

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

EASTER SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "I Know That My Redeemer Liveth" Fillmore

EASTER GREETING

One: He is risen!!

**All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

CHORAL INTROIT "Almighty" Tomlin

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: This is the day

**All: hope tiptoes us awake; light guides us through the shadows.**

One: This is the day the Lord

**All: plants joy in our winter hearts; drowns out despair's cries with laughter.**

One: This is the day the Lord has made

**All: the day grace does cartwheels in graveyards; resurrection wonder outshines the brightest sun; an empty tomb fills us with good news**

One: This is the day we rejoice!

**All: This is the day we say Alleluia!**

\* HYMN 248 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

\* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

**Resurrecting God, we come on this day walking through the shadows of our lives. Too often, we believe our foolishness is hidden from you; too often, we stand before the open door of hope, wondering if we dare enter. Uncertain of the good news offered to us, we would rather return to the comfort of our familiar ways rather than trusting in you.**

**Yet you come, as persistent as Mary at the tomb, to open the gates of love,**

**so we might walk in the gardens of hope;**

**you come, to open the gates of grace,**

**so we might plant peace in the wilderness of the world;**

**you come, to open the gates of resurrection,**

**so we might know our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in whom we pray**

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: This is the day of resurrection and new life. This is the day God offers us steadfast hope and love which will never end.

**All: We will sing and dance on this day! We will rejoice and give thanks to the God who saves us. Amen.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN #234 "Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain"

FIRST LESSON Colossians 3:1-4 (pg. 1073)

GOSPEL LESSON Matthew 28:1-15 (pg. 909)

ANTHEM "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today" arr. Hopson

SERMON "While You Were Sleeping" Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "O Sons And Daughters Of The King" Dandrieu

\* 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 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

\* BENEDICTION

Congregational Response "Be Not Afraid" #243

***Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!  
Be not afraid; sing out for joy!  
Christ is risen, alleluia!***

\* POSTLUDE "All Hail King Jesus" Moody

\*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com)

EASTER LILIES:

**Given by:**

Jim & Ruth Albright

Bob Freeman

Glenn & Georgia McCorkle

Emory & Susan Graham

Dot Luther

Bill & Sylvia Goodnight

Ruth Albright

Beth Bates

Irene Wortman

**In Memory of:**

Cecil & Kate Albright

Frank & Norman Albright

Phyllis Jones

Jane Tipton

Ralph & Rachel McCorkle

E.K. Graham

Ted Luther

Bill & Bonnie Goodnight

Phyllis A. Jones

David Bates

Mr. & Mrs. Bennett Silliman

The Rev. & Mrs. Frank F. Baker

**Given by:**

Emory & Susan Graham

Paul & Linda Rogers

Beth Bates

Irene Wortman

**In Honor of:**

Our Children: Jaymes (Meredith),

Jon (Anna) & Jennie (Matt)

Mary Deal

My Family

Frank & Nell Fuller

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 – Bill Hall

Next Sunday – Doug Patterson

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: Debbie Edwards, Robin Luther

Shushers: Linda Rogers, Flora Calderón-Steck

Next Sunday – Babies: Abby Covington, Ben Watts

Shushers: Melissa Kluttz, Lydia Richmond

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first two weeks in April we have reached 48.9% of our monthly goal.

## JOYS AND CONCERNS

### THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

Brightmoor Nursing Center: Frank Fuller  
Lutheran Home: Mullie Varner  
Rebecca Morrison  
C/O George Calhoun: Mary Alice Calhoun  
White Oak Manor, Charlotte: Ruby Erwin  
Rowan Medical Center: Ronney Steele  
Joyce Caldwell

At Home: JoAnn Kerr  
Ted Deal  
Carol King  
OC Shoaf  
Bill Feimster (recovering from surgery)  
Millicent Hoffner (recovering from knee surgery)

- Amanda, sister of Rebecca Ray, recovering from surgery at ICU in Dubai
- Bo Deal, with ongoing medical issues
- Robert Kalmus, family member to Carolyn Wilson, recovering from back surgery
- David Gooch, brother-in-law of Nora Patterson and Randy Stamper has been diagnosed with prostate cancer
- Todd Bare, nephew of Kitty & Tony Harris, who is recovering from cancer surgery
- A friend of Phares, Cindy Pope, being treated for some serious health issues
- 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

