

Unity Presbyterian Church

Sunday August 23, 2026

13th Sunday after Pentecost

Lighting of the Candles (quiet please)

Gathering of God's People

Choral Call to Worship

Welcome

Call to Worship (Isaiah 51:1-3)

L: Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug.

P: Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many.

L. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord;

All: Joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the voice of song!

+Morning Prayer

+Hymn of Praise "Great is Thy Faithfulness"

+Call to Confession

+Prayer of Confession

Generous God, we confess today that our hearts can easily become calloused, and when they do, we begin to shrug with indifference at both small kindnesses and great needs. When our hearts harden, we feel it takes too much energy to engage with the people around us. So we tune it all out. Forgive us, Lord. Forgive us for toughening our hearts when you ask us to keep them tender. Forgive us for trying to ignore the world when you call us to proclaim your good news in the midst of it. Turn us around, O God, that we might remember who we are, whose we are, and the life to which you have called us. (Silence Amen)

+Assurance of Pardon

**+Passing the Peace
Our Life Together
Children's Time**

(Announcements)

Anthem

Choir

Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture:

Matthew 16:13-20

Sermon: "The Bishop of Rome?" CLP John Winings

Responding in Faith

Hymn of Adoration "The Light of The World is Jesus"

+Affirmation of Faith

Apostle's Creed

Gloria Patri

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings

+The Doxology

+Prayer of Dedication

Sending Out into the World

+ Hymn of Commitment

"I'm So Blessed"

Congregational Meeting

+ Charge and Benediction

+Choral Benediction

Postlude

+ Please stand as you are able

++Today we are Live Streaming

We are happy you are worshipping with us this morning. If you would like to know more about us, please ask. We love to share the Unity story. Clip boards in Vestibule.

Please sign the visitor book in the vestibule so we can have a record of your visit.

Address and Phone for Leroy Allen

910-891-9313

Peak Rehabilitation Hospital

1401 Zeno Rd.

Apex, N.C. 27502

Calendar of Events

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