

ORDER FOR WORSHIP

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER
APRIL 30, 2017

CALL TO REVERENCE

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE "We Will Glorify" Paris

OPENING SONG "We Lift Our Voices" #710

***We lift our voices; we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you: we are an offering.
Lord use our voices, Lord use our hands
Lord use our lives they are yours, we are an offering***

***All that we have, all that we are
All that we hope to be, we give to you, we give to you
We lift our voices; we lift our hands
We lift our lives up to you
We are an offering, we are an offering.***

* CALL TO WORSHIP

One: Sisters and Brothers, what shall we do?

All: *We shall praise God who hears our prayers, who draws near to us, who brings new life out of death.*

One: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we live?

All: *With the confidence of God's beloved children, with security and joy of God's saving grace.*

One: Sisters and Brothers, what is the promise?

All: *New life, forgiveness of sin, the Spirit as gift!*

One: Sisters and Brothers, how shall we worship?

All: *By lifting our voices and hearts in love, thanks, and praise!*

* HYMN 386 "Come, Worship God!"

* PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call

Silent Confession

Unison Prayer of Confession

Holy God, we cut you to the heart with the silly choices we make. We had hoped our lives would reflect your presence, but those around us can see how empty we are. We had hoped our words might bring healing, but they end up hurting those we love the most. We had hoped to find Jesus, but cannot see him in all those you send to us. Oh, how foolish we are to think we can go on without your mercy, Lord God. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, you judge us impartially from the depths of your heart, so we may be born anew by your grace, to continue the journey into your future. We seek forgiveness in his name. Amen.

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Hear the good news! Through Jesus' faith we have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory.

All: *Yes! In Jesus Christ, we have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God. Thanks be to God. Amen.*

* SHARING THE PEACE OF JESUS CHRIST

A TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

* HYMN #159 "O Sing a Song of Bethlehem"

FIRST LESSON 1 Peter 1:17-23 (pg. 1104)

GOSPEL LESSON Luke 24:13-35 (pg. 964)

ANTHEM "How Long Has It Been?" Lister

SERMON "Truly, Madly, Deeply" Stacey Steck

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

OUR OFFERING

Offertory: "He Is Lord" Paris

* 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 #157 "I Danced in the Morning"

* 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 "Glorify Thy Name" Christopher

*Please rise, in body and/or spirit.

Resources used in this morning's service from lectionaryliturgies.blogspot.com
and ucc.org

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 – Leigh Anne Wetmore
Next Sunday – Melissa Kluttz

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: Karen Townsend, Robin Luther
Shushers: Alice Sloop, Abby Covington

Next Sunday – Babies: Klancy Deal, Nora Dellinger
Shushers: Linda Rogers, Dana Milam

GENEROSITY UPDATE: We have exceeded our April goal, at 103.5%, with one more Sunday to go in the month of April. Let's have a strong finish to our Amazing April!

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) Ronney Steele

- Georgia McCorkle's sister, Nina Clark
- Alice Sloop's mother, Joanne Grunwald, recovering from a heart procedure
- Bo Deal, with ongoing medical issues
- Alice Sloop's friend Nancy, being treated for cancer
- 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

APRIL PRAYER FOCUS: Syria

From the Mennonite Central Committee, please pray that:

- the violence and all horrors of war would stop, and that the current pause in violence will be continued and lay the groundwork for a permanent peace agreement
- God will prevent the conflict from spreading and bring an end to the war (Ps 46:9)
- the rights of all Syrians would be protected
- that God will bring forgiveness and reconciliation among the people of Syria
- that local churches who are ministering to the displaced in Syria and neighboring countries would have the strength and resources they need
- that those receiving aid would be touched by the love of Jesus
- that humanitarian aid workers would be protected as they assist those in need
- that God would bless the work of the different organizations as they continue to resettle refugees from these war-torn countries

ANNOUNCEMENTS & CALENDAR

BIRTHDAYS: May 1 - Susan Beard
Aislinn Watts
Jill Ingram
6 - Tyler Belk
Leigh Lauder

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.

HEALTH CABINET NEWS: May is "Exercise is Medicine" month. The goal is to focus on improving or increasing your physical activity. Begin with 5 minutes, 3 times a week for beginners with the goal of slowly increasing to 30 minutes per day, 5 days a week. See Nora or Georgia for tracking forms or more information.

WORSHIP COMMITTEE SEEKING FEEDBACK: The Worship Committee is seeking feedback from the congregation as it decides if any changes or adjustments are needed to the Children's Sacred Space near the front of the Sanctuary, begun in January. In specific, it is seeking creative suggestions and ideas about how to make worship more engaging for our younger disciples who need to be in worship (but find sitting still to be a challenge!) while honoring the entire congregation's needs for a worshipful environment. If you would like to contribute to this conversation, please direct your thoughts in writing to Leigh Anne Wetmore, Chair of the Worship Committee, 940 Cline Road, Mt Ulla, NC 28125 or email lawetmore@yahoo.com by Monday, May 8. Thanks for helping make Thyatira a place where all may worship God!

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
	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
	6:30pm	Girl Scouts
Friday	8:15am	Preschool
	5:00pm – Saturday 12:00pm	Tiger Cub Campout
Next Sunday	8:00am	Men of the Church Breakfast
	9:00am	Deacons Meeting
	9:30am	MS/HS Sunday School & The Happy Place
	9:30am	Children's Choir Practice
	10:00am	Children & Adult Sunday School
	11:00am	Worship/Communion
	12:00pm	New Membership Gathering in Fellowship Hall
	6:30pm	Adult Choir