

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

March 4, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE "Kyrie" Pärt

CALL TO WORSHIP from Exodus 20:1-17 and Psalm 19

One: Then God spoke all these words...

The law of the Lord is perfect, reviving the soul;
the decrees of the Lord are sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the Lord is clear, lighting the eyes;
the fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever;
the ordinances of the Lord are true and righteous
altogether.

All: *More to be desired are they than gold, even much fine gold; sweeter also than honey, and drippings of the honeycomb. Moreover by them is your servant warned; in keeping them there is great reward. Let us worship the Lord who gives the law, a delight to our ears and our lives. Amen.*

* HYMN #624 "I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

You give us your commandments, Holy One, so we may have new life, but we continue to make the same old choices. Your love can anchor us when life threatens to overwhelm us, but we choose to cling to the slippery rocks of anger and bitterness. Your Word can strengthen us for every moment, but we listen to the foolish promises of the world. Forgive us, Redeemer of our lives: may every word be shaped by your Word; may every thought be refined by your grace; may every deed be inspired by your Spirit, so we may tell everyone we meet of your work in us, through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: When brokenhearted prayers replace piety, when we seek wholeness through the One broken for us, then we remember we are saved by God's powerful love.

All: *We are healed, to bring healing to our world; we are strengthened in faith to become spent for others; we are set free from our bondage to sin, so we may become servants of Christ. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #612 "We Praise You, O God"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Carly Moore

FIRST LESSON 1 Corinthians 1:18-25

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: *Thanks be to God.*

GOSPEL LESSON

John 2:13-22

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

ANTHEM "Here, O Lord, I See You"

arr. Schoenfeld

SERMON "Talking Paja"

Stacey Steck

* HYMN #500 "Be Known to Us in Breaking 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: "Ah, Holy Jesus"

Wyton

* 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 #203 "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love"

* 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.

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* POSTLUDE "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" Hopson

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from 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.

USHERS: March Team – Ben Watts (Captain), Ted Fuller, Paul Rogers, Jada Ware-Guy

LITURGIST: Today – Flora Calderón-Steck
Next Week – Debbie Edwards

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 – Debbie Edwards, Dana Milam

Next Sunday – Nora Dillinger, Klancy Deal

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

Today – Klancy Deal

Next Sunday – Janet Lambert

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the month of February, we reached 54% of our anticipated offerings. Please help us continue to bring good news to our community by staying up-to-date with your estimated giving.

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

- James Myers' sister Pauline is in the hospital
- Elaine Hemmings, sister of Brenda Ward
- Shelly Bluhm's sister, recovering from lung cancer surgery, friend of Candace McKnight
- 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: March 10 - Sara Milam

POOR MAN'S SUPPER: The Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts invite Thyatira's congregation and the community to attend their annual Poor Man's Supper Fundraiser on Monday, March 12 in the fellowship hall from 6pm-8pm.

COMMUNITY BREAKFAST: Thyatira's Community Breakfast will be held on Saturday, March 17 from 6:30am-9:30am. Cost: Adults \$6 and Children 10 and under \$3. All you can eat.

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	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
Monday	6:30pm	Adult Choir
	8:15am	Preschool
Tuesday	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	6:30pm	Tutoring
	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Thursday	6:00pm	Lenten Supper and Study (FH)
	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
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
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir