The congregation is asked to remain silent during the prelude as a time of prayer and meditation. WALLACE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

GATHERING OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Prelude

"Wondrous Love"

American Folk Hymn arranged by John Purifoy

11:00 A.M.

What wondrous love is this, O my soul? What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss To bear the dreadful curse for my soul? To God and to the Lamb, I will sing. To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am, While millions join the theme, I will sing.

Welcome and Announcements

Opening Sentences

Leader: Pilgrims, we are invited to journey through this season of Lent All: towards the One who calls us each by a new name. Leader: Disciples, we walk with Jesus wherever he leads us, All: pulling our fears, our doubts, our longings behind us. Leader: Believers, we seek to trust the God who always surprises us, All: whose promises take on flesh and blood in the good news called Jesus.

Leader: Lord, be with us on the journey. All: Guide our lives and our steps, we pray. Amen.

Hymn #472 (verses 1 & 4)

"Kum ba Yah"

KUM BA YAH

Unison Prayer of Confession

O Lord of mercy and compassion, we bare our souls before you in this hour of worship and prayer. We have been unfaithful to you and have forsaken the covenant love you have shared with us. For our wandering, wayward ways, hear our confessions of sin and selfishness and offer us your forgiveness. We ask for forgiveness and the strength to behave as your true children, as your very people, the Church. It is the redeeming Christ before whom we bow and before whom we confess our need. We come to you in hope of redemption. Lord, hear our prayers . . .

(A time for silent prayers of confession . . .)

"Prayer is not overcoming God's reluctance, but laying hold of his willingness." Martin Luther (1483 - 1546), professor of theology and church reformer

"Be thankful that God's answers are wiser than our prayers." Seen on an auto body shop sign in Greensboro, NC "Prayers are tools not for doing or getting but for being and becoming." Eugene Peterson (1932-2018), Presbyterian minister, writer of The Message

Responsive Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Seek and you will find. Knock and the door will be opened to you. Ask and it will be given to you.

All: God has promised us grace and forgiveness in the love of Jesus Christ. Let us return to God and be the people God intended.

Gloria Patri

Patri Glory Be to the Father Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

PROCLAIMING GOD'S WORD

Children's Sermon

Prayer for Illumination

Holy God, one thing we ask and one thing we seek: to live in your presence and to be transformed by your Word. Send your Spirit on us that we might behold the beauty of your grace and your goodness. As we make this Lenten journey to the cross, bless our reading, hearing, and proclamation of your Word so that it may be pleasing in your sight and that we may not go forth unchanged. Amen.

Epistle Lesson

Philippians 4:4-7

Gospel Lesson

Luke 11:1-13

Sermon

A LUKAN LENT "The A.C.T.S. of Prayer" Dr. Philip K. Gladden

A Time for Silent Reflection



Pastoral Prayer with the Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

"The Lord's Prayer is not merely the pattern of prayer, it is the wav Christians must pray. The Lord's Prayer is the quintessence of prayer," Dietrich Bonhoeffer (1906 - 1945), Lutheran pastor and theologian, killed by the Nazis

GIVING THANKS TO GOD

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

"Pray as though everything depended on God. Work as though everything depended on vou." St. Augustine (354 - 430 A.D.), Bishop of Hippo in North Africa



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Buechner.

minister.

"Lamb of God"

arranged by Lloyd Larson

Twila Paris

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but You have sent Him from Your side To walk upon this guilty sod and to become the Lamb of God. Oh, Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the Holy Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in His precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Doxology and Prayer of Dedication 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.

The Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed I believe in God the Father Almighty. Maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried: he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holv catholic Church: the communion of saints: the forgiveness of sins: the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen. "Go where your best prayers take Hymn #175 (verses 1, 2, & 3) "Seek Ye First" LAFFERTY Presbyterian Benediction American writer and novelist

Postlude

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Sunday, February 28		Zoom Sunday School Classes Worship — In Person & Live Stream/Feed Our Hungry Children/Backpack Ministry Offering
Wednesday, March 3 10):00-11:00 am	Zoom Bible Study

NOTES AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

* **Please join** the minister for a Zoom Bible study on either Monday night, March 1 from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. or Wednesday morning, March 3 from 10:00 - 11:00 a.m. This week we will talk about Luke 15:11-32. This story is known as The Parable of the Prodigal Son, but more and more it is being called The Parable of the Loving Father. Join us and find out why. Check your email on Monday for the Zoom links/invitations.

* **The Presbytery of Coastal Carolina** will hold its 120th stated meeting via Zoom on Saturday, March 6. Ruling Elder Darleen Weller and Teaching Elder Philip Gladden will attend from our congregation. Ruling and Teaching Elders from approximately 180 congregations across southeastern North Carolina will participate in the meeting. Please keep elders, ministers, and presbytery staff in your prayers.

* **Congratulations** to Kelli and Bill Norris on the birth of their granddaughter, Salem Vallie Hargrove, born on February 21 (8 lbs., 6 oz., 20.5 inches).

* **We will celebrate** the Sacrament of Baptism with Addison Glyn Riley, daughter of Devan and Bailey Riley, during worship on March 7. Addison is the great-granddaughter of Tommy Johnson and the late Mary Glyn Johnson.





FEED OUR HUNGRY CHILDREN BACKPACK MINISTRY OFFERING



Today, February 28

As public school students return to class mid-March, this monthly offering becomes even more important to provide much needed food for students whose families are experiencing economic hardship. Thank you for your generous support.

