

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT
MARCH 19, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Grace That Is Greater Than All Our Sins" Pethel

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

OPENING SONG "Only By Grace" Gustafson

*Only by grace can we enter
Only by grace can we stand
Not by our human endeavor
But by the blood of the Lamb*

*Into Your presence You call us
You call us to come
Into Your presence You draw us
And now by Your grace we come
Now by Your grace we come*

*Lord, if You marked our transgressions
Who would stand?
Thanks to Your grace we are cleansed
by the blood of the Lamb (x2)*

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* CALL TO WORSHIP (based on Psalm 95)

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

All: Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to God with songs of praise!

One: For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods.

All: In the Lord's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are God's also.

One: O come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

All: For the Lord is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today we would listen to his voice!

One: Let us not harden our hearts, as at Meribah, as on that day at Massah in the wilderness,

All: when our ancestors tested God, and put the Lord to the proof, though they had seen the Lord's work.

One: Again this morning, we worship, thirsty for living water.

All: Then there is only one thing to do...

* HYMN 81 "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Unison Prayer of Confession

One: Day or night, it is always the right time to come before God,

All: For God already knows what lies in our hearts.

One: Let us offer up our hopes yet unmet:

All: For peace, for reconciliation, for grace.

One: Let us offer up the wrongs we have done:

All: Our greed, our apathy, our meanness.

One: Let us offer up the good we have left undone:

All: Forgiving another, offering mercy, choosing compassion.

One: And in silence, let us offer God the whole of our hearts.

Silent Prayers of Confession

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the Good News: Justice flows like a mighty water; righteousness as an ever-flowing stream. Drink deep of the water of God, that gushes up into a spring of eternal life. Through this water know that you are born from above, given new life, and sent forth to give thanks.

All: *Through this water we know that we are God's beloved, and God is pleased with us. We will go and share the good news of Christ's love for the world. Amen.*

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #494 "Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts"

FIRST LESSON Exodus 17:1-7 (pg 63)

GOSPEL LESSON John 4:5-42 (pg 969)

ANTHEM "Be Strong in the Lord" Johnson and Fettke

SERMON "Nachshon, Where Are You?" Stacey Steck

MUSICAL REFLECTION

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

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 610 "O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing"

* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Lord, Listen to Your Children" #469

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Lord, send your Spirit in this place.

Lord, listen to your children praying.

Send us love; send us power; send us grace.

* POSTLUDE "Here I Am, Lord" Carter

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com, rev-o-lution.org, and holdfasttowhatisgood.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 call the church office at 704-636-1595.

LITURGIST: Today – Phares Sechler
Next Sunday – Leigh Anne Wetmore

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 – Babies: Klancy Deal, Nora Dellinger, Michelle Patterson
Shushers: Carly Moore, Dana Milam

Next Sunday – Babies: Ashley Wilkie, Karen Townsend
Shushers: Flora Calderón-Steck, Abby Covington

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first two weeks in March, we are at 40.7% of our monthly goal.

JOYS AND CONCERNS

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

<u>Brightmoor Nursing Center:</u>	Frank Fuller
<u>Lutheran Home:</u>	Mullie Varner Rebecca Morrison
<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 Carol King OC Shoaf Bill Feimster (recovering from surgery) Millicent Hoffner (recovering from knee surgery) Jerri Seaboch

- Bradley McKnight's father, David, recovering from gall bladder surgery at Rowan Regional Medical Center.
- David Gooch, brother-in-law of Nora Patterson and Randy Stamper has been diagnosed with prostate cancer.
- The family of Debbie Edwards, following the death of her mother, Peggy McConnell on Feb. 27.
- Todd Bare, nephew of Kitty & Tony Harris, who is recovering from cancer surgery at Duke University Hospital.
- Sharon Deal's friend and coworker, Judy Leazer, passed away on Jan. 24 at Baptist Hospital.
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia.
- Sharry Davis is being treated for cancer.
- Jerri Seaboch's brother and former member, Millard Goodnight, is undergoing cancer treatment.
- Dana Milam's friend, Stacia Henry in Jamaica
- Nell Fuller's niece, Mary Jo Wood, is undergoing cancer treatments.
- Drema Clemens' mother, Bertha Warden
- Millicent Hoffner's brother, Joe Kerr
- Mike Hawkins who has RA.
- Former member, Pat Hall
- Debbie Belk, a friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Jimmy's mother and father, Ernestine & Bill Hoffner
- Paul Rogers' daughter and family are missionaries in Pakistan.

