

Second Sunday in Lent
March 13, 2022 – 10:55 A.M.

*Please stand as you are able

ENTRANCE

MEDITATIVE MUSIC Jeanne Banks, Pianist
ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Will Waller
CHIMING THE HOUR
OPENING VOLUNTARY *Beautiful Savior—Wagner* Jubilant Ringers
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ina Clements, Liturgist
L: Wait for the Lord; be strong!
P: The promises of God will never be broken.
L: With God as our light, what is there to fear?
P: The promises of God will never be broken.
L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
P: The promises of God will never be broken. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *Standing on the Promises* No. 374
INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233
This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshiping throng.
Water, God's Word, bread and cup, prayer, and song: This is where children belong.
CHILDREN'S TIME Rev. Waller
(Afterwards, children in preschool through 2nd grade may go to Children's Church.)

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

A MOMENT FOR OUR GIDEONS Gary Robertson
***LENTEN CONFESSION (IN UNISON)** Written by Pat Cundiff
Father God, on this glorious day we celebrate the Lenten season, but as we gather together, we confess our sins: the times we have fallen short of your mighty love and grace. We have not been the best we could be for those who are strangers to us as well as for those whom we love and cherish. There are times when we are lacking in patience but long on temper. We have judged others without knowing their circumstances. Self-centeredness has gotten in our way when we should be concerned about others and their needs. We have allowed ourselves to look down on others who look different from us or those who follow customs unlike our own. We ask, Lord, for your forgiveness. Help us to be better stewards of your undying love and mercy. In the name of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Genesis 17:1-8, 15-16 Old Testament pg. 12
Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Savior: Can You Imagine?* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *The Savior Leads Us—Wood*

***THE DOXOLOGY** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* No. 95
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. Amen.

***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING**

ANTHEM *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah—Schrader* Chancel Choir

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER *Make Us One* TFWS No. 2224
Make us one, Lord, make us one; Holy Spirit, make us one.
Let your love flow so the world will know we are one in you. (repeat)

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER

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.

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN** *I Stand Amazed in the Presence* No. 371

***THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY**

***BENEDICTION**

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *As We Go*
As we go, may your spirit go before us. As we go, may we follow where you lead.
May we live what we have learned, share the message we have heard,
and be a light unto the world, as we go.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

*The flowers on the Communion Table are given by Ina Clements to the
Glory of God and in loving memory of Lewis Clements (March 10) and Blanton Cooper
(March 14) who are celebrating their birthdays in heaven.*

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Ina Clements
Acolyte: Linda Handy
Greeters: Jim and Martha Anderson
Ushers: Jim and Martha Anderson
Children's Church: Jami Clements and David Pigg
Nursery: Jessica Call
Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill
Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Serving Next Week (March 20):

Liturgist: Ina Clements
Acolyte: Charlie Mitchell
Greeter: Martha Sue Gibson
Usher: Benny Gibson
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Jane Roseberry
Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts
Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Prayer Concerns:

**Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine;
Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick
Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; Eva Prillaman; John Cooper; Jeanette Singleton;
Arnold Dillon, Sr.; Richard McDaniel (Lindsay McDaniel); Doris Ferguson (wife of Bill
Ferguson, former pastor of RMUMC); Everett Cotter (LuAnn Dunbar); Becky Bennett
(Jennie Ardis); Matt Foutz (Jennifer Altice); Sophia Moore (CO Brickey); Mike Shea
(Enna Roseberry); Tracey Willett (Mike Meeks); Melissa Hays Smith (Marsha
Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); and Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland).**

Forget-Me-Nots:

Eleanor Woody

**Will Waller, Pastor
Lynn M. Meeks, Director of Music/Diaconal Minister
Jeanne Banks, Pianist
Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant
Jennifer Ardis, Nursery Attendant
Rebecca Dillon, Children's Church Coordinator
Craig Jamison, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- Today, March 13** **Following worship**, Youth are going skating at Lancerlot Sports Complex in Vinton

- Monday, March 14** **April Newsletter Deadline**
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts

- Tuesday, March 15** 9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m., Resurrection Study-Online Small Group

- Wednesday, March 16** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount Christian Church
5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- Thursday, March 17** 6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts

- Next Sunday, March 20** 8:45 a.m., United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting
10:00 a.m., Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship

- Tuesday, March 22** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch

- Wednesday, March 23** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount Baptist Church

- Thursday, March 24** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**

- Wednesday, March 30** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount UMC

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

We are partnering with the other churches in Rocky Mount to host a Lenten Lunch Series. Worship services will be on March 16, 23, 30 and April 6 at noon. Sing, pray, and fellowship with believers from around Rocky Mount. Stay for a small meal.

Congratulations! We collected 93.5 pounds of canned food for Heavenly Manna. We are collecting beef stew for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!