

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## THE FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

MARCH 11, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE "Kyrie" Rustichelli

\* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 22

One: In this place, the community of faith is reminded of the promise:

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: In spite of our impatient grumbling, despite our attraction to the shadows:

**All: Christ's light shines in us!**

One: When we think our hands are empty, when we have no music in our souls:

**All: the Spirit fills us with glad songs, and creates us for good works!**

One: Gathered together in the promises of our Triune God

**All: Let us worship the Lord!**

\* HYMN #223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

***The Light of the world has come, Creator God, but we admit we love the shadows all around us. For there, we can boast of our achievements, rather than point to your grace; there, we can grumble of our unhappiness with you, instead of singing your praises; there, we can give into our natural anger, and not be touched by your call to be agents of peace and hope. Forgive us, Eternal Love: lead us from the shadows of sin into the light of your joy; raise us up, as your children, so we may kneel in service to others; shower us with the grace, the hope, the peace you have brought to us through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.***

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Let the community of faith say:

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: Let those gathered in grace say:

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: Let those assembled from all parts of the world say:

**All: God's love endures forever!**

One: This is the good news for us:

**All: God's love endures forever! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #630 "Fairest Lord Jesus"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Janet Lambert

ANTHEM "What Wondrous Love" Traditional

SERMON Butch Hollifield  
Gideon's International

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

## OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "There Is A Green Hill Far Away"

Langston

\* 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 #298

"Lord, You Give the Great Commission"

\* 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

"Lamb Of God, Most Holy"

Pachelbel

\*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.

**WELCOME:** We welcome to Thyatira's pulpit Butch Hollifield from Gold Hill, NC to share about the important work of Gideon's International.

**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 – Debbie Edwards  
Next Week – Melissa Kluttz

**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 – Nora Dellinger, Klancy Deal

Next Sunday – Linda Rogers, Benn Watts

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

Today – Janet Lambert

Next Sunday – Abby Covington

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** Through the first week in March we have reached 31% of our monthly goal. Thanks for your generosity.

# 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

- Fred & Edna Stamper
- 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 12 - Emma Guy  
17 - Alice Sloop

**EASTER LILIES:** The Youth of Thyatira is taking orders for their annual Easter Lilies Fundraiser. Order forms are in the bulletin and in the back of the sanctuary. Please submit all orders by Sunday, March 18. The cost is \$20 per plant and the proceeds go to the youth mission fund. Lilies will be used to beautify the sanctuary during service on Easter Sunday, April 1. You may take your plant(s) after Easter worship.

**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	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
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:00pm	Cub & Boy Scouts Poor Man's Supper Fundraiser
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Tutoring
	7:30pm	Church Safety & Security Committee Meeting
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
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Saturday	6:30am	Community Breakfast
Next Sunday	9:00am	Christian Education Committee 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 (Children's Choir)
	6:30pm	Adult Choir