

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## THE SECOND SUNDAY IN LENT

February 25, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE "Kyrie Eleison" Perosi

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 22

One: I will tell of your name to my brothers and sisters; in the midst of the congregation I will praise you: You who fear the Lord, praise him! All you offspring of Jacob, glorify him; stand in awe of him, all you offspring of Israel!

**All: For he did not despise or abhor the affliction of the afflicted; he did not hide his face from me, but heard when I cried to him.**

One: From you comes my praise in the great congregation; my vows I will pay before those who fear him. The poor shall eat and be satisfied; those who seek him shall praise the Lord. May your hearts live forever!

**All: All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord; and all the families of the nations shall worship before him. For dominion belongs to the Lord, and he rules over the nations.**

One: To him, indeed, shall all who sleep in the earth bow down; before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, and I shall live for him.

**All: Posterity will serve him; future generations will be told about the Lord, and proclaim his deliverance to a people yet unborn, saying that he has done it.**

One: Let us be that generation again this day.

**All: Let us worship the Lord who delivers us.**

\* HYMN #165 "The Glory of These Forty Days"

### \* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

One: For the poverty of our worship, our unbelief and hesitating witness, our blindness to what you would have us to be and to do, Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

One: For imagining ourselves to be the center of the world, and for seeking security in the works of our own hands and minds, Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

One: For the waste of your gifts, and for letting so little of your love pass through us to others by relieving the sufferings and injustices that they endure, Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy. Amen.**

### \* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Friends, hear the good news: God has promised forgiveness of sins to those who repent and turn in faith. May God keep us in grace by the Holy Spirit, lead us to greater faith and trust, and bring us in peace to eternal life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: By grace through faith, we rejoice in God's promises. Amen.**

### \* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #370 "This Is My Father's World"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON Romans 4:13-25

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON Mark 8:31-38

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

ANTHEM "O God, You Are My God" Davidson

SERMON "Living With Ambiguity" Stacey Steck

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE (concluding with the Lord's Prayer)

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "He Leadeth Me" Young

\* 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 #215 "What Wondrous Love is This"

\* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Goodness Is Stronger than Evil" #750

***Goodness is stronger than evil***

***Love is stronger than hate.***

***Light is stronger than darkness;***

***Life is stronger than death.***

***Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.***

***Victory is ours, victory is ours through God who loves us.***

\* POSTLUDE "Holy, Holy, Holy" and "Holy is the Lord" Page

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from [lifeinliturgy.wordpress.com](http://lifeinliturgy.wordpress.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 – Millicent Hoffner  
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 – Janet Lambert, Beth Bates

Next Sunday – Debbie Edwards, Dana Milam

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

Today – Selena Bell, Aaron Richmond

Next Sunday – Klancy Deal

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** Through the third week in February we have reached 40% of our monthly goal. Let's finish the month strong!

# 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

- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- 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 25 - Tony Harris  
March 2 - Michael Belk

**LENTEN MEAL AND STUDY:** Please join us each Wednesday evening in Lent at 6:00 for a simple meal and study of the PBS series *Race: The Power of Illusion*. Child care is available.

**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	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
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Lenten Supper and Study (FH)
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	7:00pm	Health Cabinet Meeting
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:30am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	8:30am	Session Meeting (Conference Room)
	9:00am	Deacon Meeting (Fellowship Hall)
	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 with Communion
6:30pm	Adult Choir	