

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter

April 29, 2018

CALL TO REVERENCE

PRELUDE "Let All Things Now Living" with "Thanks Be to God" Page

*CALL TO WORSHIP

One: We come to you, O God, to thank you for what is good.

All: We come to you, O God, to cry out against what is wrong.

One: We come to you, O God, to ask for help and restoration.

All: We come to you, O God, with aching hearts and glad souls.

One: We see light, hope, and joy;

All: We bring heart, soul, mind, and body;

One: We share blessings and fears;

All: We bring faith and doubt. And so with all that we have and all that we are, we come to you and worship.

*OPENING SONG "We Lift Our Voices" #710

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from A Brief Statement of Faith
In life and death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, Come, Lord Jesus! With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN #837 "What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine"

*PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name. Amen.

*SUNG ASSURANCE OF PARDON Hymn #447

**We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.
We are forgiven. We are forgiven.
Thanks be to God. Thanks be to God.**

*SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

*HYMN #435 "There's a Wideness in God's Mercy!"

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FIRST LESSON Habakkuk 1:1-4, 2:1-4

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SECOND LESSON 2 Thessalonians 1:1-12

One: This too is the Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON “Ride Out With Me!”

Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: “Lord, Be Glorified”

Hayes

* 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 #840

“When Peace Like a River”

* 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 “Crown Him With Many Crowns”

Gaspard

*Those who are able, please stand.

Some resources used in today’s service are from holdfasttowhatisgood.com.

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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.

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: April Team – Eddie Bell (Captain), Ryan Sloop, Jeremy Deal, Mike Hawkins, Steven Wetmore; May Team – Aaron Richmond (Captain), Randall Patterson, Mike Connolly, Paul Gaylor, Daniel Milam

LITURGIST: Today – Debbie Edwards

Next Sunday – Phares Sechler

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 – Leigh Anne Wetmore, Selena Bell

Next Sunday – Ashley Wilkie, Melissa Kluttz

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

Today – Aaron Richmond

Next Sunday – Leigh Anne Wetmore

GENEROSITY UPDATE: Through the first four weeks in April we have reached 75% of our monthly goal. Thanks for your generosity. It makes a difference!

THYATIRA PRAYER CONCERNS

C/O George Calhoun: Mary Alice Calhoun

White Oak Manor, Charlotte: Ruby Erwin

Davie Place, Mocksville: Ronney Steele

At Home: JoAnn Kerr

- The family of Susan Beard, who passed away on Wednesday
- The family of Mullie Varner, who passed away last week
- Bill Hall, recovering from surgery
- Nell Fuller, in rehab at Liberty Commons
- Jeanie Walton Jacobs, continued health issues and the passing of her mother
- O.C. Shoaf
- Fred & Edna Stamper
- James Myers' sister Pauline is in the hospital
- Elaine Hemmings, sister of Brenda Ward
- Pam Poteat Clough, friend of Joyce Caldwell
- Tom Turner, recovering from knee replacement surgery
- 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
- 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
- Bill Bergstrom is being treated for leukemia
- 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 AND CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: May 1 - Jill Ingram, Aislinn Watts

WRBTA VIDALIA ONION SALE: Vidalia onions are being sold to benefit West Rowan Bible Teachers Association. 10 pounds for \$10.00. Call or text orders to 704-640-2455 by May 7th. Pickup orders on May 10th from 4-5:30pm at West Rowan High School AG Building, 8050 NC Hwy 801, Mt Ulla. Give a \$10 donation to have a bag of onions delivered to Rowan Helping Ministries.

THYATIRA SCHOLARSHIPS: Church members who are interested in applying for a scholarship for the 2018-2019 school year should complete and return an application to the church office by May 7. Forms are located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.

CAPITAL CAMPAIGN UPDATE: We came very close to reaching our Looking Out/Seeing In Capital Campaign Challenge goal by April 1, receiving 79% of the amount needed to pay for important restoration and upgrade projects. Though the challenge deadline has passed, the campaign continues until we reach our goal. Thanks to all who have given or pledged. Please prayerfully consider helping us with that last 21%. Additional pledge cards are available at the back of the church or by calling the church office.

WILKIE'S DIAPERS AND WIPES DROP: We will be collecting diapers (sizes N, 1, 2) and wipes for Robert & Ashley Wilkie who are expecting twins. Please put the diapers and wipes in the playpen located in the Educational Building from April 15-29. Show them our love x 2! For more information, please call Melissa Waller at 704-314-6166.

2018-2019 PRESCHOOL REGISTRSTION: Thyatira Presbyterian Preschool is accepting registrations for 2, 3, and 4 year olds (age as of August 31, 2018) for the 2018-2019 school year. Classes begin after Labor Day. If you know someone who may be interested, please have them contact the church at office@thyatirapresbyterian.org.

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
	6:30pm	Adult Choir
Monday	8:15am	Preschool
	6:30pm	Cub & Boy Scouts
Tuesday	8:15am	Preschool
Wednesday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:30pm	Prayer, Song & Study
	7:30pm	Security Committee Meeting
Thursday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
	6:00pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	11:00am	Meals on Wheels
Next Sunday	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons 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
	5:00pm	Youth Meeting
6:30pm	Adult Choir	