

Fourth Sunday in Lent
March 27, 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

Be Thou My Vision—Broughton

Lynn Meeks, Organist

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Jami Clements, Liturgist

L: Jesus says that we must be born again.

P: Teach us to let go of this life.

L: He says that we must lose our life to gain it.

P: Lead us to give up control.

L: We are like Nicodemus, coming to Christ in the dark, asking questions about ourselves.

P: Give us understanding and forgive us of our fears.

L: Guide us as we worship this day into a fuller knowledge of you, Jesus, our Savior.

P: Amen!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

I Love to Tell the Story

No. 156

SPECIAL MUSIC

I'll Fly Away

Davis Brothers

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

***LENTEN CONFESSION (IN UNISON)**

Written by Rev. Bill Dawson

Merciful God, we confess that we do not want to be challenged by the cross. We set our minds on human things—we long for the security from our possessions; we prefer our own comfort; forgive us, we pray. May our sense of self preservation be disturbed by your Son's example; that we might take up his cross in service to the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 3:14-21

New Testament pg. 88

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

People: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Savior: Love Through a Savior

Rev. Waller

SPECIAL MUSIC

Amazing Grace

Davis Brothers

OFFERTORY

The King of Love—Livingston

***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**

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

No. 384

***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 rosebud on the Communion Table is given to the Glory of God and
in honor of the birth of Brycen River Board on March 20 to Benjamin and Jessica.
Grandparents are Benny and Annette Board.*

Serving Today:

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

Serving Next Week (April 3):

Liturgist: Steve Sherman
Acolyte: Caleb Godfrey and Bella Godfrey
Greeter: Lindsey McDaniel
Ushers: Rodney and Pat Cundiff
Children's Church: Jami Clements and David Pigg
Nursery: Mittie Hambrick
Counters: Dan Walters, Jack Watts
Locking Up After Worship: Mark Newbill

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Shirley Vaughn; Bobby Hodges; Jerry Davis; Tim Funk; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; Eva Prillaman; John Cooper; 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); Melissa Hays Smith (Marsha Robertson); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Benny Gibson and Family in the death of his uncle, Jim Hill, Sr., on March 14; and Family of Jeanette Singleton who passed away on March 23.

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 27** **5:00 p.m.**, Youth are having cookout at Josh and Christina Gibson's home

- Monday, March 28** **7:00 p.m.**, Boy Scouts

- Tuesday, March 29** **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study
 7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
 7:00 p.m., Resurrection Study-Online Small Group

- Wednesday, March 30** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount UMC
 5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
 7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir

- Thursday, March 31** **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts

- Next Sunday, April 3** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
 10:55 a.m., Worship

- 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

- Tuesday, April 12** **7:00 p.m.**, Staff/Parish Relations Committee Meeting

- Friday, April 15** **Noon**, Good Friday Cross Walk at Veterans Memorial Park
 7:00 p.m., Good Friday Service

- Saturday, April 16** **10:00 a.m.**, Easter Egg Hunt at Mary Elizabeth Park

- Sunday, April 17** **6:45 a.m.**, Easter Sunrise Service at High Street Cemetery

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 UMC on March 30 at noon. Sing, pray, and fellowship with believers from around Rocky Mount. Stay for a small meal.

Our labyrinth is open again. The brainchild of Lynn and Mike Meeks, it is modeled upon the ancient practice of walking prayer. Enjoy walking through the labyrinth, starting at the beginning with heavy burdens, and as you make your way to center, feeling our God lighten your load. Rest in the center, and acknowledge God's presence and power with you. As you depart, accept the freedom and power God gives you to face all trials. It is open 24 hours a day for you during the season of Lent.

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 a vacation day on Tuesday, March 29.