

Fifth Sunday in Lent
April 3, 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

Near the Cross—Martin

Lynn Meeks, Organist

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Steve Sherman, Liturgist

L: God's mercy floods over us.

P: Lord, wash me clean of the pain in my life.

L: God's love pours into us.

P: Lord, pour your love into every pore of my being.

L: Let the love and mercy of God reign in your heart today.

P: Be with me, Lord, and guide my life. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

No.140

INVITATION TO THE CHILDREN

Where Children Belong

TFWS No. 2233

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 Jean Hodges

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Our prayer is that we may go into the world to help others in the name of Jesus Christ. In our younger years, we may have done small things to help the elderly and sick, yet we still feel guilt for what has been left undone. Let this urge us to greater righteousness. It is a mystery, but we know Your Spirit is with us always. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Old Testament pg. 691

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

P: Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Savior: Starting Over

Rev. Waller

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

OFFERTORY

Amazing Grace—Broughton

***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

ANTHEM

Here I Am, Lord—Larson

Chancel Choir

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

At the invitation of an usher, please use a center aisle to come to a Communion Station. After receiving a piece of bread, please place it in the chalice of juice and eat it. A gluten-free station is located at the center of the Communion Rail. Afterwards, please return to your seat via a side aisle.

All offerings left at the Rail today will be going to UMCOR.

(Individual communion containers will be available if you would like to use them.)

SENDING FORTH

***CLOSING HYMN**

Have Thine Own Way, Lord

No. 382

***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.

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***GOING FORTH**

Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE**

Mrs. Meeks

*The flowers on the Communion Table are given to the Glory of God and
in celebration of Mike and Tracy Jenkins' 17th wedding anniversary.*

Serving Today:

Liturgist: Steve Sherman

Acolytes: Sam and Jane Roseberry

Greeter: Lindsay 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

Serving Next Week (April 10):

Liturgist: Steve Angle

Acolyte: Waverly Clements

Greeters: Nathan Angle and Charlie Mitchell

Ushers: Sam and Jane Roseberry

Children's Church: Serena Jamison

Nursery: Pat Robertson

Counters: Linda Handy, Charlotte Hill

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); 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, April 3** **Following worship**, Youth are going to the trampoline park
- **Monday, April 4** **11:00 a.m.**, United Women in Faith Meeting (formerly United Methodist Women)
7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, April 5** **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study
7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
7:00 p.m., Trustees Committee Meeting
7:00 p.m., Resurrection Study-Online Small Group
- **Wednesday, April 6** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at First Baptist Church
5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, April 7** **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, April 10** **10:00 a.m.**, Small Groups
10:55 a.m., Worship
- **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
- **Monday, April 18** **Church Office Closed**
- **Tuesday, April 19** **May Newsletter Deadline**
7:00 p.m., Finance Committee Meeting
- **Sunday, April 24** **8:45 a.m.**, United Methodist Men Breakfast Meeting

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

The worship display located on the Claiborne Street side of the sanctuary is meant for confessions that you want to lay before the Lord. They will be burned during Holy Week. As the prayer burns, it will ascend, in the same way the prayer when offered to the Lord goes to Him. Feel free to drop by anytime to include your prayer.

The orders for Lilies need to be in the Church Office today. Please fill out the enclosed order form and drop it in the offering plate.

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We are partnering with the other churches in Rocky Mount to host a Lenten Lunch Series. The final worship service will be at First Baptist Church (45 Patterson Avenue, Rocky Mount) on April 6 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.

Attention: Parents of High School and College Graduates! If you have a child who will be graduating this spring, please let the church office know as soon as possible so we have an accurate list of the graduates. Please plan to attend the worship service on May 15 as our church celebrates this special time in their life.

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