

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

## THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

March 18, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE "Kyrie" Montgomery and Lynch

\* CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 119

One: How can young people keep their way pure?

**All: *By guarding it according to God's word.***

One: With our whole hearts, we seek the Lord;

**All: *do not let us stray from God's commandments.***

One: We treasure God's word in our hearts, so that we may not sin against the Lord.

**All: *Blessed is the Lord; teach me God's statutes.***

One: With our lips we declare all the ordinances of God's mouth.

**All: *We delight in the way of God's decrees as much as in all riches.***

One: We will meditate on God's precepts, and fix our eyes on God's ways.

**All: *We will delight in God's statutes; we will not forget God's word.***

One: Let us praise again today the Lord who has given us such guidance, wisdom, and love.

**All: *Let us worship God!***

\* HYMN #275 "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

***Our Holy God, we yearn for your presence in our lives, yet turn away from you time and again. We want to serve others, but become obsessed with our own desires. We need your Word to fill our emptiness, yet let it be silenced by the noise of our world. Our hearts are clogged with the foolishness of our lives, and often struggle to beat in rhythm with your own. In this silence, and in the depths of our hidden souls, come to us and make us whole, Steadfast Love. Write grace upon our hearts, so we might be more forgiving people; write mercy on our hearts, so we might become more welcoming people; write hospitality upon our hearts that we might become more like Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whose name we pray. Amen.***

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: A new heart, a generous spirit, a fresh start: these are the gifts our God gives to us.

**All: *Through Christ, we are cleansed; through Christ, we are healed; through Christ, we become new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.***

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #623 "I've Got Peace Like a River"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

A MOMENT FOR STEWARDSHIP Carly Moore

FIRST LESSON Jeremiah 31:31-34

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL LESSON

John 12:20-33

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Thyatira's Young Disciples

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

**Congregational Response: Lord, Have Mercy.**

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "In The Cross Of Christ I Glory"

Held

\* 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 #372

"O for a World"

\* 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

"Mercy"

Telemann

\*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com) and [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 GIRL SCOUTS:** This morning, we are pleased to welcome Girl Scout Troop 697 and their families. The troop celebrates Girl Scout Sunday today by helping facilitate the Sunday morning worship. The Troop sends a special thank you to Thyatira for all you do to support the Girl Scout program.

**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 – Melissa Kluttz & Girl Scout Troop 697

Next Week – Millicent Hoffner

**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 – Linda Rogers, Benn Watts

Next Sunday – Ashlie Wilkie, Melissa Kluttz

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

Today – Abby Covington

Next Sunday – Aaron Richmond

**GENEROSITY UPDATE:** Through the first two weeks in March we have reached 45% 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

**PHONE PRAYER CHAIN:** If you, a family member, or friend like to be added to our Phone Prayer Chain, please call Jim Albright at 704-279-3317. Thyatira's Phone Prayer Chain is different from being added to our e-newsletter, mailed newsletter, and bulletin. We have 3 people that spread the word by calling approximately 25 prayer list members, who add your request to their daily prayers. Whatever your prayer need is, finding peace of mind provides a foundation of strength to face any situation. Your request is a sacred trust and is kept confidential among our prayer list members.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

**BIRTHDAYS:** March 21 - Hunter Ingram  
23 - Missy Hager, Clayton McKnight

**EASTER LILY ORDERS DUE TODAY:** 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.

**EASTER EGG HUNT:** An Easter Egg Hunt will follow church service on Sunday, March 25. A light lunch will be provided for egg hunters and their families.

**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	9:00am	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 & Girl Scouts)
	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
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
	12:00pm	Easter Egg Hunt
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
	6:30pm	Adult Choir

### **Holy Week and Easter Schedule**

**Maundy Thursday** - March 29 at 7:00pm

**Good Friday** - March 30 at 12:00pm

**Holy Saturday** - March 31 at 10am Sloan Park Prayer Walk

### **Easter Sunday, April 1**

Our Alleluias return throughout the morning in many ways:

- 7:00 am - Sunrise Service led by Thyatira's Youth
- 8:00 am - Breakfast offered by the Men of the Church
- 9:00 am - Deacon's Meeting
- 10:00 am - Sunday School
- 11:00 am - Celebration of the Resurrection