. Many waters cannot quench love, neither can floods drown it (*out*). Song of Songs 8:6-7

The late Dr. Martin Luther King once said, and I quote: “We must discover the power of love, the redemptive power of love. And when we discover that, we will be able to make of this old world a new world. Love is the only way.”

There’s power in love. Don’t underestimate it. Don’t even over-sentimentalize it. There’s power, power in love. If you don’t believe me, think about a time when you first fell in love. The whole world seemed to center around you, and your beloved. Oh, there’s power, power in love. Not just in its romantic forms, but any form, any shape, of love. There’s a certain sense, in which when you are loved, and you know it, when someone cares for you and you know it, when you love and you show it, it actually feels right. There’s something right about it. And there’s a reason for it.

The reason has to do with the source. We were made by a power of love. And our lives were meant, and are meant, to be lived in that love. That’s why we are here. Ultimately the source of love is God himself. The source of all of our lives.

As an old medieval poem puts it: "Where true love is found, God himself is there." 1st John in the New Testament says it this way. "Beloved, let us love one another, because love is from God; Everyone who loves is born of God Whoever does not love does not know God. For God is love." (1John 4:4-8) There's power in love. There's power in love to help and heal when nothing else can. There's power in love to lift up and liberate when nothing else will. There's power in love to show us the way to live.

"Set me as a seal on your heart
A seal on your arm"

For love, it's as strong as death. But love is not only about a young couple. Now the power of love is demonstrated by the fact that we're all here. Two young people fell in love, and we all showed up! But it's not just for and about a young couple who we rejoice with. It's more than that.

Jesus of Nazareth on one occasion was asked by a lawyer to sum up the essence of the teachings of Moses. And he read back, and reached back into the Hebrew scriptures to Deuteronomy and Leviticus, and Jesus said:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, all your mind and all your strength. This is the first, and great commandment. And the second is like it. Love your neighbor as yourself. And then in Matthew's version, he added, he said: "On these two, love of God and love of neighbor, hang all the law, all the prophets."

Everything that Moses wrote, everything in the holy prophets, everything in the Scriptures, everything that God has been trying to tell the world! Love God! Love your neighbors. And while you're at it, love yourself.

Someone once said that Jesus began the most revolutionary movement in all of human history. A movement grounded in the unconditional love of God for the world. And a movement mandating people to live that love. And in so doing, to change not only their lives, but the very life of the world itself.

I'm talking about some power. Real power. Power to change the world.

And if you don't believe me, well, there were some old slaves in America's Antebellum South, who explained the dynamic power of love and why it has the power to transform. They explained it this way—they sang a spiritual, even in the midst of their captivity. It's one that says:

"There is a balm in Gilead" A healing balm, something that can make things right

"There is a balm in Gilead

To make the wounded whole

There is a balm in Gilead

To heal the sin-sick soul."

And one of the stanzas actually explains why—they said:

"If you cannot preach like Peter,

And you cannot pray like Paul,

You tell the love of Jesus,

How he died to save us all."

Oh, that's the balm in Gilead! This way of love, it is the way of life! They got it! He died to save us all! He didn't die for anything he could get out of it! Jesus did not get an honorary doctorate for dying! He wasn't getting anything out of it! He gave up his life, he sacrificed his life for the good of others, for the good of the other, for the well-being of the world, for us!

That's what love is. Love is not selfish and self-centered. Love can be sacrificial. And in so doing, becomes redemptive. And that way of unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive love, changes lives. And it can change this world. If you don't believe me, just stop and think, or imagine. Think, and imagine.

Well, think and imagine a world where love is the way. Imagine our homes and families when love is the way. Imagine neighborhoods and communities when love is the way. Imagine our governments and nations when love is the way. Imagine business and commerce when love is the way. Imagine this tired old world when love is the way. When love is the way, unselfish, sacrificial, redemptive. When love is the way, then no child would go to bed hungry in this world ever again.

When love is the way, we will let justice roll down like a mighty stream and righteousness like an ever-flowing brook. When love is the way, poverty would become history. When love is the way, the earth will be a sanctuary. When love is the way, we will lay down our swords and shields down by the riverside to study war no more.

When love is the way, there's plenty good room. Plenty good room. For all of God's children. And when love is the way, we actually treat each other—well, like we're actually family. When love is the way, we know that God is the source of us all, and we are brothers and sisters. Children of God. My brothers and sisters, that's a new heaven, a new earth, a new world. A new human family.

And let me tell you something, old Solomon was right in the Old Testament, that's fire. Teilhard de Chardin – and with this, I will sit down, we gotta get you all married. French Jesuit Teilhard de Chardin was arguably one of the great minds, great spirits of the 20th century. A Jesuit, Roman Catholic priest, a scientist, a scholar, a mystic. In some of his writings he said, from his scientific background, as well as his theological one. Some of his writings he said, as others have, that the discovery, or invention, or harnessing of fire was one of the great scientific and technological discoveries in all of human history.

Fire to a great extent made human civilization possible. Fire made it possible to cook food, and to provide sanitary ways of eating, which reduced the spread of disease in its time. Fire made it possible to heat and warm environments and thereby made human migration around the world a possibility, even into colder climates. Fire made it possible – there was no Bronze Age without fire. No Iron Age without fire. No Industrial Revolution without fire. The advances of science and technology are greatly dependent on the human ability and capacity to take fire and use it for human good.

Anybody get here in a car today? An automobile? Nod your heads if you did, I'm guessing, I know there were some carriages. For those of us who came in cars, fire, and the controlled, harnessed fire made that possible. I know that the Bible says, and I believe it, that Jesus walked on the water, but I have to tell you, I didn't walk across the Atlantic Ocean to get here! Controlled fire in that plane got me here! Fire makes it possible for us to text and Tweet and email and Instagram and Facebook and socially be dysfunctional with each other! Fire makes all of that possible!

And de Chardin said fire was one of the greatest discoveries in all of human history. And he then went on to say that if humanity ever harnesses the energy of fire again, if humanity ever captures the energy of love, it will be the second time in history that we have discovered fire.

Dr. King was right. We must discover love. The redemptive power of love. And when we do that, we will make of this old world a new world.

My brother, my sister, God love you, God bless you. And may God hold us all, in those Almighty hands of love.



CUMC would love to work with St. David's again this year to coordinate the morning snacks for Vacation Bible School. The dates will be June 25th-28th from 9 am–noon each morning (Monday–Thursday). The theme this year is Babylon: Daniel's Courage in Captivity. For more information go to: <http://www.cullowheumc.org/event-items/babylon-vbs-june-25-28-2018/> . If you can help with your time or by providing snacks, please email Sloan Despeaux (despeaux@wcu.edu).

Yoga Events with Chad Hallyburton

Resting in the Quiet Heart: A Mountain Yoga Retreat: Friday, June 8th—Sunday, June 10th. Spend a weekend at the historic Valle Crucis Conference Center near Banner Elk, NC. Relax, rejuvenate, and soak up the quiet mountain atmosphere. \$214 includes programs, food, and lodging. Register here: vconferences.org/programs.

June 18-22: Celebrate the Sun! A week of sunrise yoga to commemorate the Summer Solstice. FREE! with breakfast included! Classes will meet at St. David's Episcopal Church in Cullowhee.

Parish News & Notes

Birthdays

May 27 **Art Campana**
May 30 **Steve Steinbrueck**
Jun 1 **Chase Robinson, Margot Wilcox**

Anniversaries

May 29 **Michael Hudson & Barbara Hardie**
May 31 **Brad & Caroline Ulrich**
Jun 2 **Judy & Ron Robinson**



Pentecost 2018



From the Diocese

COLD MOUNTAIN MUSIC FESTIVAL

— AT LAKE LOGAN —

JUNE 8 & 9 2018

Cold Mountain Music Festival takes place this year June 8-9 at Lake Logan. The event raises funds and awareness for Lake Logan and Camp Henry. Cold Mountain Music Festival features top-notch musical talent, amazing local food & drink vendors, a kid's area, and more all in one of the most pristine settings imaginable. The centerpiece of the 300-acre property is a mile-long lake surrounded by the Shining Rock Wilderness Area of Pisgah National Forest.

[Biltmore Beacon article about Cold Mountain Music Festival](#)

Thank-you Note from ARF



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Meditation Opportunities at St. David's

Accessible Mindfulness: 1st and 3rd Tuesdays, 10-11:15 am. This is especially geared for those new to mindfulness meditation.

Monthly Mindfulness: First Saturday of each month from 10 am until noon in the Parish Hall.

Other Meditation Opportunities

WCU Mindfulness and Meditation: Thursdays at 4 pm 224 Bird Building. For details, call 227-7469 and ask for Michelle. To view a flyer, [please click here](#).

Mindfulness Meditation: 9:15 am on Thursdays at Sylva Yoga above Lulu's on Main Street in downtown Sylva. Meditation gives students the opportunity to focus on the deep interconnection between mind and body, which can be experienced directly by practice in mindfulness.

Virtual Closet

If you need medical-related equipment or have something you can offer, contact Claire Marsh: clairemrsh@gmail.com She keeps a list of who has what to facilitate sharing.

Box Tops for Education

There is a basket under the white board in the Parish Hall where you can place any of these box tops you may have. This is an ongoing project for our children.

Regular	Mondays 9-10:30 am	Centering Yoga
Activities	Mondays 10:30 am	Cullowhee Men's Group
	Tuesdays & Thursdays 6:30 am	Sunrise Strength Flow Yoga
	1 st & 3 rd Tuesdays	Accessible Mindfulness
	1 st Saturdays 10 am	Monthly Mindfulness
	Last Sundays 5-7 pm Sept-May	Soup/Bread Community Supper

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