

## **Welcome to Randall by the River**

July 5th, 2026

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*9:00 am Every recorded Sunday Services are posted to "Randall by the River" on Facebook*

*Randall by the River is a Lighthouse Congregation of The Western North Carolina Conference of The United Methodist Church, in partnership with The United Methodist Collective of the Western NC Conference.*

### **Centering Words**

We wonder—who is God?

**God is greater than we can fully understand.**

We wonder—where is God?

**God is present with us, even on holy ground we do not yet recognize.**

We wonder—how do we know God?

**God reveals God's self through love, grace, and faithful presence.**

Come, let us worship the great "I AM."

**We come with wonder, ready to meet the living God.**

### **Opening Prayer**

**Opening Song- "Him"**

### **Prayers of the People**

*We come together as a community to pray for and with one another. What joys and what concerns do we have this day?*

**"To that we all say, Amen!"**

### **Close with the Lord's Prayer**

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

### **Scripture Lesson- Exodus 3:1-15**

<sup>1</sup>Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness and came to Mount Horeb, the mountain of God. <sup>2</sup>There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. <sup>3</sup>Then Moses said, "I must turn aside and look at this great sight and see why the bush is not burned up." <sup>4</sup>When the LORD saw that he had

turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, “Moses, Moses!” And he said, “Here I am.”<sup>5</sup> Then he said, “Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.”<sup>6</sup> He said further, “I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.” And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.<sup>7</sup> Then the LORD said, “I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings,<sup>8</sup> and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians and to bring them up out of that land to a good and spacious land, to a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites.<sup>9</sup> The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them.<sup>10</sup> Now go, I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.”<sup>11</sup> But Moses said to God, “Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?”<sup>12</sup> He said, “I will be with you, and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall serve God on this mountain.”<sup>13</sup> But Moses said to God, “If I come to the Israelites and say to them, ‘The God of your ancestors has sent me to you,’ and they ask me, ‘What is his name?’ what shall I say to them?”<sup>14</sup> God said to Moses, “I AM WHO I AM.” He said further, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘I AM has sent me to you.’”<sup>15</sup> God also said to Moses, “Thus you shall say to the Israelites, ‘The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you’: This is my name forever, and this my title for all generations.

### **Message- “Who is God?”**

*Part of the “Deep Questions, Open Waters: Exploring Faith’s biggest Questions by the Lake” Series*

### **Musical Response- “Reckless Love”**

### **Communion**

...Let us draw near with faith, make our humble confession, and prepare to receive this Holy Sacrament.

**We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own goodness, but in your unfailing mercies. We are not worthy that you should receive us, but give your word and we shall be healed, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that is proof of God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

### **Response to the Word**

This is an opportunity to respond to the Word as you feel led. We invite you to remember your baptism, listen to the music, give your offering, and pray.

### **Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**Closing Song- “You Are My King (Amazing Love)”**

### **Benediction**

### **Call to Action**

- Our mission box is going to Randall's Food Pantry!
- For the month of July we will be collecting peanut butter and jelly for our food pantry!
- In order to prepare your heart for worship, you are invited to kayak or paddleboard before church. If you do not have one and would like to take this invitation, let Pastor Hanna know and she would be happy to help.
- We will have a community events ministry team meeting on Wednesday at 6:00 pm!
- The FCHM team needs your help! In order to serve you and make sure you are receiving the most up-to-date and relevant information, we need you to participate in this survey. If you need assistance filling this out or a hard copy, see Shirley LeHue:



- On July 19th, we will have our annual boat ride and lunch at River Wild right after church! Please let Pastor Hanna know if you can take people on your boat and if you would like to sign up for this fun time of community!
- Our quarterly leadership team meeting is approaching July 26th directly after church.
- Team Spotlight: **Cemetery Ministry Team**- Disciples who manage and maintain the church cemetery. They establish cemetery policy, oversee the grounds, coordinate with local funeral homes for burials and memorials, and ensure the area remains peaceful and well-kept for families and visitors. They also maintain historical records of the cemetery. Let Pastor Hanna know if you would like to join this team!

Financial Stewards: Caris Hahn and Beth Curry

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Mission Statement: "Our mission is to be a spirited, vibrant church planted by God's grace, growing in Christ's love, and living as fruitful neighbors within our community as we answer God's call to make disciples of Jesus Christ."

## **Him**

Emmanuel, Deliverer, Prince of Peace  
 Savior, Lord  
 Counselor, King of kings, Messiah,  
 Light of the World

Jesus, Jesus, all the names

One name  
Jesus, Jesus, every name  
One name

Yeshua, the chosen one, the lion and the lamb  
Christ my Lord, the living word  
The song of God, I Am

Jesus, Jesus, all the names  
One name  
Jesus, Jesus, every name  
One name

Only My Redeemer Lives

### **God of the Sparrow, God of the Whale**

God of the sparrow  
God of the whale  
God of the whirling stars  
How does the creature say Awe  
How does the creature say Praise

How do your children say Joy  
How do your children say Home

God of the rainbow  
God of the cross  
God of the empty grave  
How does the creature say Grace  
How does the creature say Thanks

God of the hungry  
God of the sick  
God of the prodigal  
How does the creature say Care  
How does the creature say Life

God of the neighbour  
God of the foe  
God of the pruning hook  
How does the creature say Love  
How does the creature say Peace

God of the ages  
God near at hand  
God of the loving heart