

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

February 4, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

CALL TO WORSHIP “Esurientes” Rutter
“He hath filled the hungry with good things:
and the rich He hath sent away empty.”

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 1:29-39

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

* OPENING SONG “God is Calling Through the Whisper” #435

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

We cannot hide from you, Everlasting God, even if we were to go from one edge of creation to the next. You speak to us of compassion, but the ways in which we treat others show we have not been listening. You explain your hopes to us, and we act as if we don't have a clue as to what is going on. We run as fast, and as far, from you as we can, and wonder why we have no energy to follow Jesus. Yet you search for us in all the deserted places to which we flee so that you can take us by the hand to show us the way to life with you. You heal our broken hearts so we can offer them to others. You fill us with your strength so we can bind ourselves to Jesus, our Savior, in whose name we confess these sins. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear again the Good News: God never tires out, nor is there is an expiration date on God's mercy. God is ever with us, healing us with forgiveness, and strengthening us for service.

All: If God numbers the stars, surely our names are known by the One who loves us and offers us grace. This is indeed good news for all! Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* HYMN #435 “There's a Wideness in God's Mercy”

SCRIPTURE LESSON Isaiah 40:21-31

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM “Swing Low” arr. Gallina

SERMON “They Are Coming...” Stacey Steck

* HYMN #527 “Eat This Bread”

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation and Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution and the Breaking of the Bread

The Communion of the People

Prayer After Communion

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Like the Murmur of the Dove's Song" Carter
(based on Hymn #285)

* Doxology:

*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

* HYMN #846 "Fight the Good Fight"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response #151, refrain

*O star of wonder, star of light, star with royal beauty bright
Westward leading, still proceeding, guide us to thy perfect light!*

* POSTLUDE "Let the Whole Creation Cry" Hopson
(based on Hymn #679)

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com

VISITORS: We are delighted to welcome you today and hope your time here is a blessing. If you are not active in another church, we hope you will consider making Thyatira your church home. If you would like to find out more about us, please contact Pastor Stacey Steck at 704-245-8100.

GRATITUDE GRAMS IN THE PEWS: If you would like to give thanks for someone or something, please grab a Gratitude Gram from the pew, fill it out and place it in the Offering plate as it goes by. We'll pass it along or publish it in the e-newsletter.

LITURGIST: Today – Phares Sechler
Next Week – Flora Calderón-Steck

CHILDREN IN WORSHIP: All children are strongly encouraged to remain in worship following the Time with Young Disciples. The Nursery, located at the top of the stairs in the educational building, is available for infants and very young children.

This Sunday – Melissa Waller, Beth Bates

Next Sunday – Leigh Anne Wetmore, Selena Bell

SUNDAY SCHOOL VOLUNTEERS (2's & 3's and Preschool):

Today – Janet Lambert, Klancy Deal

Next Sunday – Leigh Anne Wetmore, Robin Luther

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of January we reached 69% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner
<u>Genesis:</u>	Thelma Walton
<u>C/O George Calhoun:</u>	Mary Alice Calhoun
<u>White Oak Manor, Charlotte:</u>	Ruby Erwin
<u>At Home:</u>	JoAnn Kerr Ted Deal

- Tom Turner, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- The family of Tristen Hobbs, who passed away
- Bill Hall, recovering from surgery
- Bob Freeman, recovering from a fall
- Tom Wilson, nephew of Brenda Ward, suffering from blood clots
- Joyce Caldwell, facing health challenges
- Julie, a co-worker of Jada, recently diagnosed with cancer
- Kitty Harris, dealing with health issues, and the unexpected loss of her cousin
- Carol King, receiving cancer treatment
- Evaun Bulman, friend of Sharry Davis, undergoing cancer treatment
- The situation in Puerto Rico following the hurricane
- A friend of Keith Townsend, being treated for cancer
- Alice Sloop's friend, Nancy, under hospice care
- Mike Hawkins' mother, Elizabeth, now at Genesis
- Linda Gaylor's mother, Barbara
- Ada Jo Sloop, serving in the Peace Corps
- OC Shoaf
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- Sharry Davis, being treated for cancer
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family in Pakistan
- The Raymer family serving in Tanzania, Africa

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: February 4 – Cala Rae Cocca, Jerry Deal
5 – Ashlea Armstrong, Randy Stamper,
Julian Steck
6 – Jeff Franz
7 – Corrie Connolly, Steve Moss
8 – Haley Seaboch
10 – Matthew Connolly, Dixie Follette,
Charles Newsome, Phyllis Patterson

VALENTINE'S DINNER: Youth will be hosting a Valentine's Dinner for ages 55 and over Saturday, February 10 at 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall. Please sign up on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the church office.

CAMP CARDS: Scout Sunday is February 11. The pack and troop will be selling camp cards to finance camp and other outings. These cards include \$5 off Harris Teeter, \$5 off Food Lion and many other discounts at Rowan County businesses. Please look for the table setup after worship on Feb 11.

MEALS ON WHEELS: Could you spare just an hour and a half a month to make a big difference in someone's day? Rowan County Meals on Wheels is in need of a driver on the fourth Thursday of each month for its Highway 150 route to deliver meals to people in need. The route takes about an hour and a half to complete. If you would like to volunteer or learn more, please contact John Sloan at 704-633-3870.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacon's Meeting
	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschoolers)
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship (Communion)
Monday	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study (Conf. Rm.)
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Finance Meeting (Conf. Rm.) Fellowship Committee (FH)
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	6:00pm	Valentine's Dinner (FH)
Next Sunday	9:30am	Children's Choir (Big Kids) & The Happy Place
	9:50am	Children's Choir (Preschoolers)
	10:00am	Sunday School for All Ages
	11:00am	Worship
	6:30pm	Adult Choir