

ANNOUNCEMENTS [www.allgather.org/calendar](http://www.allgather.org/calendar)

Oak Church is honored to host author and speaker C. Christopher Smith this coming Thursday evening (4/16). Chris smith co-authored last year's *Slow Church: Cultivating Community in the Patient Way of Jesus*, and will speak on the role of patience and place in our local gospel work. We'll gather at 5:45 pm, the talk will begin at 6 pm, and we'll have a follow up potluck fellowship meal and discussion at 7 pm (main bbq course provided, please bring a side!). This event is free (generously sponsored by Duke Divinity's Thriving Rural Communities Initiative). We'd ask that you register via [tinyurl.com/SlowChurchDurham](http://tinyurl.com/SlowChurchDurham) and help spread the word!

**Women's Retreat.** Women's Walk with Christ, an affiliate of Marked Men for Christ, will be having its first NC weekend next September 11-13. They limit it to 45 people so it fills up quickly. For more info and to register, visit [www.womenswalkwithchrist.org](http://www.womenswalkwithchrist.org). Be part of the first pilot group to go!

INFORMATION & CONNECTING

To find out more about the Gathering Church, or to connect, please fill out a card on the back table and place it in the black box.

GIVING [www.allgather.org/giving](http://www.allgather.org/giving)

Giving is a vital part of our worship of God. If you would like to give this morning, you may do so by putting your offering in the black box on the back table. Thank you for your participation in the life and mission of this church.

Other ways to give:

- (1) By automating a draft through your bank.
- (2) By mailing a check to PO Box 16402/Chapel Hill, NC 27516.
- (3) Online through Paypal.

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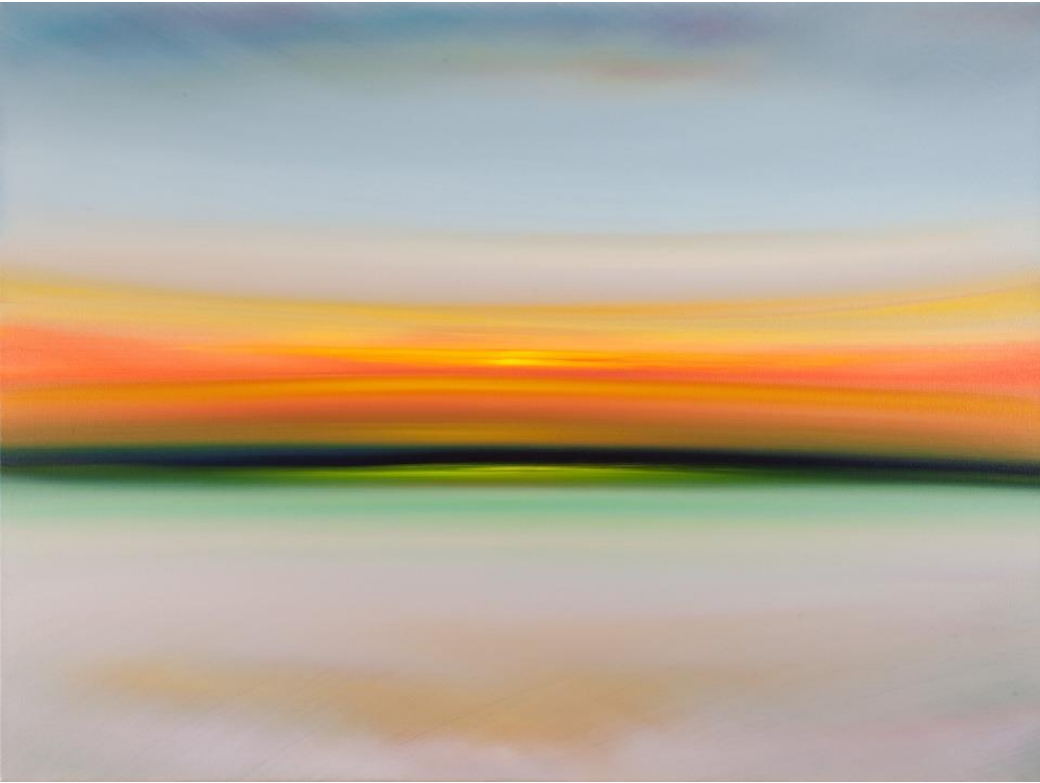
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Psalm 18:1-3, 46-49 | Genesis 4:1-16, 25-26



Progeny, by Linda Ruth Dickinson

Beginnings Matter - IX

The Lord lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me, who saves me from my enemies. You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me. Therefore I will praise you, Lord, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

-Psalm 18:46-49

WELCOME TO THIS WORSHIP SERVICE OF THE GATHERING CHURCH

Whether you come today as a skeptic, seeker, or believer, our hope is that you will sense the welcome of God, the love of others, and the opportunity to join Jesus Christ in sharing the grace of God with all people.

GATHERING MUSIC: TROUBLE WEIGHS A TON

AUERBACH

What's wrong, dear brother?  
Have you lost your faith?  
Don't you remember a better place?  
Needles and things, done you in  
Like the setting sun  
Oh, dear brother, trouble weighs a ton

Trouble in the air, trouble's all I see  
Does anybody care?  
Trouble killin' me, whoa, it's killin' me  
  
What's wrong, dear mother?  
Has your child disobeyed?  
Left you hurtin' in so many ways  
What once was sweet, the sorrow and grief  
cannot be undone  
Oh, dear mother, trouble weighs a ton  
Oh, dear mother, trouble weighs a ton

What's wrong, dear sister?  
Did your world fall down?  
Did men misuse you and push you around?  
Same story dear, year after year  
Pathetic men will run  
Oh, dear sister, trouble weighs a ton

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COME PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

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Come, people of the Risen King  
Who delight to bring him praise  
Come all and tune your hearts to sing  
To the Morning Star of grace  
From the shifting shadows of the earth  
We will lift our eyes to him  
Where steady arms of mercy reach  
To gather children in

Come, those whose joy is morning sun  
And those weeping through the night  
Come, those who tell of battles won  
And those struggling in the fight  
For his perfect love will never change  
And his mercies never cease  
But follow us through all our days  
With the certain hope of peace

Rejoice! Rejoice! Let every tongue rejoice  
One heart, one voice  
O Church of Christ, rejoice

Come, young and old from every land  
Men and women of the faith  
Come, those with full or empty hands  
Find the riches of his grace  
Over all the world, his people sing  
Shore to shore we hear them call  
The truth that cries through every age  
“Our God is all in all”

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PSALM 126

WARDELL

Our mouths they were filled  
Filled with laughter  
Our tongues they were loosed, loosed with joy  
Restore us O Lord, restore us O Lord

Your sheaves we will carry  
Lord, please do not tarry  
All those who sow weeping  
will go out with songs of joy

Although we are weeping  
Lord help us keep sowing  
The seeds of your kingdom  
for the day you will reap them

The nations will say  
“He has done great things”  
The nations will sing songs of joy  
Restore us O Lord, restore us O Lord

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DOXOLOGY

THOMAS/MAINZER

Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
Praise him all creatures here below  
Praise him above ye heavenly host  
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

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NOTES

COMMUNION

Each Sunday, we remember that we only find life in Jesus, through the love he demonstrated by his death on the cross. So, bringing nothing, we come and receive his grace in the Bread and the Cup that he offers to those who follow him.

PRAYER

If you would like to have someone pray for you or for any other need, you will find Prayer Team members at the back of the gym who will gladly pray with you.

WELCOME

PSALM 18:1-3, 46-49

I love you, LORD, my strength. The LORD is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.  
I called to the LORD, who is worthy of praise, and I have been saved from my enemies.

The LORD lives! Praise be to my Rock! Exalted be God my Savior! He is the God who avenges me, who subdues nations under me, who saves me from my enemies.  
You exalted me above my foes; from a violent man you rescued me.  
Therefore I will praise you, LORD, among the nations; I will sing the praises of your name.

YOU NEVER LET GO

REDMAN

Even though I walk through the valley  
Of the shadow of death  
Your perfect love is casting out fear  
And even when I'm caught in the middle  
Of the storms of this life  
I won't turn back, I know you are near  
  
And I will fear no evil, for my God is with me  
And if my God is with me  
Whom then shall I fear  
Whom then shall I fear  
  
Oh no, you never let go  
Through the calm and through the storm  
Oh no, you never let go  
In every high and every low  
Oh no, you never let go  
Lord, you never let go of me

And I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
A glorious light beyond all compare  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
We'll live to know you here on the earth  
  
Yes, I can see a light that is coming  
For the heart that holds on  
And there will be an end to these troubles  
But until that day comes  
Still I will praise you, still I will praise you

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NEVER ONCE	REDMAN/INGRAM/WANSTALL
Standing on this mountaintop	Never once did we ever walk alone
Looking just how far we've come	Never once did you leave us on our own
Knowing that for every step you were with us	You are faithful, God, you are faithful
Kneeling on this battle ground	
Seeing just how much you've done	Every step we are breathing in your grace
Knowing every victory is your power in us	Evermore we'll be breathing out your praise
	You are faithful, God, you are faithful
	You are faithful, God, you are faithful
Scars and struggles on the way	
But with joy our hearts can say	
Yes, our hearts can say	
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ABIDE WITH ME	LYTE/MONK
Abide with me	I need thy presence every passing hour
Fast falls the eventide	What but thy grace
The darkness deepens	Can foil the tempter's power?
Lord, with me abide	Who, like thyself
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee	My guide and stay can be?
Help of the helpless, Oh, abide with me	Through cloud and sunshine
	Lord, abide with me
Thou on my head	
In early youth didst smile	Hold thou thy cross
And, though rebellious	Before my closing eyes
And perverse meanwhile	Shine through the gloom
Thou hast not left me, oft as I left thee	And point me to the skies
On to the close, O Lord, abide with me	Heav'n's morning breaks
	And earth's vain shadows flee
	In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me
Lyrics by Henry F. Lyte (1847) Music by William H. Monk (1861)	

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN/YOUTH AND GREETING ONE ANOTHER
Children and Youth are dismissed to participate in their various classes. As they leave, meet and welcome those around you, especially those you might not know. Feel free to fill in the front and center areas.

GENESIS 4:1-16, 25-26

Adam made love to his wife Eve, and she became pregnant and gave birth to Cain. She said, “With the help of the LORD I have brought forth a man.” Later she gave birth to his brother Abel. Now Abel kept flocks, and Cain worked the soil. In the course of time Cain brought some of the fruits of the soil as an offering to the LORD. And Abel also brought an offering—fat portions from some of the firstborn of his flock. The LORD looked with favor on Abel and his offering, but on Cain and his offering he did not look with favor. So Cain was very angry, and his face was downcast. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Why are you angry? Why is your face downcast? If you do what is right, will you not be accepted? But if you do not do what is right, sin is crouching at your door; it desires to have you, but you must rule over it.” Now Cain said to his brother Abel, “Let’s go out to the field.” While they were in the field, Cain attacked his brother Abel and killed him. Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” The LORD said, “What have you done? Listen! Your brother’s blood cries out to me from the ground. Now you are under a curse and driven from the ground, which opened its mouth to receive your brother’s blood from your hand. When you work the ground, it will no longer yield its crops for you. You will be a restless wanderer on the earth.” Cain said to the LORD, “My punishment is more than I can bear. Today you are driving me from the land, and I will be hidden from your presence; I will be a restless wanderer on the earth, and whoever finds me will kill me.” But the LORD said to him, “Not so; anyone who kills Cain will suffer vengeance seven times over.” Then the LORD put a mark on Cain so that no one who found him would kill him. So Cain went out from the LORD’s presence and lived in the land of Nod, east of Eden.

Adam made love to his wife again, and she gave birth to a son and named him Seth, saying, “God has granted me another child in place of Abel, since Cain killed him.” Seth also had a son, and he named him Enosh. At that time people began to call on the name of the LORD.