

Second Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2023 – 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

Prelude in E minor—Bach

Lynn Meeks, Organist

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

GREETING

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Benny Gibson, Liturgist

L: Amazing grace

P: How sweet the sound.

L: That saved a wretch like me.

P: I once was lost,

L: But now am found. Was blind,

P: But now I see.

P: Lord of all, you have called us toward a new way of life.

Give us a vision of that new life today as we worship you.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Amazing Grace (vs.1-4)

No. 378

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

No. 881

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Luke 7:36-50

New Testament pg. 62

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

P: Thanks be to God!

SKIT

Am I Guilty: The Moneychangers

Mark Newbill

SERMON

Jesus and the Ones He Saves: Do You See This Woman?

Rev. Waller

OFFERTORY

Alabaster Box

(Please tear off the pew pad attendance sheet and place in the offering plate.)

*THE DOXOLOGY

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

No. 94

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ,

Whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER REQUESTS

CALL TO PRAYER

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

TFWS No. 2200

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me.

O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

PASTORAL PRAYER

ANTHEM

Remember and Be Still—Shackley

Chancel Choir

INVITATION, CONFESSION AND PARDON

No. 12

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 are used in our "Helping Fund," supporting emergency needs for Franklin County residents.

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

SENDING FORTH

*CLOSING HYMN

Grace Greater than Our Sin

No. 365

*THE ACOLYTE MINISTRY

*BENEDICTION

(continued on back)

***BENEDICTION RESPONSE** *Let There Be Peace on Earth* No. 431
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me; let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be. With God our creator, children all are we. Let us walk with each other in perfect harmony. Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

***GOING FORTH** Rev. Waller

***POSTLUDE** Mrs. Meeks

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Serving Today:

Liturgist: Benny Gibson
Greeters: Tim and Sandra Funk
Acolytes: Kelly Peterson, Terri Naff
Usher: Steve Angle
Children's Church: Martha Sue Gibson
Nursery: Suzanne Ross
Counters: Bobby Thompson, Jack Watts

Serving Next Week (March 12):

Liturgist: Ina Clements
Greeter: Kevin Clements
Acolyte: Jovie Angle
Usher: Benny Gibson
Nursery: Emily Waller
Counters: Martha Sue Gibson, Becky Newbill

Prayer Concerns:

Our country, our church and those serving in our armed forces; People of Ukraine; Eleanor Woody; Debbie Caulder; Jack Dillon; Jason Lavinder; Hazel Henderson; Peggie Foster; Kathleen Higgins; Lillie Hatchett; Jerry Davis; Barbara Huffman; Lynn Cooper; Anna Campbell; Betty Dillon; CO Brickey; Dick Shoemaker; Jennifer Cooper; John Cooper; Arnold Dillon, Sr.; April Wyatt Scott; Dr. Matthew and Amanda Billups (Jack Watts); Paul and Barbara Scaffaci (Nancy Middaugh); Don Angle (Steve Angle); Cheryl Peck (Sandra Funk); Janis Odom (DJ Pritchard); Becky Bennett (Jennie Ardis); Mike Shea (Enna Roseberry); Debbie Ford (Ben Whitesell); Dennis Holland (Cyndee Holland); Wendy Saunders and Angela Oliveira and Families in the death of their mother and grandmother respectively; and Ranessa Gibson and Family in the death of her mother.

**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
Brad Hodges, Custodian**

Meetings and Announcements:

- **Today, March 5** **5:00 p.m.**, Youth Meeting
- **Monday, March 6** **11:00 a.m.**, United Women in Faith Meeting
 7:00 p.m., Boy Scouts
- **Tuesday, March 7** **9:30 a.m.**, Ladies Bible Study Begins
 7:00 p.m., Jubilant Ringers
- **Wednesday, March 8** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount United Methodist Church
 5:00 p.m., Wonderful Wednesday
 7:00 p.m., Chancel Choir
- **Thursday, March 9** **6:30 p.m.**, Cub Scouts
- **Next Sunday, March 12** **Don't forget to "spring forward!" Daylight Saving Time Begins!**
 10:00 a.m., Small Groups
 10:55 a.m., Worship
 5:00 p.m., Youth Meeting
- **Monday, March 13** **April Newsletter Deadline**
- **Wednesday, March 15** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Redwood United Methodist Church
- **Sunday, March 19** **Following worship**, the United Methodist Men will serve a spaghetti lunch. Donations will be accepted. The United Methodist Men use these funds to support the Senior Scholarship program and other needs in the church and community.
- **Wednesday, March 22** **Noon**, Community Lenten Service at Rocky Mount Baptist Church
- **Thursday, March 23** **Serve lunch at Stepping Stone Soup Kitchen**

Assistive listening devices are available outside the sanctuary.

All women of the church are invited to the Ladies Bible Study that begins March 7. We will be studying "The Armor of God" by Priscilla Shirer. We will meet 9:30-11:30 a.m., in the Assembly Room (Redeemer's SS Classroom). Books will cost \$25 per person. Please notify Linda Walters (757-635-0109; lindaw@shentel.net) or Peggy Hodges (540-263-2470; peggyjhodges@hotmail.com) as soon as possible if you plan to participate so we can order books. Invite your friends and family to come too!

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Everyone is invited to join in the community Lenten Services. Each service is listed below and will begin at 12:00 noon. A light lunch will be served following the service provided by the host church.

March 8	Rocky Mount United Methodist Church
March 15	Redwood United Methodist Church
March 22	Rocky Mount Baptist Church
March 29	First Baptist Church of Rocky Mount

At the Building Q&A on Sunday, many wanted to summarize their thoughts about the Kitchen and Fellowship Hall Refurbishment. To get your thoughts in, please send them to admin@rm-umc.org. Those who did not attend the meeting are welcome to share their thoughts too. These will be collected by Sunday, March 12 and sent to the Building Committee for review.

For the next few weeks, the church is holding a paper drive for the Bernard Health Center/Free Clinic. They are in need of toilet paper, paper towels, and boxes of tissues. There is a large box in the narthex and another next to the elevator on the first floor.

Kids and youth! This year, we're offering lenten boxes so you can collect money for a local charity. Lenten boxes enable kids to link their money with their faith. We believe that Lent is a perfect season for giving because we remember the gift of eternal life Jesus gives from Calvary. You will be collecting money towards the Franklin County Resource Center, a place for families in crisis, seeking safety and security.

Kids and youth: start collecting your pennies, nickels, dimes, and quarters for the Lenten boxes. Collections will be brought forward and blessed on Easter.

Congratulations! We collected 87 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!