

# ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER  
APRIL 23, 2017

## CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Come, Ye Faithful Raise, The Strain" Laverty

## EASTER GREETING

One: He is risen!!

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

OPENING SONG "Here I Am to Worship" Hughes

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***Light of the world, You stepped down into darkness,  
opened my eyes, let me see.***

***Beauty that made this heart adore You,  
hope of a life spent with You.***

### ***Refrain***

***Here I am to worship, here I am to bow down,  
here I am to say that You're my God.***

***You're altogether lovely, altogether worthy,  
altogether wonderful to me.***

***King of all days, oh so highly exalted,  
glorious in heaven above.***

***Humbly You came to the Earth You created,  
all for love's sake became poor. (Refrain)***

***And I'll never know how much it cost  
to see my sin upon that cross. (X4)***

***(Refrain x2)***

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

### \* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

**All: The whole creation rejoices; the birds sing from every tree.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is in our midst!

**All: Babies babble with sounds of joy; words cannot express our overflowing hearts.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is our light forever!

**All: Breathing peace on us in these moments; surrounding us with grace and hope.**

One: Alleluia! Christ is here today!

**All: Let us rejoice and worship God. Alleluia!**

\* HYMN 255 "O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing!"

### \* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

***Holy God, hear the echoes of our locked hearts. We cross the borders into temptation and never seem to find our way back. We multiply the sorrows of others by our hurtful words and the harmful deeds we do. We see the ones you would give us to serve, but believe we do not have the abilities to care for them. Have mercy on us, O God whose breath gives us life. Walk through the closed doors of our worries and doubts to stand in our midst, offering us that grace which can heal us, that hope which can enliven us, and that faith which enables us to follow Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, in whom we pray. Amen.***

\* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: It is God's great mercy through the resurrection of Jesus that gives us the hope which lives within us.

All: **Thanks be to God for this precious gift by which we are able to believe and rejoice in our inheritance. Amen.**

\* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

\* HYMN "My Chains Are Gone" Newton & Tomlin  
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FIRST LESSON Acts 2:14a, 22-32 (pg. 992)

GOSPEL LESSON John 20:19-31 (pg. 989)

ANTHEM "Love Grows Here" Besig

SERMON "What Makes a Good Life?" Robert Waldinger

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "Come, Thou Almighty King" Willan

\* 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 318 "In Christ There Is No East or West"

\* 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 "In Death's Strong Grasp The Savior Lay" Bach

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

Resources used in this morning's service from [lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com](http://lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.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 – Doug Patterson  
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: Abby Covington, Ben Watts  
Shushers: Melissa Kluttz, Lydia Richmond  
Next Sunday – Babies: Karen Townsend, Robin Luther  
Shushers: Ashley Wilkie, Abby Covington

GENEROSITY UPDATE: For the first three weeks in April we have reached 89.3% 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) Joyce Caldwell Ronney Steele

- Bo Deal, with ongoing medical issues
- Robert Kalmus
- David Gooch
- 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

## A PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION IN SYRIA

From The Church Of England

God of history,  
Witness of the struggles within families;  
we pray for the divided family of Syria  
as brother fights against brother,  
and sister rejects sister.  
We pray for those whose love of neighbour  
has been destroyed in the bitterness of enmity.  
May fear be submerged in compassion.  
May distrust be diluted by hope,  
as a vision of peace illuminates  
darkened minds and hate-filled hearts.  
We pray in the name of Christ,  
our source of light and love. Amen.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: April 24 - Tucker Richmond  
25 - Ian Lambert  
26 - Beth McCorkle  
27 - Mary Deal  
28 - Kate Richmond

GOLFERS SAVE THE DATE: Rowan Helping Ministries is hosting the 2017 Golf Tournament, In Memory of Ted Luther. Saturday, April 29 at 8:00 am at Corbin Hills Golf Club, 431 Wildwood Drive, Salisbury. \$50 fee per player includes lunch. Please see sign-up sheet on bulletin board or talk to Paul Rogers at 704-213-1986 or 704-633-3454.

FOND FAREWELL: Join us today following worship in the Fellowship Hall for a covered dish meal to offer a Fond Farewell to our Choir Director, Jon McCachren.

PROSPECTIVE NEW MEMBERSHIP GATHERING: A gathering for those interested in exploring formal membership at Thyatira will be held on Sunday, May 7 following worship. We'll gather in Fellowship Hall for lunch and conversation about what membership means in our Presbyterian tradition, as well as have a chance to ask and answer questions about Thyatira and the membership process. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Stacey at 704-245-8100 for more info or to RSVP.

## HAPPENING THIS WEEK:

Today	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	9:30am	Children's Choir Practice
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship followed by Farewell to Jon McCachren
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Boy Scouts & Cub Scouts Meet
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	7:15pm	Book Club
Saturday	5:30pm	Youth Game Night Fundraiser
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