

Third Sunday in Lent
March 20, 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 *I Love You, Lord* Celebration Ringers
ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP** Ina Clements, Liturgist

L: How good is God's word?

P: God's Word are drops of heaven for thirsty mouths.

L: The law of the Lord is perfect, and refreshes our souls.

P: Help us to understand.

L: We want to know you, but we get tripped up.

P: Forgive our hidden sins, and keep us from deliberate wrong. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE** *O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing* (vs. 1-4) No. 57

ANTHEM *Lenten Love Song*—Kemp Combined Children's Choirs

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN *Where Children Belong* TFWS No. 2233

This, this is where children belong, welcomed as part of the worshipping 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

***LENTEN CONFESSION (IN UNISON)** Written by Hazel Henderson

Gracious God, thank you for blessing us with this beautiful world. We confess we have not taken good care of it, Lord, forgive us. Merciful God, we have not loved one another as we should. We are often unkind to other people who we believe to be different. Forgive us and teach us to be better friends and neighbors. Forgive us Lord and help us to live by the commandments you gave us to follow. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 2:13-22 New Testament pg. 87

Liturgist: The Word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON *Savior: Conventional Wisdom vs. God's Wisdom* Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*—Hagerty

***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**

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** *Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days* No. 269

***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 P. D. Hambrick to the glory of God and in honor of his family's March birthdays: 3/3 Hughes Hambrick (grandson), 3/10 Cody Blankenship (son-in-law), 3/13 Avery Blankenship (granddaughter), 3/19 Shelby Blankenship (granddaughter) and today, 3/20 is the birthday of, forever young, Mittie Hambrick.

Serving Today:

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

Serving Next Week (March 27):

Liturgist: Jami Clements
Acolyte: Waverly Clements
Greeter: Judy Anderson
Usher: Benny Board
Children's Church: Jessica Call
Nursery: Emily Waller
Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill
Locking Up After Worship: Conrad Lavinder

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; 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 20** **Following worship**, Pop-up Parties with the Youth Group
- Monday, March 21** **7:00 p.m.**, Boy Scouts
- Tuesday, March 22** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
9:30 a.m., Ladies Bible Study
12:00 p.m., Sunshine Girls will meet at Ippy's for lunch
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m., Resurrection Study-Online Small Group
- Wednesday, March 23** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount Baptist Church – Pastor Will will be preaching.
5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- Thursday, March 24** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**
6:30 p.m., Cub Scouts
- Next Sunday, March 27** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- Wednesday, March 30** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount UMC
- Monday, April 4** **11:00 a.m.**, United Women in Faith Meeting (formerly United Methodist Women)
- Tuesday, April 5** **7:00 p.m.**, Trustees Committee Meeting
- Wednesday, April 6** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at First Baptist Church

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

We are partnering with the other churches in Rocky Mount to host a Lenten Lunch Series. The next worship service will be at Rocky Mount Baptist Church on March 23 at noon. Sing, pray, and fellowship with believers from around Rocky Mount. Stay for a small meal.

We are collecting beef stew for Heavenly Manna this month. Please put your donations in the barrel located in the narthex. Thank You!

Valerie Latimer, Administrative Assistant, will be taking two vacation days on Tuesday, March 22 and Friday, March 25.